

## WORKSHEET - CONTEXT CLUES

**Context clues** are hints found within a sentence, paragraph, or passage, that a reader can use to understand the meanings of new or unfamiliar words. Types of context clues:

1. **Definition or description clue.** Look for clues: when you see “such as”, and within commas, dashes and parentheses.
2. **Example clues.** Clues are given after words such as including, such as, and for example,
3. **Synonym restatement clue.** Words with the same meaning appears on the sentence.
4. **Contrast/antonym clue.** Look for words like” although”, “however, but
5. **Mood/tone clue:** The author sets a mood, the meaning of the unknown word must harmonize with the mood.

Read the passage below then answer the questions that follow. You can also listen to the reader read the passage.

### THE ASTRONOMER

An astronomer used to go out at night to observe the stars. One evening, as he wandered through the suburbs with his whole attention fixed on the sky, he fell accidentally into a deep well. While he lamented and bewailed his sores and bruises, and cried loudly for help, a neighbour ran to the well, and learning what had happened said: “*Hark ye, old fellow, why, in striving to pry into what is in heaven, do you not manage to see what is on earth?*”



Now time for some questions.

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Use the passage to help you match the words

**SORT ELEMENTS**

See   go out   cry   heavens   wandered   pry   skies   lament

1. What is an astronomer?

- A person who practices the hobby of studying the stars.
- A person who studies.
- A scientist on a specific field outside the scope of Earth.
- A scientist that studies the Earth.

2. Why did the astronomer fall into the deep well?

- He did not expect a well where he was walking.
- His view was dark.
- He was only looking at the heaven.

3. Who heard the astronomer's cry for help?

- the neighbour
- a fellow astronomer
- the neighbourhood

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4. What does “Hark ye” means?

- see hear
- look hear
- Oh my
- Look what I found.

5. What did the neighbour meant by: “*pry into what is in heaven, do you not manage to see what is on earth*”?

- The neighbour meant that he was annoyed with all astronomers.
- The neighbour meant he did not knows much about the heaven but more about earth.
- He could spend less time looking at the heaven, and more looking it on earth.

6. What does “**striving to pry**” means?

- to strain one's eyes
- to avoid blinking
- to look closely and curiously
- to peep at something