

WORKSHEET - CONTEXT CLUES



There are certain words in a sentence that can tell you exactly what a word or phrase means. Circle the word or phrase that is similar in meaning to the word in bold.

1. I **resemble** my sister who also looks like my mom.
2. Jean gets **anxious** when she passes the haunted house on the hill.
3. The **nimety** of our language is evidenced in the excessive repetition of word forms, phrases and language structure.
4. The **gherkins**, a small prickly cucumber used for pickling, is not grown in this region.
5. Michael demonstrates skills in sports, vocal and instrumental music, public speaking, and group dynamics. His older brother is not quite as **versatile**.
6. The **horrendous** scene was beyond our imagination – people starved beyond recognition, children wailing, women eating their young children.
7. One week after the disaster struck, we were salvaged from the ruins, showered, dressed and refreshed. But no amount of victuals could match the **bulimia** which had overcome us.
8. All species were well represented. There were hounds, terriers, **pomeranian**, schipperke and spaniels.

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9. They brought her in from the freezing cold and warmed her into life again. She was **refocillated**.

10. After travelling for miles in the interior, we came upon a **peculiar** type of people with well-set patterns of living and coping with life in the jungle. We had encountered a **silvicolous** community.

11. The aroma which came from the galley made the sailors' mouths water. It was a **gustatory** reaction.

12. "Sharon told her roommate, I'm through with blind dates forever. This one topped all. What a dull evening. The conversation was absolutely **vapid!**"

13. The housewife ordered some **gherkins** from the vegetable store. She declared that her contribution to the community fair was whole pickled cucumbers.