

Context Clues

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Context clues sometimes help you discover a new meaning for a familiar word.

In each box below, read the word and the definitions given for it. Then read each sentence. Use context clues to determine the meaning of the underlined word in each sentence. Write the meaning on the line below the sentence.

1 is done for you.

1. run, "cause to keep operating; go faster than walking; ravel; flee"

a. Do not run in the school corridors.
go faster than walking

b. Batteries are used to run the radio.
cause to keep operating

c. A silk or nylon stocking may run if it has been snagged.
ravel

4. act, "have effect; play a part; behave; do something"

a. People sometimes act thoughtlessly.

b. June wants to act in our class play.

c. A person must learn to act quickly in an unexpected situation.

2. set, "resolved; appoint; number of things belonging together; put"

a. Jerry set the package on the table.

b. I need two books to complete the set.

c. Joe was set on finishing the project.

5. meet, "assemble; come face to face; pay; be introduced to"

a. Jane wants to meet my brother Bob.

b. The legislature will meet next month.

c. The man could not meet his debts.

3. carry, "keep in stock; take from one place to another; influence greatly; win"

a. Dale will carry the flowers inside.

b. This store does not carry art supplies.

c. My candidate expects to carry this district in the next election.

6. give, "utter; yield; offer; deliver"

a. The tag on the jacket should give the directions for cleaning.

b. Press the handle to make the door give.

c. The puppy may give a little whimper when he gets his distemper shot.
