

Be a Context Detective

Use the context clues in each sentence to find the meaning of each bold word. Circle your answers.

Context clues are words or phrases that help you learn the meaning of other words.

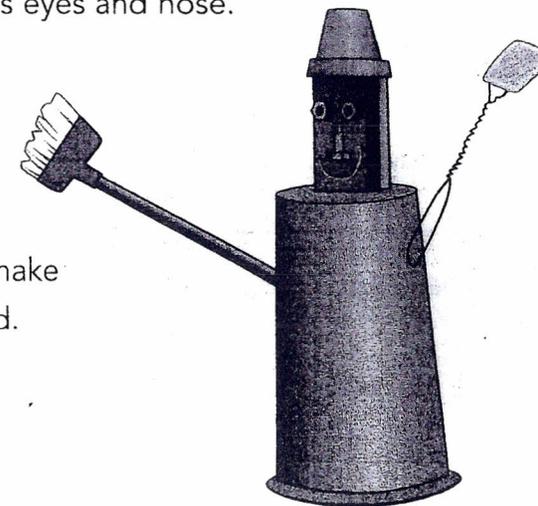
1. It was a **pleasant** day. The sky was blue and the sun was warm. We put on our swimsuits and ran down to the beach.
A. dull B. nice C. sad
2. It was a nice, spring day. Mario went to gather some eggs. The hens were **mining** for bugs and worms in the yard.
A. playing B. digging C. jumping
3. Malia fell in the yard at lunch. She hurt her arm. The **injury** got worse when she carried a heavy box for Ms. Garcia.
A. dream B. page C. wound
4. Some dinosaurs were small, but brachiosaurus were **enormous**. They were taller than some trees!
A. fast B. big C. old
5. We would not let a little rain **spoil** our trip to the zoo. We took our raincoats and umbrellas.
A. ruin B. fix C. share

Roberto's Robot

Read the paragraph. Then, number the events in the order that they happened.

No one has seen Roberto for hours. He has been in the basement building a robot. Roberto's family is going to be surprised when they see the robot. Roberto hopes they will not be mad. Roberto used the trash can for the robot's body. He used a shoe box for the head. One of his Mom's flowerpots made the perfect hat. He added a flyswatter to make one arm and a broom to make the other. Roberto used some large nuts and bolts to make the robot's eyes and nose. Then, he painted a smile on the robot with his sister's nail polish. Roberto thinks his robot is terrific! He hopes his family will think so too.

- ___ Roberto used a flowerpot for the hat.
- ___ Roberto used nail polish to draw a smile.
- ___ Roberto used a trash can for the body.
- ___ Roberto used nuts and bolts to make the robot's eyes and nose.
- ___ Roberto made one arm from a flyswatter.
- ___ Roberto used a shoe box to make the robot's head.



Seeds, Seeds, Seeds!

Read the passage. Then, answer the questions.

Many plants begin their lives as seeds. Flowers, garden vegetables, and trees all have seeds. If you have ever soaked a lima bean in water and then cut it in half, you have seen a baby plant inside of a seed.

Seeds come in many sizes. A coconut is a very big seed. Coconuts float on the ocean to new islands where they can grow into palm trees. Palm trees are big, but big plants do not always come from big seeds. A redwood, one of the biggest trees in the world, grows from a very tiny seed.

After seeds leave the plant, they need a good place to grow. A willow seed needs to land quickly in a good place. After a few days, the baby willow tree inside the seed dies. Most seeds last much longer than willow seeds. The seeds of one date palm grew after 2,000 years!

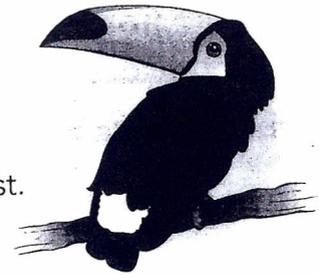
1. What does a coconut grow into? _____
2. Do all big plants come from big seeds? _____
3. What carries a coconut to a new island? _____
4. Name one of the biggest trees in the world? _____
5. How long did one date palm seed stay alive? _____

What Is the Main Idea?

Read each paragraph. Then, circle the main idea.

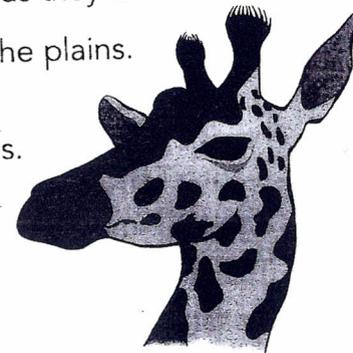
1. Toucans are social birds. In the rain forest, they live in flocks of six or more birds. They look for homes in hollow trees. Then, they all sleep together in one big nest inside the tree. When toucans have babies, both the mother and the father sit on the eggs and feed the chicks. The toucan's friendly nature makes it easy to tame when it lives in a zoo.

- A. Toucans are friendly animals.
- B. Toucans love their babies.
- C. Toucans do not like the rain forest.



2. Giraffes are gentle animals that always travel in herds. When you see a giraffe on an African plain, it looks like it is alone. It is not. Giraffes can see over half of a mile away because they are so tall. As long as they can see the other animals in their family, they feel safe. Giraffes will moo, hiss, and whistle to "talk" to each other as they eat.

- A. Giraffes are afraid to walk on the plains.
- B. Giraffes like to travel alone.
- C. Giraffes always travel in groups.



Title, Please

Read each newspaper article. Choose the best title for each article from the word bank.

Prowler Caught by Police
Dinosaur Wins Dream House!
Big Mystery Solved!
Time Runs Out for Della's Drive
Local Author Writes Book!

Write the title on the line above the article.

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1. The place was Mudrock. It was 12:02 A.M. last Saturday night. Rangers in Sandstone Park found huge, mysterious footprints. Scientists looked at the prints. No one knew who made the prints. They were not like the prints of any dinosaur in town. The excitement grew with each day. Yesterday, Dino Dinosaur made an announcement. He made the prints with a bucket and a broom handle!

 2. Danny Dinosaur got a big surprise this week. Six weeks ago, Danny entered the Dinosaur Dream House Drawing. The drawing took place last Monday in Flatrock. Danny and his family were surprised and pleased to find they had won. "We just cannot believe it!" Danny told reporters.

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3. Debbie Dinosaur has written a book about dinosaur dancing. Her friends in Pebblebrook are very proud. The book is called *Dinosaur Dancing for Beginners*. The book is selling well. Ms. Dinosaur is working on her second book. It will be called *Cooking in a Cave*.

 4. The dinosaurs in Dino Town know Della Dinosaur. She is collecting money. Della has been collecting money for the last three months. She will use the money to help dinosaurs in need. Tuesday is the last day for the fund drive. Please help Della get more money! If you want to help, please call Della at 555-2121.

 5. The dinosaurs in Slateville will sleep easier tonight. The prowler has been caught. Police were stumped. For six weeks, residents had seen the shadow of the prowler near their windows and doors at night. Nothing was harmed, but the dinosaurs were nervous. The prowler turned out to be little Andy Apatosaurus. Police learned that Andy was walking in his sleep. Andy could not be reached for comment.