Context Clues Vocabulary Practice 📖

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Instructions: Read each passage carefully. Use the context clues (words and sentences around the bold word) to work out what the bold word means. Write your answer on the line provided.

> 1. The ancient tree stood in the middle of the park. Its **gnarled** branches twisted in all directions, looking rough and knobbly from hundreds of years of growth.
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> What does **gnarled** mean?
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> 2. Sarah felt **famished** after swimming all morning. She hadn't eaten breakfast, and her stomach was rumbling loudly. She quickly made herself a large sandwich.
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> What does **famished** mean?
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> 3. The puppy was so **adorable** that everyone wanted to pat it. People smiled when they saw its cute face and wagging tail.
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> What does **adorable** mean?
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> 4. Tom tried to **persuade** his parents to let him stay up late. He gave them many good reasons and promised to wake up on time for school.
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> What does **persuade** mean?
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> 5. The magician made the rabbit **vanish** from the hat. One moment it was there, and the next moment it had completely disappeared!
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> What does **vanish** mean? _____

> 6. Mum was **furious** when she saw the mess in the kitchen. She was so angry that her face turned red, and she spoke in a very stern voice.
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> What does **furious** mean?
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> 7. The mountain path was too **treacherous** to climb in the rain. The rocks were slippery and dangerous, so the hikers decided to turn back.
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> What does **treacherous** mean?
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> 8. Jake was **reluctant** to jump into the cold pool. He stood at the edge for a long time, not wanting to go in, until his friends finally convinced him.
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> What does **reluctant** mean?
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