Vocabulary in Context

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Instructions: Read each passage carefully. Use context clues from the sentences to work out the meaning of the underlined word. Write your answer on the line provided.

1. The ancient tree in our school grounds is over 200 years old. It was planted long before our grandparents were even born.

ancient means: _____

2. Sarah was famished after playing netball all afternoon. She quickly ate two sandwiches and an apple as soon as she got home.

famished means: _____

3. The weather was so dreadful that we had to cancel our beach trip. The rain poured down and the wind howled all day long.

dreadful means: _____

4. Tom was thrilled when he won first place in the art competition. He jumped up and down with joy and couldn't stop smiling.

thrilled means: _____

5. The enormous elephant at the zoo was the biggest animal I had ever seen. It was so large that it made the zookeeper look tiny!

enormous means: _____

6. Mum asked me to fetch the milk from the fridge. I walked to the kitchen and brought it back to the table.

fetch means: _____

7. The fragile glass ornament broke into tiny pieces when it fell off the shelf. We had to be very careful picking up all the sharp bits.

fragile means: _____

8. Jake was exhausted after swimming twenty laps at the pool. He was so tired that he fell asleep on the car ride home.

exhausted means: _____