

Context Clues

Hal went to the beach to go surfing. When he arrived there was a "no surfing" sign posted. He asked the lifeguard, "Why is surfing _____?" The lifeguard explained that there was a very strong rip tide, so it wasn't safe to surf.

The word that would best fit the blank is:

- (A) missed
- (B) wanted
- (C) forbidden

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Context Clues

When Brandon checked in at the airport, he was told that the airline had overbooked the flight. There were no _____ seats on the plane. The airline announced that they would give a free ticket to anyone who gave up their seat. People raced to the ticket counter.

The word that would best fit the blank is:

- (A) blue
- (B) vacant
- (C) new

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Context Clues

Mrs. Wilson was going to mop the kitchen floor. She put some soap in a _____, and then filled it with water. Then she mopped the floor. When she was done, she dumped out the dirty water.

The word that would best fit the blank is:

- (A) bucket
- (B) jar
- (C) cup

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Context Clues

Amy and Steve went on a hike. As they were going up a _____ hill, Steve complained about how hard it is to hike uphill. When they got to the top, they were very tired and thirsty. They rested for a while and enjoyed the amazing view.

The word that would best fit the blank is:

- (A) steep
- (B) small
- (C) bumpy

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Context Clues

Tim went to see the new shark exhibit at the aquarium. The shark keeper told Tim that he could lightly pet the sharks. Tim held out two fingers and _____ petted the sharks on their backs. Tim couldn't wait to tell his friends about petting a shark.

The word that would best fit the blank is:

- (A) roughly
- (B) sharply
- (C) gently

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Context Clues

Mother Duck and her five ducklings waddled out of the water. Mother Duck said, "Form a single file line. Stay on the path. Don't _____ off and get lost in the tall grass or flowers." All five ducklings did exactly what she told them to do.

The word that would best fit the blank is:

- (A) wander
- (B) skip
- (C) jump

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Context Clues

Sally woke up and looked out of her window. It was snowing. Strong winds were blowing the snow in all directions. She turned on the television. The newscaster said it was a _____, and only emergency vehicles should be out on the roads.

The word that would best fit the blank is:

- (A) tornado
- (B) blizzard
- (C) thunderstorm

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Context Clues

Peter's mother told him that company was coming over for dinner, so they had to clean up the house. First, Peter _____ up all of his toys and put them away. Then he helped his mom dust. Last, he set the table for the dinner guests.

The word that would best fit the blank is:

- (A) stocked
- (B) scattered
- (C) gathered

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Context Clues

Tina was very hungry. She had not eaten all day. She ordered a large pizza and ate the _____ meal all by herself. She was very full when she finished. Her mother couldn't believe that the pizza was gone.

The word that would best fit the blank is:

- (A) partial
- (B) entire
- (C) happy

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Context Clues

Kay went to the forest to see a bald eagle. When she got there, the bird wasn't in the nest. With a smile on her face, she waited _____ for the bird to return. Hours passed. Finally, it returned. What a beautiful sight. "It was worth the wait," said Kay.

The word that would best fit the blank is:

- (A) angrily
- (B) smoothly
- (C) patiently

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Context Clues

It was Tim's first trip to New York City. Being from a small town, he was surprised that the streets were _____ with people both day and night. He was amazed at how quickly people moved around the city.

The word that would best fit the blank is:

- (A) bustling
- (B) shouting
- (C) clapping

39.

Context Clues

Kelly's birthday was in two weeks. Her mother told her that she could buy one thing for her birthday. Kelly thought about all of her _____ before making a decision. She chose to buy a new skateboard because she likes skateboarding best.

The word that would best fit the blank is:

- (A) friends
- (B) options
- (C) prizes

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Context Clues

Becky was having a slumber party. The day of the party, her friend Alli called. Alli said she was sick and wouldn't be able to come. Becky was _____ that her friend couldn't make it to the party. But Becky decided to save her some special treats to help make her feel better.

The word that would best fit the blank is:

- (A) delighted
- (B) difficult
- (C) disappointed

41.

Context Clues

On this perfect day the sunset was spectacular! The sky was filled with _____ colors of pink, red, and orange. It was the kind of sunset that really makes you appreciate how beautiful the sky and clouds can be.

The word that would best fit the blank is:

- (A) bright
- (B) dull
- (C) quiet

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Context Clues

For hundreds of years, the _____ lights and loud noise of fireworks have impressed people. The Chinese made the first fireworks and used them to scare enemies in battle. Today, fireworks are used in celebrations and festivities throughout the world.

The word that would best fit the blank is:

- (A) sunny
- (B) dim
- (C) bright

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Context Clues

Firefighters wear special clothing to _____ themselves from fire and other dangers. They wear fire-resistant pants and coats, heavy leather gloves and helmets. Also, they may carry oxygen tanks on their backs.

The word that would best fit the blank is:

- (A) present
- (B) protect
- (C) pretent

44.

Context Clues

Dinosaurs lived on Earth long ago. Many dinosaurs were of _____ size. They towered above and weighed more than any other animal ever to live on land. The largest dinosaur, Brachiosaurus, was about the length of two school buses and the height of a four-story building.

The word that would best fit the blank is:

- (A) small
- (B) enormous
- (C) silly

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Context Clues

It is important to take care of your teeth. To _____ tooth decay, you should brush your teeth twice a day and floss daily. You should also visit your dentist and eat healthy foods. Taking care of your teeth is important to your health and your appearance.

The word that would best fit the blank is:

- (A) evenly
- (B) openly
- (C) alternately

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Context Clues

A whale is a huge sea animal. It looks like a fish, but it's not. It's a mammal. Mammals have lungs and cannot breathe in water. Like people, whales must rise to the _____ of the water to breathe.

The word that would best fit the blank is:

- (A) edge
- (B) bottom
- (C) surface

47.

Context Clues

Many Americans enjoy maple syrup on their pancakes or waffles. Maple syrup is made from the sap of certain maple trees. The state of Vermont is the largest _____ of maple syrup in the United States.

The word that would best fit the blank is:

- (A) producer
- (B) composer
- (C) teacher

48.

Context Clues

Michelangelo is one of the most _____ artists in history. He was a sculptor, architect, painter and poet. People from all over the world travel to Italy to see his most well-known sculpture, David, and admire his painting on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel.

The word that would best fit the blank is:

- (A) funny
- (B) cheap
- (C) famous

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Context Clues

The tiger inspires fear among other animals in the jungle. The largest member of the cat family, the tiger's superior speed and agility make it a top predator. It has a pattern of orange and black stripes that helps to _____ it in the tall, brightly colored plants as it stalks and sneaks up on its prey.

The word that would best fit the blank is:

- (A) miss
- (B) conceal
- (C) show

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