Clue or No Clue?

Use sentence details to figure out unfamiliar words.

3.L.V.3.a "Use context (e.g., images and graphs) within and beyond a sentence to determine or clarify the meaning of unknown words and multiple-meaning words and phrases. (I)"

NAME _____ DATE _____

CONTEXT GIVES CLUES

The sentence gives details that help you figure out what a word means.

After hiking all morning, Niko was famished, or very hungry.

CONTEXT GIVES NO CLUES

The sentence does not give enough details to help you figure out what a word means.

Niko carried a zindle to school.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle CLUES or NO CLUE for each sentence, then choose two items and explain which words helped you decide.

1.	The puppy was timid, so it hid behind Ava's legs when visitors arrived.	CLUES NO CLUE
2.	The cave was dim, and Maya could barely see the walls.	CLUES NO CLUE
3.	The hikers noticed a plim near the trail.	CLUES NO CLUE
4.	The glass vase was fragile, so Ben carried it carefully to keep it from breaking.	CLUES NO CLUE
5.	Lena put the vop on the shelf.	CLUES NO CLUE
6.	At recess, Omar saw a truff.	CLUES NO CLUE
7.	Dad fixed the wug before dinner.	CLUES NO CLUE
8.	The squirrel scurried, moving quickly, up the tree when it heard a noise.	CLUES NO CLUE

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one sentence for CLUES and one sentence for NO CLUE. Use a made-up word in each sentence.

CLUES _____

NO CLUE _____

CHALLENGE

Choose your NO CLUE sentence. Rewrite it so the context tells what your made-up word means.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The puppy was timid, so it hid behind Ava's legs when visitors arrived.	**CLUES**	Hiding from visitors shows that timid means shy or scared.
2	The cave was dim, and Maya could barely see the walls.	**CLUES**	Barely being able to see shows that dim means not bright.
3	The hikers noticed a plim near the trail.	**NO CLUE**	The sentence gives no details about what a plim is.
4	The glass vase was fragile, so Ben carried it carefully to keep it from breaking.	**CLUES**	Keeping it from breaking shows that fragile means easy to break.
5	Lena put the vop on the shelf.	**NO CLUE**	The sentence gives no details about what a vop is.
6	At recess, Omar saw a truff.	**NO CLUE**	The sentence gives no details about what a truff is.
7	Dad fixed the wug before dinner.	**NO CLUE**	The sentence gives no details about what a wug is.
8	The squirrel scurried, moving quickly, up the tree when it heard a noise.	**CLUES**	Moving quickly explains that scurried means moved fast.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **CLUES**: After the race, Jae was glumpy, so tired that he fell asleep on the couch.
- **NO CLUE**: Jae found a plocket in the closet.

Challenge: Jae found a plocket, a tiny box that holds pencils, in the closet.

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. Accept CLUES sentences when details reasonably help identify the made-up word's meaning. Accept NO CLUE sentences only when the sentence does not give enough information to identify the word.