

Context Clues and Figurative Language Artifact

Standards Being Assessed:

L.3.4 Determine and/or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 3 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies: context clues, word parts, word relationships, and reference materials.

L.3.5 Demonstrate understanding of nuances in word meanings.

a. Distinguish the literal and nonliteral meanings of words and phrases in context.

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Achievement Level Corrections for L.3.5: _____

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1. Read the following paragraph. Use context clues to determine the meaning of the bold word.

To the Playground

Peter did not want to go to the playground. Tom did. Peter was older, and Tom couldn't go without him. So Tom began to **coax** his brother. He talked about how much fun they would have. He offered to share his toys. He promised to let Peter have his pie at dinner. Finally, Peter gave in. The two boys went off to the playground.

In this paragraph, the word "coax" means...

- a. To make someone unhappy
- b. Get mad at someone
- ☒ c. Get someone to do something

2. Read the following paragraph. Use context clues to determine the meaning of the bold word.

Bret and Brad

The twins were alike in many ways. But when it came to swimming, they had different ideas. Bret liked to get into the water slowly. Sometimes he took quite a long time. But Brad liked to get in fast. He would **plunge** right in and come up laughing. Bret could never understand this.

In this paragraph, the word "plunge" means...

- a. Play fairly
- ☒ b. Enter quickly
- c. Throw down

Directions: Read the paragraph below. Use context clues to determine the meaning of the phrases in bold.

Molly and Matt are siblings. Everybody thinks **Molly is a real peach!** She has many friends and is always busy doing things to help other people. **Matt is a night owl** so he sleeps in all morning. He never helps his family do chores around the house. Matt always gets in trouble.

3. What is the meaning of the phrase "Molly is a real peach"?

- ☒ a. Molly's favorite fruit is peaches.
- b. Molly likes to dress up like a peach.
- ☒ c. Molly is sweet like a peach.
- d. Molly is sour like a peach.

4. What is the meaning of the phrase "Matt is a night owl"?

- ☒ a. Matt stays awake at night like an owl.
- b. Matt's favorite animal is an owl.
- c. Matt sleeps all night like an owl.
- d. Matt likes to pretend he is an owl.

Jill's favorite season is winter. On December 1st, her town got a snowstorm. Jill ran around her house yelling, "Our backyard is a blanket of snow!" Jill's dad screamed "**It's a refrigerator out there!**" Jill's mom just wanted to sleep and said, "Silence is golden!"

5. What is the meaning of the phrase "Silence is golden"?

- ☒ a. Silence is nice to have sometimes.
- b. Silence is made out of gold.
- c. Silence is hard like gold.