

Using Context Clues

Instructions for the Student:

- Read through the passage carefully.
 - For each unfamiliar word, try to guess its meaning based on the context provided in the sentence or surrounding sentences.
 - Write your answers to the questions using clues from the passage.
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The Homeschool Adventure

As the first week of homeschooling began, Emma and her family were ready to try something new. Her mom, who was the **author** of their homeschool plan, had created a detailed schedule to make sure they stayed on track. She was excited to see how much they could learn together. Every day, they would study different subjects, but Emma also looked forward to reading her favorite books. Her mom's goal was to help her find a **variety** of books that she would enjoy.

One morning, Emma's mom introduced a science experiment. "We will **predict** what will happen when we mix vinegar and baking soda," she said. Emma was curious about the results. She knew that using the right **method** for the experiment was important, so they carefully followed the steps.

As they mixed the two ingredients, Emma was amazed at the reaction. The fizzing and bubbling were exactly what her mom had explained. Emma thought that the **consequence** of the experiment was just as her mom had **interpreted**. "Look, the vinegar and baking soda created a reaction!" Emma said.

Later, Emma and her brother had to write about the experiment. Emma wanted to **propose** an idea to her mom: "What if we try a different method and use different materials?" She believed that trying out various ideas would help them learn more about science. Her mom agreed, adding that exploring different methods is important when you want to learn more.

That evening, Emma thought about how **significant** homeschooling had been for her family. They didn't just learn facts—they worked together, created experiments, and had fun. Even when they disagreed, they would use **argument** to support their

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ideas. Emma felt proud of her work that day, knowing that the things she was learning now would help her for many years to come.

Context Clues Questions

1. **Author** - What does the word "author" mean in the passage?
(Look at the sentence where Emma's mom created the homeschool plan.)
2. **Consequence** - What does the word "consequence" mean in the passage?
(Think about the result of the science experiment.)
3. **Interpret** - What does the word "interpret" mean based on the passage?
(Look at how Emma's mom explained the result of the experiment.)
4. **Method** - What does the word "method" mean here?
(Consider how Emma followed specific steps for the science experiment.)
5. **Predict** - What does the word "predict" mean in the passage?
(Look at the sentence where Emma's mom talks about guessing the outcome of the experiment.)
6. **Variety** - What does the word "variety" mean in the passage?
(Think about the different types of books Emma's mom planned for her.)
7. **Device** - What does the word "device" mean based on the passage?
(Think about tools used for a purpose, like in the experiment.)
8. **Argument** - What does the word "argument" mean in the passage?
(Think about how Emma and her brother would explain their ideas.)
9. **Significant** - What does the word "significant" mean in the passage?
(Look at how Emma felt about the importance of homeschooling.)
10. **Propose** - What does the word "propose" mean in the passage?
(Think about how Emma wanted to suggest trying a different method for the experiment.)