

**Vocabulary: Using Context Clues**

This type of item asks you to use clues in a paragraph to help you choose the correct answer.



**Tip:** Read the whole paragraph before you make any choices. Then test each answer choice in the blank. The correct answer will fit in the sentence *and* fit with the meaning of the whole paragraph.

**PRACTICE**

For each blank, there is a list of words. Choose the word that best completes each sentence.

We helped Mrs. Chavez (1)\_\_\_\_\_ her crops. We picked strawberries and lettuce. This experience helped us learn about (2)\_\_\_\_\_.

- 1   **A** plow  
      **B** harvest  
      **C** fertilize  
      **D** irrigate

- 2   **A** weather  
      **B** business  
      **C** seasons  
      **D** agriculture

Scott tried hard and won all his events in the track meet. It was a great (3)\_\_\_\_\_. His dad (4)\_\_\_\_\_ him with a big hug.

- 3   **A** award  
      **B** trophy  
      **C** accident  
      **D** achievement

- 4   **A** assisted  
      **B** disturbed  
      **C** congratulated  
      **D** accompanied

First we will (5)\_\_\_\_\_ the flour and sugar. We must be (6)\_\_\_\_\_. If the amounts are not correct, the cookies will not taste good.

- 5   **A** add  
      **B** mix  
      **C** blend  
      **D** measure

- 6   **A** accurate  
      **B** solemn  
      **C** confident  
      **D** cooperative

Gold, silver, and copper are (7)\_\_\_\_\_. These natural resources are rare and (8)\_\_\_\_\_. They are used to make coins, jewelry, and many other things.

- 7   **A** gems  
      **B** nuggets  
      **C** crystals  
      **D** minerals

- 8   **A** valuable  
      **B** tarnished  
      **C** abundant  
      **D** temporary

**Challenge:** Write a paragraph describing a storm in your community. Use vivid words to describe sights and sounds. Use at least three of these words: howl, gale, deluge, torrent, blizzard.