

Be a Word Detective



Context clues are words that help you figure out the meaning of an unfamiliar word. Look before and after the unfamiliar word for context clues!

Directions: Use the context clues in each sentence to help you figure out the meaning of the underlined word. Then, circle the correct definition.

1. Mr. Secola was frantic when he realized what he had lost.

a. troubled

b. excited

c. interested

2. The precious gem on his ring must have fallen off during his travels.

a. normal

b. expensive

c. green

3. Mr. Secola was a frequent traveler, and he went all over the world.

a. lazy

b. never

c. happening often

4. He saw small cities that were quiet and vast cities filled with people.

a. dark

b. large

c. small

5. In his attempt to catch the train, his ring fell off his finger.

a. try to do something

b. ride a

c. climb up

6. He picked up the ring, but did not consider that the gem might have fallen off.

a. warn

b. forget

c. think about

7. Without the beautiful gem on his ring, Mr. Secola felt melancholy as he wondered if he would ever find it.

a. sad

b. rewarded

c. promised

8. Do you think Mr. Secola is capable of finding the missing gem?

a. clumsy

b. able to

c. smart