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How Do You Use Context Clues?

Directions: Using context clues, choose the correct definition for the underlined words in each of the sentences below.

ANSWERS

- Paulina, a paleontologist, used a shovel and a pickaxe to excavate a fossil in the high desert of Utah.
 - to clean by removing dust or dirt
 - to find by digging in the ground
 - to take away or remove
 - to exit
- The industrious ants never stopped working to move food to their nest, even as heavy raindrops began to fall from above.
 - wet or damp
 - pesky
 - hardworking
 - hungry
- Public phone booths have become obsolete now that a majority of people carry cell phones.
 - out-of-date, no longer in use
 - ridiculous, absurd, silly
 - popular
 - problematic
- The immense sequoia trees towered above us as we hiked along the forest trail.
 - sweet smelling, like incense
 - unique or unusual
 - a dark shade of green
 - very large or great
- The weary travelers collapsed on their beds after a long day of walking and biking.
 - feeling worried or anxious
 - feeling or showing extreme tiredness
 - happy, content
 - relieved or grateful

POSSIBLE ANSWERS

Directions: Read each sentence below, then write a definition for the underlined words.

6. The hawk held a fish with its sharp talon as it flew towards the tree top.

Definition: a sharp hooked claw especially on a bird of prey
(single word definitions like 'claw' are ok)

7. Luca felt incredible jubilation as he entered the gates of Disneyland for the first time.

Definition: a feeling or expression of great joy or excitement
(single word definitions like, 'joy', 'happiness', or 'excitement' are ok)