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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.

- 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  - out-of-date, no longer in use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

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

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

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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