

Context-Clue Codebreakers

Grade 4 | Reading | Skill: Determine word meaning from context

Directions: Use clues in each sentence to choose the meaning of the bold word. Underline the helpful clues.

1 Crack each word code

1. The path was **narrow**, so only one hiker could walk on it at a time.

not wide

very noisy

2. Lena was **famished** after missing lunch, so she ate two sandwiches.

very hungry

very sleepy

3. The glass ornament was **fragile**, so we carried it carefully.

easily broken

brightly colored

4. The puppy was **timid** and hid behind the chair when visitors arrived.

shy or fearful

playful and loud

2 Explain your evidence

Choose one word. What clues helped you understand it?

Strong readers use clues like detectives!