

CONTEXT CLUES

TASK CARDS



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**BOOK
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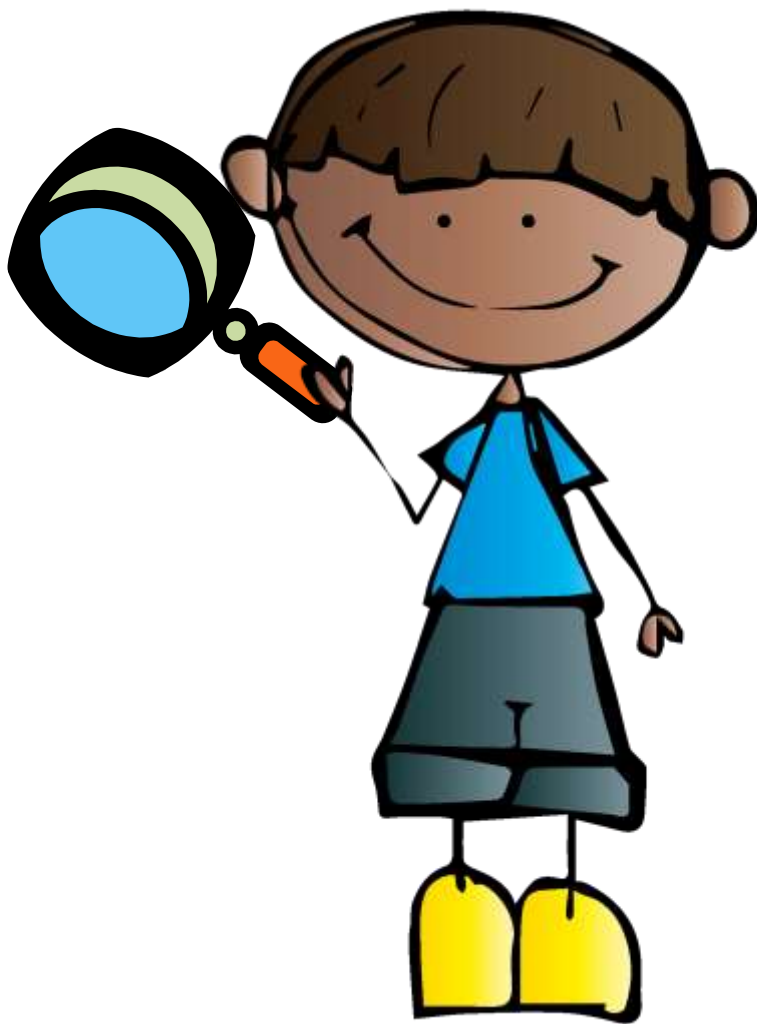
Context Clues Task Cards

Instructions for Making the Cards

1. Print the question cards onto heavy weight paper or cardstock.
2. Laminate for repeated use.
3. Cut the cards apart.

Answer Key

1. b) eager
2. c) servitude
3. d) noisy
4. a) smash
5. a) friend
6. d) scaredy-cat
7. b) frightful
8. c) eating
9. c) sparkled
10. a) cheerfully
11. c) naughtiness
12. c) strange
13. b) pardoned
14. d) feathers
15. b) oatmeal
16. d) delighted
17. b) dashed
18. b) grabbed
19. b) sofa
20. a) points
21. c) lowering
22. a) questioned
23. b) squatted
24. a) summon



This adventure made the travelers more **anxious** than ever to get out of the forest, and they walked so fast that Dorothy became tired, and had to ride on the Lion's back.

Anxious most likely means

- a) peaceful
- b) eager
- c) exciting
- d) awakened

#1

"She has held all the Munchkins in **bondage** for many years, making them slave for her night and day.

Bondage most likely means

- a) horrible
- b) high-quality
- c) servitude
- d) freedom

#2

A chorus of **boisterous** laughter came from the other rocks, and Dorothy saw hundreds of the armless Hammer-Heads upon the hillside, one behind every rock.

Boisterous most likely means

- a) warm
- b) good-natured
- c) easygoing
- d) noisy

#3

As they drew near, the cow suddenly gave a kick and kicked over the stool, the pail, and even the milkmaid herself, and all fell on the china ground with a great **clatter**.

Clatter most likely means

- a) smash
- b) tinkling
- c) repetition
- d) reply

#4

Dorothy came to meet them and thanked the little mice warmly for saving her **companion** from death. She had grown so fond of the big Lion she was glad he had been rescued.

Companion most likely means

- a) friend
- b) rival
- c) supporter
- d) treasure

#5

If the elephants and the tigers and the bears had ever tried to fight me, I should have run myself-- I'm such a **coward**; but just as soon as they hear me roar they all try to get away from me, and of course I let them go."

Coward most likely means

- a) survivor
- b) stand up
- c) fearless
- d) scaredy-cat

#6

"They are monstrous beasts with bodies like bears and heads like tigers," replied the Lion, "and with claws so long and sharp that they could tear me in two as easily as I could kill Toto. I'm terribly afraid of the Kalidahs."

"I'm not surprised that you are," returned Dorothy. "They must be **dreadful** beasts."

Dreadful most likely means

- a) fail
- b) frightful
- c) attractive
- d) charming

#7

They kept this day as a holiday, then and ever after, and spent the time in **feasting** and dancing.

Feasting most likely means

- a) lounging
- b) idling
- c) eating
- d) sleeping

#8

The hats of the men were blue; the little woman's hat was white, and she wore a white gown that hung in pleats from her shoulders. Over it were sprinkled little stars that **glistened** in the sun like diamonds.

Glistened most likely means

- a) melted
- b) heated
- c) sparkled
- d) dissolved

#9

As for the Scarecrow, having no brains, he walked straight ahead, and so stepped into the holes and fell at full length on the hard bricks. It never hurt him, however, and Dorothy would pick him up and set him upon his feet again, while he joined her in laughing **merrily** at his own mishap.

Merrily most likely means

- a) cheerfully
- b) sadly
- c) dejectedly
- d) regrettably

#10

Perhaps some of us were rather too full of **mischief** at times, flying down to pull the tails of the animals that had no wings, chasing birds, and throwing nuts at the people who walked in the forest.

Mischief most likely means

- a) insult
- b) respect
- c) naughtiness
- d) wonder

#11

"If you wish," said the Lion, "I will go into the forest and kill a deer for you. You can roast it by the fire, since your tastes are so **peculiar** that you prefer cooked food, and then you will have a very good breakfast."

Peculiar most likely means

- a) regular
- b) senseless
- c) strange
- d) childish

#12

But my grandfather pleaded hard, for he knew the Monkeys would drown in the river with their wings tied, and Quelala said a kind word for them also; so that Gayelette finally **spared** them, on condition that the Winged Monkeys should ever after do three times the bidding of the owner of the Golden Cap.

Spared most likely means

- a) judged
- b) pardoned
- c) sentenced
- d) attacked

#13

Banks of gorgeous flowers were on every hand, and birds with rare and brilliant **plumage** sang and fluttered in the trees and bushes

Plumage most likely means

- a) voices
- b) nests
- c) fur
- d) feathers

#14

The Lion ate some of the **porridge**, but did not care for it, saying it was made from oats and oats were food for horses, not for lions.

Porridge most likely means

- a) meat
- b) oatmeal
- c) fruit
- d) cheese

#15

The road was smooth and well paved, now, and the country about was beautiful, so that the travelers **rejoiced** in leaving the forest far behind, and with it the many dangers they had met in its gloomy shades.

Rejoiced most likely means

- a) necessary
- b) downcast
- c) disappointed
- d) delighted

#16

"We will!" cried all the mice, in a shrill chorus. And then they **scampered** in all directions, for Toto had awakened from his sleep, and seeing all these mice around him he gave one bark of delight and jumped right into the middle of the group.

Scampered most likely means

- a) paused
- b) dashed
- c) dilly-dallied
- d) swayed

#17

At his word the band flew down and **seized** Quelala, carried him in their arms until they were over the middle of the river, and then dropped him into the water.

Seized most likely means

- a) surrendered
- b) grabbed
- c) dropped
- d) bit

#18

Dorothy ate a hearty supper and was waited upon by the rich Munchkin himself, whose name was Boq. Then she sat upon a **settee** and watched the people dance.

Settee most likely means

- a) lamp
- b) sofa
- c) table
- d) book

#19

They now turned and took a last look at the Emerald City. All they could see was a mass of towers and steeples behind the green walls, and high up above everything the **spires** and dome of the Palace of Oz.

Spires most likely means

- a) points
- b) cellar
- c) bases
- d) footings

#20

"Oz himself is the Great Wizard," answered the Witch, **sinking** her voice to a whisper.

Sinking most likely means

- a) chewing
- b) shouting
- c) lowering
- d) drowning

#21

"Where is the Emerald City?" he **inquired**. "And who is Oz?"

Inquired most likely means

- a) questioned
- b) yelled
- c) whispered
- d) giggled

#22

The Scarecrow sat upon the Lion's back, and the big beast walked to the edge of the gulf and **crouched** down.

crouched most likely means

- a) comforted
- b) squatted
- c) raised
- d) leapt

#23

Behind them was the dark forest they had passed safely through, although they had suffered many discouragements; but before them was a lovely, sunny country that seemed to **beckon** them on to the Emerald City.

Beckon most likely means

- a) summon
- b) dismiss
- c) fire
- d) scorn

#24

SCOOT

1. Place one Scoot card on each student's desk. For easier recording, place the cards in numerical order. Give each student one copy of the Scoot Activity Recording Sheet.
2. Each student will read the question on the activity card on his/her desk and will record the answer on the Scoot Activity Recording Sheet. After a length of time (approximately 1 minute), give the signal for the students to scoot to the next desk. The signal may simply be the teacher saying scoot or a noise such as a bell. The procedure repeats at each desk. The activity continues until all students end up at the desks where they began the activity.
3. I recommend going over the pattern for shifting desks and other rules such as being quiet when scooting, etc. before the activity begins.

SCOOT ACTIVITY RECORDING SHEET

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5.	6.	7.	8.
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