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Context Clues



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1. Jon neglects his garden, always forgetting to water the flowers and pull out the weeds.
 - a) takes good care of
 - b) not take good care of
 - c) protects

2. The colossal tree was so tall it would take many hours to climb to the top.
 - a) heavy
 - b) huge
 - c) rough

3. Sarah had an aversion to snakes. She would scream and run away from one when she saw it.
 - a) Sarah liked snakes.
 - b) Sarah knew a lot about snakes.
 - c) Sarah did not like snakes.

4. Sally wants to be a botanist when she grows up. She likes learning about new plants. She wants to discover new medicines from the plants in the rainforest. She also wants to find new ways to grow bigger plants.
 - a) a person who studies plants
 - b) a person that cuts down trees
 - c) a doctor



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1. The scratch on the new car was so minuscule you would need a magnifying glass to see it.
 - a) tiny
 - b) long
 - c) bad

2. Tim's scrambled eggs were bland because he didn't put salt, pepper, or any other spices in them.
 - a) hot
 - b) without taste
 - c) runny

3. Joe seldom ate healthy. He usually ate chips, cookies, and other kinds of junk food for lunch and dinner.
 - a) always
 - b) hardly ever
 - c) wanted to

4. Traveling the Oregon Trail was an arduous trip. It was 2000 miles long and took 5 to 6 months to complete by wagon and on foot. Travelers often had to deal with bad weather, hunger, thirst, disease, exhaustion, and attacks by Indians. Thousands of people did not survive the trip.
 - a) difficult
 - b) easy
 - c) fun



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1. Sarah was elated to win the contest and jumped up and down with joy.
 - a) very mad
 - b) very tired
 - c) very happy

2. Maya tried to conceal her tears with dark sunglasses .
 - a) hide
 - b) dry
 - c) make

3. Sally was late to work because she had to take a detour. The road she normally takes was closed.
 - a) rest for a small amount of time
 - b) a longer, less direct way to get somewhere
 - c) a bus with two rows of seats

4. Liz's teacher confiscated her phone. She told Liz that students were not allowed to have their phones out in class. Liz's mom would have to come to the school to get the phone back.
 - a) take away with authority
 - b) call without permission
 - c) break into pieces