

Primary 3 · English · English General Ability

Guessing a word from its sentence

Time **20 min** Marks **7** Questions **7**

Answers are printed in red after each question, with the working where it matters. Marks in brackets show how a marker would split them.

Guess the meaning

7 marks

Questions 1 to 7 carry 1 mark each.

- 1 The path was too narrow for the trolley. We had to carry the boxes one at a time. [1]
What does narrow probably mean?

- (A) long and winding
- (B) wet and muddy
- (C) wide and smooth

(D) ✓ too thin to pass through

The clue is that the trolley could not fit and the boxes had to be carried singly.

- 2 When Grandfather lost his voice, his words were barely audible. We had to lean in close to understand him. [1]
What does audible probably mean?

- (A) unclear
- (B) ✓ loud enough to hear
- (C) strange
- (D) shy

"Barely audible" plus "lean in close" means only just loud enough to hear.

- 3 Ben is invited to every party because he is so sociable. [1]
What does sociable probably mean?

- (A) good at speaking
- (B) quiet and shy
- (C) ✓ friendly and outgoing
- (D) rough and pushy

Being welcome at every party points to friendliness, not skill at speaking.

- 4** The smell of the rotting fish was revolting to everyone at the table. [1]
What does revolting probably mean?
- (A) without taste
(B) ✓ **disgusting**
(C) delicious
(D) unkind
- Rotting fish that puts everyone off is disgusting.*
- 5** I pulled the volume from the shelf, turned to chapter three and started to read. [1]
What does volume probably mean here?
- (A) a sheet of paper
(B) a diary
(C) a leaflet
(D) ✓ **a book**
- It comes off a shelf and has chapters, so it is a book.*
- 6** The rocks along that beach are perilous. Only a very silly person would climb them in the rain. [1]
What does perilous probably mean?
- (A) likely to break
(B) ✓ **full of danger**
(C) exciting
(D) someone who destroys things
- The warning about climbing in the rain gives the meaning. "Someone who destroys things" is a person, not a description of rocks.*
- 7** I am still thirsty. That small cup of water did not quench my thirst. I need a whole bottle. [1]
What does quench probably mean?
- (A) make worse
(B) lessen
(C) ✓ **satisfy**
(D) calm someone down
- The cup failed to deal with the thirst, and a whole bottle is needed, so quench means satisfy.*

ANSWERS AT A GLANCE

1 D	2 B	3 C	4 B	5 D	6 B
7 C					

Marking notes

- Award the mark for the letter. The underlining is a habit for the pupil to build; do not deduct marks if the clue is not underlined.
- Question 6: option D is a trap because it names a person rather than a meaning for the word.

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