



Words in Context

Context clues are the words that give readers hints about the meanings of unfamiliar words or familiar words used in unfamiliar ways.

Materials:

- Lists of sentences (provided)
- Paper
- Pencils



Preparation:

- Print the lists of sentences (with and without blanks) related to your theme.
- Cut the sentences so that they can be shown to families one at a time.
- Keep one copy of the completed sentences for the facilitator.

Activity Instructions:

1. Give each person paper and a pencil.
2. Hold up sentences with blanks and read them aloud, one at a time.
3. After each sentence is read, ask each person to write a word or phrase to fill in the blank.
4. When everyone has written down a word or phrase, invite participants to read what they have written aloud.
5. Anyone who has written a word or phrase that fits with the sentence and is not repeated by anyone else earns one point.
6. Continue until all sentences have been read aloud. The person with the most points is the winner!



**A satellite in orbit can view a
_____ portion of the Earth.**



**Jupiter is very large. It is the
_____ planet in our solar system.**



**The Earth rotates, or _____,
on its axis once every 24 hours.**



**The mix of liquid water and
atmosphere makes Earth the
_____ place for us to live.**

The clouds on Venus hold in heat and make it the _____ planet in our system.



Jupiter is so _____ that all the other planets could fit inside of it.



Saturn is so _____ it would float in water.



Because Pluto is _____ the sun, its surface is one of the coldest in our entire solar system.

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A satellite in orbit can view a **huge** portion of the Earth.

Jupiter is very large. It is the **largest** planet in our solar system.

The Earth rotates, or **spins**, on its axis once every 24 hours.

The mix of liquid water and atmosphere makes Earth the **perfect** place for us to live.

The clouds on Venus hold in heat and make it the **hottest** planet in our system.

Jupiter is so **large** that all the other planets could fit inside of it.

Saturn is so **light** it would float in water.

Because Pluto is **so far away** from the sun, its surface is one of the coldest in our entire solar system.

