Using context clues

Repair the Stage Crew Notes

Name _____ Date _____

Quick review Read nearby words and the whole sentence. Try a possible meaning in place of the unfamiliar word; check whether it preserves the idea.

Example The fragile model needed gentle handling because its thin pieces could snap. Fragile means easily broken; the nearby details explain why.

Read the rehearsal account, then correct or complete the crew's notes using context clues. Explain what makes each word fit. Other accurate repairs and clue-rich sentences are valid.

Ready for the Puppet Show

[1] At rehearsal, Imani's whisper could not be heard from the back row. She spoke louder until her voice was audible and everyone could hear every word. Felix made a precise mark exactly 20 centimeters from the edge, checking it twice with a ruler.

[2] The castle prop was cumbersome. It was so large and heavy that two helpers struggled to carry it through the doorway. When a ribbon broke, the crew had to improvise; they used a strip of spare cloth instead. At the final bow, the triumphant crew grinned and raised their arms to celebrate a successful show.

1. A note says, 'Audible means too soft to hear.' Rewrite the note correctly and name the contrast that helps you.

2. Complete the note: 'Precise means accurate or exact, not just close enough, because Felix ...'

3. A helper calls the cumbersome castle easy to move. Correct the description and use two physical details as evidence.

4. A note says, 'The crew improvised, so they canceled the show.' Explain the better meaning of improvised in this situation.

5. Write one new sentence for a crew note using triumphant. Include a success and a visible reaction that help a reader infer the meaning.

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Responses and feedback: Repair the Stage Crew Notes

These are sample responses and reasoning. Accept other answers that fit the task and are supported by the text or language rule.

1. Audible means able to be heard. At first the whisper could not be heard, but later everyone could hear every word.

Reasoning: First, compare the failed whisper with the louder voice. Next, use the later result, everyone hearing, to correct the definition. The first situation describes the opposite of audible.

2. Precise means accurate or exact, not just close enough, because Felix measured exactly 20 centimeters and checked twice with a ruler.

Reasoning: First, notice exactly 20 centimeters. Next, use the repeated ruler check as further evidence of exactness. A rough guess would not explain those careful checks.

3. The castle was difficult to move because it was large and heavy.

Reasoning: First, identify its size and weight. Next, connect those details to the helpers' struggle at the doorway. Cumbersome describes difficulty handling the prop, not ease of movement.

4. Improvised means found a solution using what was available. The crew replaced the broken ribbon with spare cloth instead of canceling.

Reasoning: First, identify the unexpected problem: a broken ribbon. Next, notice the unplanned solution using spare cloth. That action shows adapting with available materials, not stopping the show.

5. The triumphant builders cheered and lifted their finished bridge after it held every test weight.

Reasoning: First, give the group a success. Next, show a proud or joyful response to that success. Passing the weight test and cheering support a victorious feeling; other sentences with both clues are valid.