

Using Context Clues to Solve Riddles

Using context clues when you are reading means using the words that you do know to figure out the meaning of the words that you don't know.

Each passage below contains a made-up word. For this activity, you will read each passage, and use it to figure out what the made-up word means. Then write the meaning of the made-up word on the line.

1. Harry was frantic. He had lost his flibbitigibit. Without his flibbitigibit, *he* was lost. He didn't know the phone numbers for any of his friends. He couldn't remember what he was supposed to do or when. And he couldn't keep up with what any of his friends were doing.

A flibbitigibit is a _____

2. Mr. and Mrs. Ryan needed to buy a new wonkawonka. Their old wonkawonka had just become too unreliable. Some mornings it would start. Some mornings it wouldn't. More than once, their wonkawonka had broken down and left them stranded on the side of the road.

A wonkawonka is a _____

3. Helen is very picky about her pilipsies. She will only eat pilipsies made with white bread. She likes ham pilipsies, but only with ketchup, not mayo or mustard. If you bring her a pickle with her pilipsie, she will refuse to eat the pilipsie at all.

A pilisie is a _____

4. Nobody sends roofinables anymore. Everyone just sends emails or texts instead. There was a time when it was a real art to write a roofinable. People looked forward to receiving them. Now the roofinable seems archaic because it takes so long to get one.

A roofinable is a _____

