

## Vocabulary • Context Clues

- Sometimes when you read you see unfamiliar words. The **context**, or words around it, may help you figure out the meaning.
- Look to see if the author used an **antonym**, a word with the opposite meaning, and use that word to help you with the meaning of the unfamiliar word.

**Directions** Read the paragraph. Then answer the questions below.

**M**y family wanted to eat at a Chinese food restaurant instead of the usual burger place. We had never been to a Chinese restaurant before and were excited to learn about a different culture. We walked in through a narrow hallway that didn't seem wide enough for us to fit.

We drank hot tea with dinner, which was perfect because I was chilly. I tried to eat

with chopsticks, but felt foolish because I seemed clumsy with them. I thought it was sensible to ask for a fork! After this restaurant becomes an old favorite, maybe my family will again try something new—maybe Brazilian food!

1. What does the word *usual* mean in the passage? What context clue helps?

**normal; different**

2. What does the word *narrow* mean in the passage? What context clue helps?

**thin; wide**

3. What does the word *chilly* mean in the passage? What context clue helps?

**cold; hot**

4. What does the word *foolish* mean in the passage? What context clue helps?

**silly; sensible**

5. What does the word *old* mean in the passage? What context clue helps?

**familiar; new**



**Home Activity** Your child has identified and used context clues to understand new words. Read a story with your child and encourage looking for context clues to help her or him understand the meaning of unfamiliar words.