

Vocabulary • Context Clues

- When you read, you might come across a word you don't know. You may see **synonyms**—words that have the same or almost the same meaning.
- Use **synonyms** to figure out the meaning of a word you don't know.

Directions Circle the synonym for the underlined word. Then write the meaning of the underlined word on the line.

1. When the clown bursts into the room, I am sure everyone in the room will explode with laughter.

to open suddenly; explode

2. If you make a mistake, correct your error right away.

something that is not right or is not done the way it should be

3. When you are angry at someone, you should tell them why you are mad.

out of one's mind; enraged

4. When you are asked a question that needs an answer remember to give a response.

to answer someone by words or actions

5. The runner surges ahead of everyone as he rushes to win the race.

pushes forward with force

6. If you know the tune, please whistle the music to me.

melody

7. It is so cold today that the furnace must work extra hard to heat the house.

an enclosed space for a very hot fire

8. Try not to gulp your milk, but swallow it slowly instead.

to swallow something eagerly or greedily



Home Activity Your child identified and used context clues to recognize synonyms to learn the meaning of new words. Work with your child to identify unfamiliar words in a story. Ask your child to find context clues and synonyms to help him or her understand the new words.