

## CONTEXT CLUES: CONTROLLED EXERCISE

This exercise has five sets of three sentences (e.g. 1.1 - 1.2 - 1.3). Each sentence contains a little more information than the sentence before. There is an italicized word in each sentence. After each sentence there are also three definitions for the word. Read the sentence, think about the meanings, and then circle the letter(s) of the definition(s) that might be correct. To begin, one set is explained for you as an example.

**Example.1** She can't find her *sneakers*.

- a. money
- b. plates
- c. shoes

All three answers might be correct.

**Example.2** She can't find her white *sneakers*.

The situation is different now because we have a little more information. Money is not usually white, but it is possible to have white plates and white shoes.

**Example.3** She can't play tennis now because she can't find her white *sneakers*.

Now we have a good idea of the meaning of sneakers. We already know that **money** was not correct. Now we also know that **plates** is not correct because plates are not necessary to play tennis. However, she does need **shoes**, and tennis shoes are often white.

*When you do the following questions yourself, be ready to explain why each option is or is not possible.*

**1.1** She is usually *prompt*.

- a. tired
- b. late
- c. on time

**1.2** She is usually *prompt* for all her classes.

- a. tired
- b. late
- c. on time

**1.3** She is usually *prompt* for all her classes, but today she arrived in the middle of her first class.

- a. tired
- b. late
- c. on time

**2.1** Many people like *spinach*.

- a. a kind of meat
- b. a kind of vegetable
- c. a kind of song

**2.2** Many people like to eat *spinach*.

- a. a kind of meat
- b. a kind of vegetable
- c. a kind of song

**2.3** Many people like to eat *spinach*, green peppers, broccoli, and other kinds of vegetables.

- a. a kind of meat
- b. a kind of vegetable
- c. a kind of song

**3.1** He was *injured* yesterday.

- a. tired
- b. hurt
- c. thirsty

**3.2** He was *injured* yesterday, and he might not come to class today.

- a. tired
- b. hurt
- c. thirsty

**3.3** He was *injured* in a car accident yesterday, and he might not come to class today.

- a. tired
- b. hurt
- c. thirsty

**4.1** The meat was *raw*.

- a. uncooked
- b. heavy (more than ten pounds)
- c. delicious

**4.2** The meat on my plate was *raw*.

- a. uncooked
- b. heavy (more than ten pounds)
- c. delicious

**4.3** The meat on my plate was *raw*, so I asked the waiter to take it back to the kitchen and cook it longer.

- a. uncooked
- b. heavy (more than ten pounds)
- c. delicious

**5.1** The *brain* is important.

- a. something in your refrigerator
- b. something in your head
- c. something in your neck

**5.2** The *brain* is an important part of your body.

- a. something in your refrigerator
- b. something in your head
- c. something in your neck

**5.3** Because it controls thinking, breathing, and many important life functions, the *brain* is an important part of your body.

- a. something in your refrigerator
- b. something in your head
- c. something in your neck