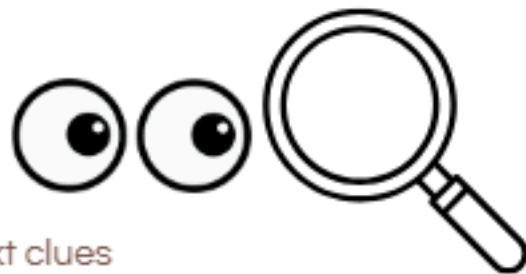


## Reading in Context



### Objectives

- Learn and apply strategies to find context clues
- Identify different types of clues successfully to answer IELTS reading questions
- Learn signal phrases associated with different context clues

### Context Clues

- **Context clues are the words or \_\_\_\_\_ within a sentence or paragraph that will help you understand an \_\_\_\_\_ word.**
- **You should look at the text \_\_\_\_\_ the word to understand its \_\_\_\_\_.**

Highlight the clues we need to look at to understand what "quality" means and write its meaning.

Sleep plays a vital role in good health and well-being throughout your life. Getting enough **quality** sleep at the right times can help protect your mental health, physical health, quality of life, and safety.

The way you feel while you're awake depends in part on what happens while you're sleeping. During sleep, your body is working to support healthy brain function and maintain your physical health. In children and teens, sleep also helps support growth and development.

*Adapted from IELTS Liz - The Importance of Sleep*

The word "quality" means \_\_\_\_\_

because the context clues tell us that \_\_\_\_\_

Context Clues are useful for questions like...

## 1. Example Context Clues

Example context clues can be found when

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

The writer may include \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Signal phrases for **example** context clues include:

1. For example
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.

### Examples

<p>"Global <b>pandemics</b>, such as Covid-19 or the Spanish flu, saw outbreaks of diseases across multiple countries and continents."</p>	<p>The examples (Covid-19 and the Spanish flu) show that "<b>pandemics</b>" refer to the spread of diseases across wide geographical areas.</p>
<p>"Jackson is a very <b>confrontational</b> person; no matter the situation, he is not afraid to tell someone off when he thinks they are in the wrong."</p>	<p>The punctuation ";" shows that a related idea is being discussed. The writer provides an example of <i>confrontational</i> behaviour.</p>

Highlight the clues we need to look at to understand what "fluctuating" means and write its meaning.

Visitors may often find themselves having to pack clothes for a sunny day along with their jackets and sweaters when visiting Chicago due to its **fluctuating** weather. For instance, it could be cloudy and cold in the morning, clear and sunny by midday, and rainy in the afternoon.

The word "fluctuating" means

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because the context clues

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## 2. Definition Context Clues

Definition context clues can be found when

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Signal phrases for  
definition context clues  
include:

1. For example
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.

### Examples

<p><b>"Hibernation, which means the state of being asleep during the winter, is a behaviour found in bears."</b></p>	<p>The signal phrase "which means" is followed by the definition of <b>hibernation</b>.</p>
<p><b>"A fallacy is the use of faulty reasoning to come to a conclusion or a misleading belief that many people hold."</b></p>	<p>The word "fallacy" is immediately followed by a direct explanation of its meaning.</p>

Highlight the clues we need to look at to understand what "fluctuating" means and write its meaning.

There are some fascinating facts about badgers. Badgers are extremely clean animals and do not take food into their setts preferring to eat out in the open and retain a clean living area underground. They are remarkably suited to their purpose of digging, having powerful claws and limbs. American badgers even have a third eyelid that keeps out grains of sand and soil. Interestingly, the idiom we know as "to badger someone" comes from an old sport of Badger Baiting rather than their actual character. The idiom actually means to tell someone to do something or to question them again and again and again - incessantly without let up. No wonder badgers sometimes get such a bad rep.

**"To badger someone" means**

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**because the context clues**

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### 3. Synonymes (Synonyms) - Context Clues

**Examples:** synonyms context clues can be found when:

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Signal phrases for  
**synonyms** context clues  
 include:

1. For example:

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<p><b>Illustration:</b> which means "being asleep during the winter" is followed by the definition of "hibernation."</p>	<p>The word "hibernation" is followed by the definition of "hibernation."</p>
<p>"In addition" is the use of "addition" meaning to add. It is a restatement or a restating word that many people use!</p>	<p>The word "addition" is immediately followed by a direct explanation of the meaning.</p>

**Highlight** the clues we used to look at to understand what "fluctuating" means and write the meaning.

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**"Fluctuate" means:**

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**Meaning of the word "fluctuate":**

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\_\_\_\_\_



# Reading

## Multiple Choice

1) The author's main purpose in writing this passage is to \_\_\_\_\_

A) describe the benefits of renewable energy sources.

B) explain the challenges of transitioning to a sustainable energy system.

C) argue that fossil fuels are still the most reliable energy source.

D) compare the costs of different energy production methods.

2) According to the passage, the primary obstacle to widespread adoption of solar power is \_\_\_\_\_

A) the high cost of solar panels.

B) the limited availability of sunlight in certain regions.

C) the lack of government incentives.

D) the inefficiency of solar technology.

3) The author suggests that the most effective way to reduce carbon emissions is \_\_\_\_\_

A) increasing the use of nuclear power.

B) investing in research and development for clean energy technologies.

C) implementing strict regulations on industrial emissions.

D) promoting energy conservation and efficiency.

4) The passage indicates that the transition to a green economy will require \_\_\_\_\_

A) a significant increase in government spending.

B) a shift in public opinion and political will.

C) international cooperation and trade agreements.

D) a complete overhaul of the current economic system.

5) The author's tone in this passage is \_\_\_\_\_

A) optimistic and hopeful.

B) pessimistic and cynical.

C) objective and analytical.

D) sarcastic and humorous.

6) The passage implies that the most significant benefit of renewable energy is \_\_\_\_\_

A) the reduction of air pollution and global warming.

B) the creation of new jobs in the energy sector.

C) the increase in energy security and independence.

D) the potential for unlimited energy production.

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7) The author's argument is supported by \_\_\_\_\_

A) statistical data on energy production and consumption.

B) expert opinions from scientists and economists.

C) historical examples of successful energy transitions.

D) a comparison of energy prices across different countries.

## Practice Questions

Highlight the clues we need to look at to understand what "fluctuating" means and write its meaning.

1. Do you like making plans ahead of time? Why?

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2. What are you planning to do this weekend?

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3. Where do you wish to travel to next? What kind of plans will you make for this trip?

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4. What do you do for work? What has your experience of your job been like so far?

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