

Practice & Assess Reading  
Context Clues

Name \_\_\_\_\_

(F) Timothy cleaned his room so thoroughly that not a single *particle* of dust remained. Nothing was out of place, nor was there even the smallest bit of dirt or grime on any surface.

\_\_\_\_ 11. Choose the correct definition of the word in italics.

- a. small amount      b. package      c. leftover

\_\_\_\_ 12. Which type of context clue hints at the word's meaning?

- a. example      b. explanation      c. synonym      d. antonym

(G) The *pudgy* baby panda bear looked chubby and round.

\_\_\_\_ 13. Choose the correct definition of the word in italics.

- a. plump      b. thin      c. black and white

\_\_\_\_ 14. Which type of context clue hints at the word's meaning?

- a. example      b. explanation      c. synonym      d. antonym

(H) Many people say I am very different from my twin sister. She is *reticent*, while I am very friendly and outgoing.

\_\_\_\_ 15. Choose the correct definition of the word in italics.

- a. rude      b. shy      c. nervous

\_\_\_\_ 16. Which type of context clue hints at the word's meaning?

- a. example      b. explanation      c. synonym      d. antonym

(I) The sanitation department collects *refuse*, such as old furniture, empty boxes, and anything else that can't be recycled.

\_\_\_\_ 17. Choose the correct definition of the word in italics.

- a. second hand goods      b. garbage      c. leftovers

\_\_\_\_ 18. Which type of context clue hints at the word's meaning?

- a. example      b. explanation      c. synonym      d. antonym

(J) Mr. Johnson owned a *haberdashery* where he sold men's suits, shirts, and ties.

\_\_\_\_ 19. Choose the correct definition of the word in italics.

- a. hat store      b. department store      c. men's clothing store

\_\_\_\_ 20. Which type of context clue hints at the word's meaning?

- a. example      b. explanation      c. synonym      d. antonym