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# Context Clues

for MIDDLE SCHOOL MIXED GROUPS

## Hedgehog

### Comprehension Questions

1. What covers a hedgehog's skin?
2. What animal does the hedgehog do?
3. What does a hedgehog do when it is angry?
4. How big is a hedgehog?
5. Why should you hold a hedgehog?
6. How do you know when a hedgehog is angry?
7. What should you do if your hedgehog is angry?
8. When do hedgehogs usually hibernate?
9. Where do hedgehogs prefer to live?
10. Do we know why hedgehogs hibernate?

1. Why would someone want a hedgehog?
2. What might happen if a hedgehog is angry?
3. Would a hedgehog make a good pet?
4. How do you think the hedgehog feels?
5. Describe in detail how you can tell.



## Hedgehogs Vocabulary Context Clues

### Associate

- a. scary
- b. angry
- c. cute
- d. frightened

What was the context clue?

### 2. Self-protecting means:

- a. to cover yourself in spit
- b. to cover yourself in oil
- c. to grade your own paper
- d. dangerous

What was the context clue?

### 3. Determine means:

- a. watch carefully
- b. multiply
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## Hedgehog Word Search

SHBAXTW  
ARODAPA  
UIRNIEY  
NDBFWARDEN  
IXIYAYOFVEI  
NSTNENSNNRV  
RSADVHEOAHMO  
EETROCCICAI  
TOSSESI TN NR  
ENINETAERTP  
DNETNILIARG

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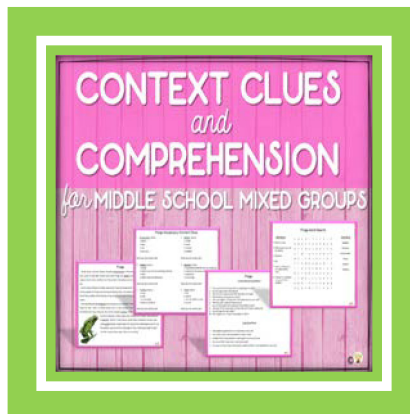
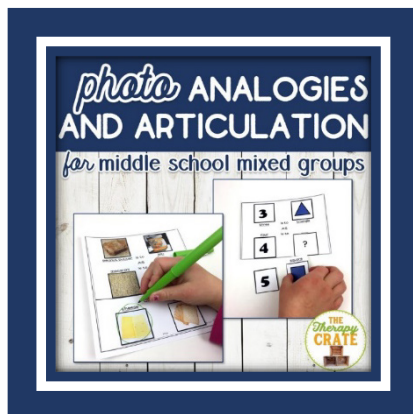
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I'm Sandra, an ASHA certified and Georgia licensed SLP since 1992. I've worked in the medical, private and school settings. Middle school has been my favorite. Call me crazy, but I love their mood swings and quirky personalities at this age! And I love that they are old enough to say what they need from me to be successful. Such a blessing to work with these students.

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# Freebie Product Description

Mixed groups? You've got this! Check out this comprehensive resource...

Vocabulary. It's the cornerstone of middle school standards. Whether the words are content-specific or Tier 2 vocabulary, middle school students are bombarded with them.

Context clues create shortcuts to understanding and learning unknown words. Without using context clues, the reader has to either interrupt the flow of the story to look up the definition or continue reading without fully understanding the passage.

Context Clues and Comprehension for Middle School Mixed Groups Freebie is the perfect tool to introduce this powerful skill. Inside, you'll find five different activities related to one informational passage. This pack provides varied opportunities for practice with context clues, paragraph comprehension, reasoning, vocabulary and articulation practice!

## Hedgehog

Would you choose to hold a really cute animal covered in spits, or choose to hold a really ugly pet that is clean? That may be the question to ask yourself if you're considering a hedgehog for a pet. Hedgehogs look adorable. They're small, only six to eight inches long and weigh about a pound. They are covered in short quills, have pointy little noses and make cute grunting noises. The thing that is not so cute, is the fact that they do something called 'self-anointing'. That's when they form bubbly spit balls and cover themselves with them. No one has determined exactly why hedgehogs do this, but it usually happens when they are exposed to strong smells or tastes.

If you've decided to tackle owning a hedgehog, learn how they demonstrate what they feel. Humans use gestures and facial expressions that convey how they feel. Hedgehogs position their quills to show emotion. If their spines are raised, they are nervous. Wait to hold them until they lower their quills. That means they're relaxed. If they are rolled into a ball, they are feeling defensive so leave them alone.

Hedgehog quills aren't barbed like a porcupine's quills are, but they are still very prickly. It's best to hold them with a towel in case they raise their quills while you're handling them. There is no poison in the quills, but their texture resembles that of a cactus. So, beware!

For the most part, these shy, nervous animals are not social. They would rather hide in a burrow and be alone, but if you regularly hold them calmly, gently and in a quiet place they will become more comfortable with your company and respond to your voice and smell. You can even change their nocturnal nature to a daytime routine with gradual changes in feeding and play times.



### Define/Explain

The author gives the definition or other explanation of the word after it is used.

Example:

She acquired, or got, the ring from her grandmother.

### Synonym/Reword

The unknown word is paired with a synonym. The statement may also be reworded so that the word is easier to understand.

Example:

She acquired her grandmother's ring when her grandmother died. She would rather have received the ring while her grandmother was still alive.

### Types of Context Clues

#### Inference

The author may not tell you what the unknown word means, but may give clues to help you use what you already know in order to determine the meaning of the word.

Example:

Jeremiah acquired his teaching degree from a local college after four years of study.

### Antonym/Contrast

The author uses an opposite meaning of the unknown word.

Example:

Fran acquired the diamond ring when she visited her grandmother, but Fran's sister left with nothing.



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- d. frightened

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- a. watch carefully
- b. multiply
- c. punish
- d. figure out

What was the context clue?

4. Convey means:

- a. show or tell
- b. cover
- c. have
- d. need

What was the context clue?

5. Prickly means:

- a. sharp or pointy
- b. hateful
- c. pickled
- d. fuzzy

What was the context clue?

6. Social means:

- a. handled
- b. enjoy being with others
- c. independent
- d. cautious

What was the context clue?



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8. When do hedgehogs usually sleep?
9. Where do hedgehogs prefer to be when they are not being social?
10. Do we know why hedgehogs 'self-anoint'?

## Logic Questions

1. Why would someone want a hedgehog as a pet?
2. What might happen if a hedgehog is kept in a noisy room with lots of active children?
3. Would a hedgehog make a good class pet? Why or why not?
4. How do you think the hedgehog got its name?
5. Describe in detail how you could change a hedgehog from nocturnal to diurnal?

# Answer Key Hedgehog

## Comprehension Questions

1. What covers a hedgehog's skin? Quills or spines
2. What animal does the hedgehog sound like? A hog
3. What does a hedgehog do when it detects a strong smell? Self-anoints
4. How big is a hedgehog? Small, six to eight inches and about one pound.
5. Why should you hold a hedgehog with a towel? In case they raise their quills. To protect yourself.
6. How do you know when a hedgehog is relaxed and calm? Their quills are laying flat.
7. What should you do if your hedgehog is rolled into a ball? Leave it alone.
8. When do hedgehogs usually sleep? Daytime
9. Where do hedgehogs prefer to be when they are not being social? In a burrow. Somewhere quiet.
10. Do we know why hedgehogs 'self-anoint'? No.

## Logic Questions

1. Why would someone want a hedgehog as a pet? (Accept any reasonable answer.)
2. What might happen if a hedgehog is kept in a noisy room with lots of active children? Hedgehog would be nervous. Children may bother the hedgehog. (Accept any reasonable answer.)
3. Would a hedgehog make a good class pet? Why or why not? Probably not. They are nervous animals and require quiet places to live. The quills could hurt students if they tried to hold it. Hedgehogs are more active at night so students couldn't observe the pet in action, unless you trained it to be diurnal.
4. How do you think the hedgehog got its name? Hedge means bush or shrub. They make grunting sounds like hogs. Hedgehogs can be found under bushes and in gardens looking for food.
5. Describe in detail how you could change a hedgehog from nocturnal to diurnal? Reasonable answers should describe how to gradually change feeding times and play times.

# Hedgehog Word Search

## Definitions

1. Sharp or pointy
2. Figure out
3. Enjoy being with others
4. To cover yourself in spit
5. Cute
6. To show or tell

S	P	O	C	S	H	B	A	X	T	W
F	E	L	B	A	R	O	D	A	P	A
E	B	L	G	U	I	R	N	I	E	Y
N	D	B	F	W	A	R	M	D	E	N
I	X	Y	Y	A	Y	O	F	V	E	I
M	S	L	N	E	N	S	N	N	R	V
R	S	K	V	H	E	O	A	H	M	O
E	E	C	R	O	C	C	I	C	A	I
T	O	I	S	E	S	I	T	N	N	R
E	N	R	N	E	T	A	E	R	T	P
D	N	P	T	N	I	L	I	A	R	G

## Word Bank

- Self-anoint
- Social
- Determine
- Prickly
- Convey
- Adorable

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E	B	L	G	U	I	R	N	I	E	Y
N	D	B	F	W	A	R	M	D	E	N
I	X	Y	Y	A	Y	O	F	V	E	I
M	S	L	N	E	N	S	N	N	R	V
R	S	K	V	H	E	O	A	H	M	Q
E	E	C	R	O	C	C	I	C	A	I
T	O	I	S	E	S	I	T	N	N	R
E	N	R	N	E	T	A	E	R	T	P
D	N	P	T	N	I	L	I	A	R	G

## Word Bank

- Self-anoint
- Social
- Determine
- Prickly
- Convey
- Adorable

# Hedgehog Articulation Word Lists

## R Words

Really  
Covered  
Or  
Yourself  
You're  
Considering  
For  
Adorable  
They're  
Are  
Short  
Determined  
Gestures  
Raised  
Nervous  
Relaxed  
Rolled  
Aren't  
Barbed  
Porcupine  
Very  
There  
Texture  
Resembles  
Beware  
Part  
Rather

## R Words

Burrow  
Regularly  
Comfortable  
Respond  
Nocturnal  
Nature  
Routine

## R Blend Words

Grunting  
Strong  
Demonstrate  
Expressions  
Prickly  
Gradual

## Z Words

Choose  
Hedgehogs  
Quills  
Noses  
Noises  
Is  
Balls  
Themselves  
Has  
Exactly  
Happens  
Exposed  
Smells  
Humans  
Use  
Gestures  
Expressions  
Position  
Raised  
Means  
Poison  
Resembles  
Animals  
Changes  
Times

## S Words

Yourself  
Considering  
Six  
So  
Something  
Self-anointing  
Themselves  
Exposed  
Tastes  
Decided  
Gestures  
Expressions  
Nervous  
Relaxed  
Defensive  
Its  
Case  
Texture  
Cactus  
Social  
Voice

## S Blend Words

Spit  
Question  
Ask  
Small  
Strong  
Smells  
Demonstrate  
Spines  
Against  
Skin  
Still  
Best  
Most  
Respond

## L Words

Really  
Animal  
Yourself  
Look  
Adorable  
Small  
Long  
Quills  
Little  
Called  
Self-anointing  
Balls  
Tackle  
Learn  
Feel  
Facial  
Hold  
Laying  
Relaxed  
Rolled  
Feeling  
Leave  
Alone  
Like  
Still  
Towel  
While

## L Words

Resembles  
Animals  
Social  
Regularly  
Calmly  
Will  
Comfortable  
Nocturnal

## L Blend Words

Hold  
Ugly  
Clean  
Only  
Bubbly  
Exactly  
Flat  
Prickly  
Handling  
Calmly  
Gently  
Place  
Play

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