

Name _____

Mystery Word Mission Answer Key

1. **gusty**: very windy; with strong bursts of wind
2. **parched**: very thirsty; extremely dry
3. **corridor**: a hallway that people walk through between rooms
4. **fragile**: easy to break; delicate
5. **dim**: not very bright; only a little light
6. **reluctant**: not wanting to do something; unsure or hesitant
7. **exhausted**: very tired; having no energy left

Teacher's Guide

- **Using this worksheet**
 - Read the first item aloud and model how to look for **context clues** in the surrounding sentences.
 - Think aloud as you underline clue words or phrases (for example, "tiny," "fit on a desk" for **miniature**).
 - Remind students that answers can use **their own words** as long as the meaning matches the clues.
- **Engagement ideas**
 - Turn the activity into a "Context Clue Detective" game where students highlight or circle the clue words in each story.
 - Invite volunteers to rewrite one story with different context clues that still show the same meaning.
- **Extension ideas**
 - Ask students to choose one bold word and find synonyms and antonyms using a classroom thesaurus or approved online tools.
 - Have students write their own 2 or 3 sentence mini-story that uses a new vocabulary word in **bold** with clear context clues.