

Climbing For Meaning Answer Key

Word 1: precipice

- Definition: A very steep cliff or edge.
- Type of context clue: **Definition/Explanation** (the passage says “a steep edge where the ground dropped straight down”).

Word 2: altitude

- Definition: Height above sea level.
- Type of context clue: **Inference** (the passage says “the air felt thinner at the higher altitude” and “breathing became harder”).

Teacher Notes:

- This worksheet helps students strengthen vocabulary skills by using **context clues** rather than relying only on a dictionary.
- Point out that context clues often appear in **neighboring sentences**.
- Common error: students may guess too generally (e.g., “precipice = mountain”). Encourage them to be specific.
- Extension idea: Ask students to write **one original sentence** using each word correctly.