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Canyon Clues

Directions: Read the passage. Use the words around each bold word to figure out what it means.

Our class took a trip to a deep canyon with tall red walls. By noon, everyone felt **parched**, meaning very thirsty, after hiking in the warm sun. We finally reached a shaded spot and took a short **glimpse**, or quick look, at a river far below. The guide's backpack was **sturdy**, stronger than our soft school bags, so it held all the water bottles safely. One student felt **reluctant**, unlike the others who were eager, and stepped back from the edge of the trail.

1. What does **parched** most nearly mean?
A. tired
B. dirty
C. noisy
D. very thirsty
2. What type of context clue helps you understand **parched**? (definition / example / comparison / contrast)
3. What does **glimpse** most nearly mean?
A. long stare
B. quick look
C. loud sound
D. careful step
4. What type of context clue helps you understand **glimpse**? (definition / example / comparison / contrast)
5. What does **sturdy** most nearly mean?
A. weak
B. slippery
C. strong
D. noisy
6. What type of context clue helps you understand **sturdy**? (definition / example / comparison / contrast)
7. What does **reluctant** most nearly mean?
A. unsure or not wanting to act
B. happy and calm
C. excited to try
D. fast-moving
8. What type of context clue helps you understand **reluctant**? (definition / example / comparison / contrast)
9. Which sentence gave you the best clue for one of the bold words? Write it in the box below.