Name _____



Stormy Meanings

Directions: Read the passage. Use **context clues** to decide if each vocabulary statement is **True** or **False**. Circle your answer.

As the storm clouds gathered, Lila felt a **surge** of excitement. Her science club was tracking how quickly the storm would move across their town. The wind picked up, rattling the metal gate and shaking the tall trees. When the first flash of lightning appeared, the club members hurried under the shelter. Lila checked her tablet again and noticed the wind speed had **escalated**, rising much faster than expected. The group decided to end their observations early and head inside the school.

1. The word **surge** most likely means a sudden increase.

   True or False

2. Lila feels a surge because she is frightened by the storm.

   True or False

3. The wind speed **escalated**, which suggests it decreased slowly.

   True or False

4. The word **escalated** is supported by clues showing the wind rose quickly.

   True or False

5. The word **rattling** means something is shaking or moving noisily.

   True or False

6. The club ends its observations because the storm becomes calm.

   True or False

7. The word **shelter** refers to a safe, covered place to stay during the storm.

   True or False

8. The passage suggests the storm **intensified**.

   True or False

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