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## Vocabulary Strategy

### ANALOGIES AS CONTEXT CLUES

An **analogy** is a comparison that helps readers understand more than they might from a simple explanation. Writers use analogies to make their ideas clearer by relating them to something familiar.

Analogies can also provide **context clues** to the meanings of difficult words. When you come across an unfamiliar term in an analogy, look at the rest of the comparison for words and phrases that might describe the unknown term

**Directions:** Define the boldfaced word in each of the analogies. Then identify the context clue that helped you figure out the meaning.

1. The North Star shone brightly, guiding the campers like a **beacon** in the night.

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2. The trip to the country was as **serene** as a baby sleeping calmly and quietly.

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3. The woman impersonating the famous singer was as **fraudulent** as a three-dollar bill.

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4. The **expeditious** waiter brought the food to our table with lightning-fast quickness.

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5. As well educated as most of her teachers, the **erudite** student enjoyed her classes.

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6. Like a statue standing stiff and silent, the **stoic** guard at the gate showed no emotion.

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7. When John emptied his gym locker, his **fetid** sneakers smelled like a pile of rotten fish.

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