

Word Detective

Read each sentence and use the context clues to determine the meaning of the highlighted word.

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a. have a liking for b. being scared of c. feeling bored
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a. looking closely b. acting like someone c. exactly the same
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a. small gift b. sick to your stomach c. surprisingly cheap price
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