

Use and highlight the context clues in each sentence to figure out the bolded words below.

Our **previous** home was in Chicago. I loved it there, and I didn't want to leave. But, my parents were convinced a move to Africa was what we needed as a family. As I looked out over the **barren** desert landscape, I wondered why we would go somewhere where nothing seemed to grow. Trees were scarce, and I didn't see a lot of wildlife.

After a few hours on the road, we got out to stretch our legs. In the distance, I could see a herd of elephants charging from the south. The sound of the herd was **deafening**, so I covered my ears. My parents motioned for me to get into the car. I didn't hesitate. My dad started the engine and tried accelerating, but our old car just **lurched** forward. After a few feet, the engine stalled. Thankfully, the herd of elephants stopped by a small watering hole that was about fifty yards from our car. My parents and I looked at each other and burst into laughter.

My dad got the engine going again and we continued to our new home. When I saw it in the distance, my parents saw nothing but potential. They talked about upgrades, new furniture, and the peacefulness of being in the country. It was a vision they always wanted for our family.

As I walked up to the house, I still wasn't sure how I felt. My dad's struggle with the front door wasn't helping either. His key wasn't working so he decided to **pry** one of the windows open. I shot my mom an anxious look.

Once he crawled through the window, dad let us in the house. As we **surveyed** our new home, my mom said what I was thinking, "Wow, what a dump."

Dad just laughed, and said, "That's okay. Our home in Chicago needed a lot of work too when we first bought it."

Word	Text Clues	Definition