**Using context clues**

You don't need to understand the exact meaning of every new word. Instead, you can guess the general meaning of new words by looking at the context - the words before and after the new word, and in the sentences before and after the new word.

Example: Gardner **stayed awake** for 264 hours. That's eleven days and nights without sleep.

If you don't know the words "stayed awake," you can guess the meaning from the context clue "without sleep."

1. Underline the context clues that help you guess the meaning of the **boldfaced** words.

Example: how did sleeplessness **affect** Gardner? After 24 hours without sleep, he had trouble reading.

1. After 24 hours without sleep, Gardner had trouble reading and watching television. The words and pictures were too **blurry.**

2. By the fourth day, Gardner was **hallucinating**. For example, when he saw a street sign, he thought it was a person.

3. Over the next few days, Gardner's speech became so **slurred** that people couldn't understand him.

B. Use context clues to guess the general meaning of **the boldfaced** words. Circle your answer.

l. The price of clothing was so **reasonable** that we bought a lot of things. (cheap/ expensive)

2. I felt so **at ease** on the airplane that I was able to go to sleep. (comfortable / uncomfortable)

3. The test was so **tough** that no one passed it. (easy / difficult)

4. We went to a **trattoria** after work. I ordered pasta, and he had a salad. (a place to work / a place to eat)

5. You will need a very sharp knife to **slice** those potatoes. (cut / wash)

**Learning words in context**

It's a good idea to learn a new word together with the words around it (the context). Below are some examples of the words that we often use with sleep.

go to sleep go without sleep

get enough sleep get a good night's sleep

spend hours sleeping sleep schedule

A. Complete each question with a word from the box below {More than one answer may be possible.)

enough, without, schedule, spend, to

1. What time do you usually go……… sleep?
2. What time did you go…… …sleep last night?
3. Did, you get ………sleep last night?
4. How long can you go……..sleep?
5. Do you usually get ……sleep on weeknights?
6. Did you ………more than 50 hours sleeping last week?
7. Do you have a regular or irregular sleep……..?
8. Do you have the same sleep……. every day?

**Grammar focus**

**Understanding the present perfect and simple Past**

At the beginning of a conversation, we often use the present perfect +**ever** to ask a general question about someone's past experiences.

**Ever** means "at any time before now."

**Examples**: have you **ever** slept until noon?

Have you **ever** gone to sleep in class?

**Example:**

A: Have you ever gone for 24 hours without sleep?

B: Yes, a few times.

A: How did you feel?

B: Terrible.

Q/Complete each pair of questions with a word in parentheses Then ask a partner the questions.

1. (sleep/ slept/ sleeping)

a. Have you ever…….. for more than 12 hours?

b. Why did you……. for so long?

2. (Have / Did / Has)

a………..you ever slept for fewer than 6 hours?

b..............you feel bad the next day?

3. (gone / go / going)

a. Have you ever………… without sleep for more than 24 hours?

b. Why did you………. without sleep?

4. (spend / spent / spending)

a. Have you ever……… 12 hours sleeping?

b. Why did you………. so much time sleeping?