

UNDERSTANDING CLUES

1. Read the given paragraph. Then select the word that most closely matches the word in orange. Use the context as a clue.

Last week, my friends and I decided to go hiking. We packed our bags and got ready to leave. My mom agreed to take us to the trail. It took us about 40 minutes to reach the foot of the mountain since the roads were very **congested**. Finally, we got our bags and set out on the long and **grueling** journey to the top of the mountain. The hike was difficult, so we decided to keep our pace slow. After walking for almost two hours, we finally reached the top. By that time, we were **parched** and had to take long gulps of water. Even though we were exhausted, we felt **elated** to have finally reached the top.

A. Congested

- empty hot cold crowded

B. Grueling

- tiring loud easy enjoy

C. Parched

- hungry sleepy thirsty tired

D. Elated

- sick miserable happy upset

