

# CONTEXT CLUES

## EXACT TEKS WORDING (FROM TEA)

*“use context within and beyond a sentence to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words and multiple-meaning words”*

## WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO ME?

**When I meet a word I do not know, I look at the words around it.**

**The sentence and the sentences nearby can hold clues about what the word means.**

**When I find a meaning, I name the clue that helped me, so I can prove my answer.**

## THIS WEEK’S FOCUS

### Context Clues

from “The Mystery of the Traveling Shell”

This week we practice context clues with words from "The Mystery of the Traveling Shell." We notice definitions, choose with contrast, show with examples, own with inference, and defend multiple meanings.

This deck teaches **context clues** across the five RPLD thinking levels:

**NOTICE → CHOOSE → SHOW → OWN → DEFEND.**



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## TODAY'S THINKING JOB

## NOTICE

"I can notice a definition or restatement clue."

## EXACT TEKS WORDING

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## Notice the context clue.

Read this sentence from the passage. Find the words that tell what the bold word means.

"Emsy **traced** the distance from the coast to Poverty Point with her finger, following the line on the map."

**I CAN** | I can notice a definition or restatement clue that tells me what a word means.



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## TODAY'S THINKING JOB

# CHOOSE

“I can choose a word's meaning from a contrast clue.”

### EXACT TEKS WORDING

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## Choose the meaning.

Read the sentences. What does **scarce** mean? Use the contrast clue to decide.

“The answer was **scarce**, not easy to find in one place.”

**A** loud and clear • **B** hard to find • **C** written in a book

**I CAN** | I can choose a word's meaning when a contrast clue shows the opposite.



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# SHOW

"I can show how examples help me know what a word means."

### EXACT TEKS WORDING

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## Show what the clue does.

Read both sentences. What do the examples show that **materials** means?

**"Archaeologists had discovered other **materials** at Poverty Point, including copper that also came from far away."**

**"Copper is a type of metal that people shaped into tools and jewelry."**

**I CAN** | I can explain what examples show about a word's meaning.



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## TODAY'S THINKING JOB

# OWN

**“I can use sentences around a word to figure out its meaning.”**

### EXACT TEKS WORDING

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**Own it. Use the sentences around the word.**

What does **clue** mean? How do you know? Read both sentences.

**“Her first **clue** was the shell itself. It came from a coastal area, but Poverty Point was inland.”**

**“Detectives and scientists use clues to solve a mystery.”**

**I CAN** | I can use sentences beyond the word's sentence to figure out its meaning.



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## TODAY'S THINKING JOB

## DEFEND

"I can defend the meaning of a multiple-meaning word."

## EXACT TEKS WORDING

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## Defend the meaning.

The word **case** has more than one meaning. Explain what case means in each sentence and how you know.

"Emsy knelt beside the display **case** at the museum."

**I CAN**

I can use the sentence to prove which meaning of a multiple-meaning word fits.



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## Find a context clue on your own.

Go back to the passage. Find one word you do not know. Copy the sentence, name the clue type, and write the meaning.

**Go back to the reading.**  
**Find one word you do not know.**  
**Copy the exact sentence. Then name the clue type**  
**and write what the word means.**

**I CAN** | I can find a word I do not know and use a context clue to figure out its meaning.



# CONTEXT CLUES

Answers, across the five thinking levels.

**NOTICE** **traced.** followed a line with her finger.

**CHOOSE** **B.** hard to find.

**SHOW** **materials.** objects or substances used to make things.

**OWN** **clue.** a piece of evidence that helps solve a mystery.

**DEFEND** **In the first sentence, case means a glass box for showing objects.** In the second sentence, case means a problem to solve.

**YOUR TURN** **Answers vary.**



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READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

**“It came from a coastal area, but Poverty Point was inland.”**

**What does the word *coastal* mean?**

**A** inland

**B** near the coast or ocean

**C** underground

**D** crowded



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The answer is B.

**A**    **inland**

Inland does not match the clues in the passage.

**B**    **near the coast or ocean** **Correct.**

The words around coastal show that it means near the coast or ocean.

**C**    **underground**

Underground does not match the clues in the passage.

**D**    **crowded**

Crowded does not match the clues in the passage.

