

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 Pilgrims Chose Plymouth”

This week we practice context clues with words from "The Pilgrims Chose Plymouth." 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.”

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Notice the context clue.

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

“Soon, Plymouth became the place where they settled and built their new **colony, a settlement in a new land.”**

I CAN

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



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CHOOSE

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

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Choose the meaning.

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

“The harbor made it possible for their ship to **anchor** safely, unlike the rough, open waters where they could not stop.”

A stop and stay in one place • **B** move very fast • **C** sink to the bottom

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."

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Show what the clue does.

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

"The Pilgrims needed to begin building **shelters quickly."**

"They started constructing small homes and gathering wood for fires."

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



TODAY'S THINKING JOB

OWN

"I can use sentences around a word to figure out its meaning."

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Own it. Use the sentences around the word.

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

"The Pilgrims **explored the land and found an area called Plymouth."**

"They looked at the forests, the water, and the land where crops could be planted."

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



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DEFEND

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

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Defend the meaning.

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

"They sailed across the Atlantic Ocean looking for a place where many of them could live and **practice their beliefs freely."**

I CAN

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



CONTEXT CLUES

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 **colony.** a settlement in a new land.

CHOOSE **A.** stop and stay in one place.

SHOW **shelters.** places that protect people from weather.

OWN **explored.** looked around carefully to learn about a new place.

DEFEND **In the first sentence, practice means to follow or carry out beliefs.** In the second sentence, practice means to repeat an activity to get better.

YOUR TURN **Answers vary.**



CONTEXT CLUES

READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“The harbor made it possible for their ship to anchor safely.”

What does the word harbor mean?

A a dry field

B a tall mountain

C a protected area of water where ships can stop

D a deep forest



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The answer is C.

A a dry field

A dry field does not match the clues in the passage.

B a tall mountain

A tall mountain does not match the clues in the passage.

C a protected area of water where ships can stop Correct.

The words around harbor show that it means a protected area of water where ships can stop.

D a deep forest

A deep forest does not match the clues in the passage.

