

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.

"They started **constructing** small homes, which means building them from wood and other materials."

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 **freely** mean? Use the contrast clue to decide.

“They wanted to **freely** follow their beliefs, without anyone telling them they could not.”

A very quickly • **B** in a loud voice • **C** without being stopped

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 **crops** means?

"There was land where **crops could be planted."**

"They grew corn, beans, and squash to feed their families."

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



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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 **settlers** mean? How do you know? Read both sentences.

"The **settlers needed food, water, and shelter to survive in the new land."**

"They had come from England and were building a new life."

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

"There was land where crops could be **planted**."

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 **constructing.** building from materials.

CHOOSE **C.** without being stopped.

SHOW **crops.** plants grown for food.

OWN **settlers.** people who move to a new place to live.

DEFEND **In the first sentence, planted means put seeds in the ground to grow.** In the second sentence, planted means placed firmly in a spot.

YOUR TURN **Answers vary.**



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READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“The settlers needed food, water, and shelter to survive.”

What does the word settlers mean?

A students in a class

B people who move to a new place to live

C animals in a forest

D ships in a harbor



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The answer is B.

A students in a class
Students in a class does not match the clues in the passage.

B people who move to a new place to live Correct.
The words around settlers show that it means people who move to a new place to live.

C animals in a forest
Animals in a forest does not match the clues in the passage.

D ships in a harbor
Ships in a harbor does not match the clues in the passage.

