

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."

EXACT TEKS WORDING

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

Notice the context clue.

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

"They sailed looking for a place where they could live and practice their **beliefs, their deeply held ideas about right and wrong."**

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

“The harbor was calm, unlike the **rough**, open waters where waves tossed the ship.”

A smooth and flat • **B** wild and choppy • **C** warm and sunny

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

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

Show what the clue does.

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

"Nearby were forests, fresh water, and land. These **resources helped the Pilgrims survive."**

"Forests gave wood, water gave drink, and land gave food."

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

"The settlers needed food, water, and shelter to **survive."**

"Without these things, the cold winter could be dangerous."

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

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

Defend the meaning.

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

"They found **land** where crops could be planted."

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 **beliefs.** deeply held ideas about right and wrong.

CHOOSE **B.** wild and choppy.

SHOW **resources.** useful things found in nature.

OWN **survive.** stay alive through a hard time.

DEFEND **In the first sentence, land means ground or soil.**
In the second sentence, land means come down from the air.

YOUR TURN **Answers vary.**



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READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“These resources helped the Pilgrims survive.”

What does the word resources mean?

A songs to sing

B letters to read

C tools to clean

D useful things found in nature



CONTEXT CLUES

The answer is D.

A songs to sing
Songs to sing does not match the clues in the passage.

B letters to read
Letters to read does not match the clues in the passage.

C tools to clean
Tools to clean does not match the clues in the passage.

D useful things found in nature Correct.
The words around resources show that it means useful things found in nature.

