

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.

"Travelers, people who journey from one place to another, crossed the Atlantic Ocean."

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."

EXACT TEKS WORDING

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Choose the meaning.

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

"The harbor made it possible for their ship to stop **safely, not in danger from the open sea."**

A very slowly • **B** in the dark • **C** without risk or harm

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 **gathered** means?

"They **gathered** wood for fires."

"People picked up branches and carried them to the camp."

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

"After many weeks at sea, they reached the **coast of North America."**

"They could see the shore and the trees from the ship."

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

"They gathered wood for **fires**."

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 **travelers.** people who journey from one place to another.

CHOOSE **C.** without risk or harm.

SHOW **gathered.** collected things and brought them together.

OWN **coast.** the edge of the land where it meets the ocean.

DEFEND In the first sentence, fire means flames used for warmth and cooking. In the second sentence, fire means throw or launch something quickly.

YOUR TURN Answers vary.



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READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“They reached the coast of North America.”

What does the word *coast* mean?

A the edge of the land where it meets the ocean

B the center of the forest

C the top of a mountain

D the bottom of a lake



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The answer is A.

A **the edge of the land where it meets the ocean** **Correct.**
The words around coast show that it means the edge of the land where it meets the ocean.

B **the center of the forest**
The center of the forest does not match the clues in the passage.

C **the top of a mountain**
The top of a mountain does not match the clues in the passage.

D **the bottom of a lake**
The bottom of a lake does not match the clues in the passage.

