

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 “Laura Ingalls Wilder”

This week we practice context clues with words from "Laura Ingalls Wilder." 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.

"Laura Ingalls Wilder was a writer who shared stories about her childhood on the American **frontier, the unsettled land at the edge of the country."**

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

“Life was often **difficult**, not easy, because of cold winters and hard work.”

A hard and full of struggle • **B** fun and exciting • **C** quiet and peaceful

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 **challenges** means?

"She wrote about the challenges families faced."

"Cold winters, long journeys, and hard work were examples of things the family had to overcome."

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."

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Own it. Use the sentences around the word.

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

"Laura wrote in a way that made readers feel as if they were part of the story. People could picture the wide fields and **imagine the sounds."**

"She described the sights and sounds so clearly that readers felt they were there."

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

"She told the **story** of her childhood."

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 **frontier.** the unsettled land at the edge of the country.

CHOOSE **A.** hard and full of struggle.

SHOW **challenges.** hard things a person must deal with.

OWN **imagined.** form a picture in your mind.

DEFEND **In the first sentence, story means a tale about events.** In the second sentence, story means a level of a building.

YOUR TURN **Answers vary.**



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READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“Laura grew up on the American frontier.”

What does the word frontier mean?

A a large city

B the unsettled land at the edge of the country

C a busy school

D a calm lake



CONTEXT CLUES

The answer is B.

A a large city
A large city does not match the clues in the passage.

B the unsettled land at the edge of the country Correct.
The words around frontier show that it means the unsettled land at the edge of the country.

C a busy school
A busy school does not match the clues in the passage.

D a calm lake
A calm lake does not match the clues in the passage.

