

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 **described** building homes and growing food, telling readers exactly what happened."

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



TODAY'S THINKING JOB

CHOOSE

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

EXACT TEKS WORDING

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

Choose the meaning.

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

“Laura became **famous** for her books. Before that, few people outside her town knew her name.”

A very tired • **B** quite young • **C** known by many people

I CAN | I can choose a word's meaning when a contrast clue shows the opposite.



TODAY'S THINKING JOB

SHOW

"I can show how examples help me know what a word means."

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"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 **adventures** means?

"Laura remembered many interesting adventures."

"The family crossed rivers, built homes, and survived storms."

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

"The family lived on the **prairie."**

"People could picture the wide fields and open land stretching for miles."

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."

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Defend the meaning.

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

"The family **settled** in a small house on the prairie."

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 **described.** told about something in detail.

CHOOSE **C.** known by many people.

SHOW **adventures.** exciting experiences.

OWN **prairie.** a large, flat area of grassland.

DEFEND **In the first sentence, settled means moved to a place and stayed.** In the second sentence, settled means became calm.

YOUR TURN **Answers vary.**



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READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“The family lived on the prairie.”

What does the word prairie mean?

A a rocky mountain

B a sandy beach

C a deep forest

D a large flat area of grassland



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The answer is D.

A a rocky mountain
A rocky mountain does not match the clues in the passage.

B a sandy beach
A sandy beach does not match the clues in the passage.

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

D a large flat area of grassland Correct.
The words around prairie show that it means a large flat area of grassland.

