

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."

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Notice the context clue.

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

"She wanted people to understand what life was like, so she wrote about her **experiences, the things that happened to her."**

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

“Laura's family lived a **simple** life, not fancy or complicated, on the prairie.”

A very expensive • **B** plain and not complicated • **C** always exciting

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 **chores** means?

"Laura had many **chores** to do each day."

"She fed the chickens, carried water, and helped cook meals."

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

"The family traveled by **wagon across the open land."**

"A horse pulled the covered cart that held their belongings."

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

"The cold **season** was the hardest time of year."

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 **experiences.** the things that happened to her.

CHOOSE **B.** plain and not complicated.

SHOW **chores.** regular tasks or jobs.

OWN **wagon.** a wheeled cart pulled by animals.

DEFEND **In the first sentence, season means a time of year.** In the second sentence, season means a set of episodes.

YOUR TURN **Answers vary.**



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READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“Laura had many chores to do each day.”

What does the word chores mean?

A songs to sing

B games to play

C regular tasks or jobs

D books to read



CONTEXT CLUES

The answer is C.

- A songs to sing**
Songs to sing does not match the clues in the passage.
- B games to play**
Games to play does not match the clues in the passage.
- C regular tasks or jobs Correct.**
The words around chores show that it means regular tasks or jobs.
- D books to read**
Books to read does not match the clues in the passage.

