

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.

"Those memories later became the **inspiration** for her artwork, the spark that gave her ideas."

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

“These simple moments may seem **ordinary**, but they were not boring or unimportant. They were special parts of culture.”

A common and everyday • **B** very unusual • **C** extremely difficult

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 **culture** means?

"Garza believed everyday moments were important parts of **culture and should be remembered."**

"Cooking together, celebrating holidays, and visiting neighbors were all examples of traditions she wanted to preserve."

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."

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Own it. Use the sentences around the word.

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

"Garza's **portraits showed scenes from family life."**

"When people look at her paintings, they can imagine what the people in the picture are doing."

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

"The family **celebrated** the holiday together."

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 **inspiration.** the spark that gives someone ideas.

CHOOSE **A.** common and everyday.

SHOW **culture.** the customs, traditions, and way of life of a group of people.

OWN **portraits.** pictures that show people.

DEFEND **In the first sentence, celebrated means held a party or special event.** In the second sentence, celebrated means honored or praised something.

YOUR TURN **Answers vary.**



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READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“Everyday moments were important parts of culture.”

What does the word culture mean?

- A** the customs, traditions, and way of life of a group of people
- B** a type of food
- C** a kind of building
- D** a style of clothing



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The answer is A.

A **the customs, traditions, and way of life of a group of people** **Correct.**
The words around culture show that it means the customs, traditions, and way of life of a group of people.

B **a type of food**
A type of food does not match the clues in the passage.

C **a kind of building**
A kind of building does not match the clues in the passage.

D **a style of clothing**
A style of clothing does not match the clues in the passage.

