

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 “Why We Need Laws”

This week we practice context clues with words from "Why We Need Laws." 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

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

Notice the context clue.

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

"Fairness, treating everyone equally, often seemed to tumble down."

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

“Strong voices won while **quiet** ones stayed brittle, not loud and not powerful.”

A very angry • **B** extremely tall • **C** making little or no sound

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

"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 **argued** means?

"Long ago people **argued over land and things."**

"Voices grew loud, disagreements spread, and problems quickly grew."

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

"So people gathered, **searching for a way."**

"They wanted to find fair rules that everyone would follow."

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

"Without **clear** rules to guide what should be done."

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 **fairness.** treating everyone equally.

CHOOSE **C.** making little or no sound.

SHOW **argued.** had a heated disagreement with words.

OWN **searching.** looking carefully for something.

DEFEND **In the first sentence, clear means easy to understand.** In the second sentence, clear means free of clouds or fog.

YOUR TURN **Answers vary.**



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READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“So people gathered, searching for a way.”

What does the word searching mean?

A looking carefully for something

B singing loudly

C running quickly

D sleeping quietly



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The answer is A.

A **looking carefully for something** **Correct.**
The words around searching show that it means looking carefully for something.

B **singing loudly**
Singing loudly does not match the clues in the passage.

C **running quickly**
Running quickly does not match the clues in the passage.

D **sleeping quietly**
Sleeping quietly does not match the clues in the passage.

