

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 “**Henry Ford: Visionary of Travel**”

This week we practice context clues with words from "Henry Ford: Visionary of Travel." 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.

"He worked as a **mechanic**, a person who fixes and maintains machines."

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

“Cars were very **expensive**, not cheap or easy to buy.”

A very small • **B** costing a lot of money • **C** very fast

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 **transportation** means?

"His ideas helped change **transportation** and industry."

"People moved from horses to cars, and roads connected towns."

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

"His ideas helped change transportation and **industry in the United States."**

"Factories grew, workers built products, and new ways of building things were invented."

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

"Workers at the **plant built cars every day."**

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 **mechanic.** a person who fixes and maintains machines.

CHOOSE **B.** costing a lot of money.

SHOW **transportation.** the ways people move from place to place.

OWN **industry.** the making and selling of goods.

DEFEND **In the first sentence, plant means a factory or workplace.** In the second sentence, plant means a living thing that grows in soil.

YOUR TURN **Answers vary.**



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READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“His ideas helped change transportation.”

What does the word *transportation* mean?

A the food people eat

B the clothes people wear

C the games people play

D the ways people move from place to place



CONTEXT CLUES

The answer is D.

A the food people eat
The food people eat does not match the clues in the passage.

B the clothes people wear
The clothes people wear does not match the clues in the passage.

C the games people play
The games people play does not match the clues in the passage.

D the ways people move from place to place Correct.
The words around transportation show that it means the ways people move from place to place.

