

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 “Crash”

This week we practice context clues with words from "Crash." 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.

"Being honest shows **responsibility**, meaning that you own your actions and do the right thing."

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.”

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Choose the meaning.

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

“Mrs. Ramirez asked **calmly**, without raising her voice or seeming upset.”

A in a loud, angry way • **B** in a quiet, peaceful way • **C** in a silly, funny way

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 **accident** means?

"Accidents happen, but being honest shows responsibility."

"Amina bumped the table and the jar fell. She did not mean to do it."

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

"Amina felt proud. She had made a mistake, but her honesty helped make things right."

"She stood a little taller and smiled because she had done the right thing."

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

"The glass jar fell to the floor and **broke**."

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 responsibility. owning your actions and doing the right thing.

CHOOSE B. in a quiet, peaceful way.

SHOW accident. something that happens by mistake, not on purpose.

OWN proud. feeling good about something you did.

DEFEND In the first sentence, break means shattered into pieces. In the second sentence, break means a pause or rest.

YOUR TURN Answers vary.



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READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“Being honest shows responsibility.”

What does the word responsibility mean?

A being afraid of everything

B keeping things a secret

C running away from problems

D owning your actions and doing the right thing



CONTEXT CLUES

The answer is D.

A **being afraid of everything**

Being afraid of everything does not match the clues in the passage.

B **keeping things a secret**

Keeping things a secret does not match the clues in the passage.

C **running away from problems**

Running away from problems does not match the clues in the passage.

D **owning your actions and doing the right thing **Correct.****

The words around responsibility show that it means owning your actions and doing the right thing.

