

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.





TODAY'S THINKING JOB

NOTICE

“I can notice a definition or restatement clue.”

EXACT TEKS WORDING

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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 a good **citizen means telling the truth, even when it feels hard. A citizen is a member of a community.”**

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

"Her teacher asked the students to work **quietly, not making noise or being loud."**

A very quickly • **B** in a silly way • **C** without making noise

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 **project** means?

"The students worked on a science **project about plants."**

"They used markers and paper, and there was a glass jar with a young plant growing inside."

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

"Amina's **honesty helped make things right."**

"She told the truth even though she was afraid. She raised her hand and said what happened."

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

"Amina's elbow bumped the table."

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 **citizen.** a member of a community who follows the rules.

CHOOSE **C.** without making noise.

SHOW **project.** a planned piece of work with a goal.

OWN **honest.** truthful and not hiding anything.

DEFEND In the first sentence, **table** means a piece of furniture with a flat top. In the second sentence, table means a chart that organizes information.

YOUR TURN Answers vary.



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READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“Being a good citizen means telling the truth.”

What does the word citizen mean?

A a member of a community who follows the rules

B a type of animal

C a kind of food

D a style of building



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The answer is A.

A **a member of a community who follows the rules** **Correct.**
The words around citizen show that it means a member of a community who follows the rules.

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

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

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

