

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."

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.

"Amina's **elbow**, the joint in the middle of her arm, bumped the table."

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

“Mrs. Ramirez smiled **kindly**, not harshly or with anger.”

A in a warm, gentle way • **B** in a strict, mean way • **C** in a loud, scary 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."

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 **mess** means?

"Mrs. Ramirez walked over and looked at the **mess on the floor."**

"Broken glass and dirt from the plant were scattered everywhere."

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

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

Own it. Use the sentences around the word.

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

"Thank you for telling the **truth, Amina."**

"She had raised her hand and said exactly what happened, even though it was hard."

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

"Amina's heart started to race."

I CAN

I can use the sentence to prove which meaning of a multiple-meaning word fits.



CONTEXT CLUES

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 **elbow.** the joint in the middle of the arm.

CHOOSE **A.** in a warm, gentle way.

SHOW **mess.** a dirty or untidy area.

OWN **truth.** what really happened, not a lie.

DEFEND In the first sentence, **race** means **beat very fast from fear or excitement.** In the second sentence, **race** means a running competition.

YOUR TURN **Answers vary.**



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READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“Thank you for telling the truth, Amina.”

What does the word *truth* mean?

A a made-up story

B what really happened, not a lie

C a secret code

D a silly joke



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The answer is B.

A a made-up story

A made-up story does not match the clues in the passage.

B what really happened, not a lie Correct.

The words around truth show that it means what really happened, not a lie.

C a secret code

A secret code does not match the clues in the passage.

D a silly joke

A silly joke does not match the clues in the passage.

