

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.

"She had made a **mistake**, something done wrong by accident, not on purpose."

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.”

EXACT TEKS WORDING

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Choose the meaning.

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

“Being a good citizen means telling the truth, even when it feels **hard**, not easy or comfortable.”

A very loud • **B** difficult and not easy • **C** extremely cold

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 **broom** means?

"Jamal brought a **broom**."

"He swept the broken glass and dirt off the floor."

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.”

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Own it. Use the sentences around the word.

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

“Amina took a **deep breath and raised her hand.”**

“She breathed in slowly, filling her lungs, to calm herself before speaking.”

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."

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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.

"A young **plant** was growing inside the jar."

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 **mistake.** something done wrong by accident.

CHOOSE **B.** difficult and not easy.

SHOW **broom.** a tool with bristles used for sweeping.

OWN **deep.** full and slow, from the bottom of the lungs.

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

YOUR TURN **Answers vary.**



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READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“She had made a mistake.”

What does the word *mistake* mean?

A a prize for winning

B a tool for building

C something done wrong by accident

D a song for singing



CONTEXT CLUES

The answer is C.

A a prize for winning

A prize for winning does not match the clues in the passage.

B a tool for building

A tool for building does not match the clues in the passage.

C something done wrong by accident **Correct.**

The words around mistake show that it means something done wrong by accident.

D a song for singing

A song for singing does not match the clues in the passage.

