

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 “MLK - A Dream Can Grow”

This week we practice context clues with words from "MLK - A Dream Can Grow." 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.

"Its hopeful **journey** does not end, meaning a long trip from one place to another."

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

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

Choose the meaning.

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

"A **tiny hope, a little start, not large or grand."**

A very loud • **B** very old • **C** very small

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 **heart** means?

"A dream can start inside your heart."
"It begins with a feeling, a wish, a hope that grows."

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

"The **future** waits for what we do."

"Dreams need helping hands, and what we do today builds what comes next."

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

"A dream can **start** inside your heart."

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 **journey.** a long trip from one place to another.

CHOOSE **C.** very small.

SHOW **heart.** the center of your feelings and hopes.

OWN **future.** the time that has not happened yet.

DEFEND **In the first sentence, start means begin or come into being.** In the second sentence, start means the beginning point of a race.

YOUR TURN **Answers vary.**



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READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“Its hopeful journey does not end.”

What does the word *journey* mean?

A a short nap

B a long trip from one place to another

C a loud noise

D a heavy stone



CONTEXT CLUES

The answer is B.

A a short nap
A short nap does not match the clues in the passage.

B a long trip from one place to another Correct.
The words around journey show that it means a long trip from one place to another.

C a loud noise
A loud noise does not match the clues in the passage.

D a heavy stone
A heavy stone does not match the clues in the passage.

