

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.”

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Notice the context clue.

Read this sentence from the passage. Find the words that tell what the bold word means.

"One hopeful word, a word full of hope, can travel through."

I CAN I can notice a definition or restatement clue that tells me what a word means.



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

"It lifts our hearts when we feel **down**, not up or cheerful."

A sad or discouraged • **B** very tall • **C** extremely fast

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 **kindness** means?

"Together we can help it grow, by sharing **kindness as we go."**

"A hopeful word, a helping hand, and a caring heart are all ways to show kindness."

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

"A **dream can grow from friend to friend."**

"It moves through classrooms, homes, and towns, lifting hearts wherever it goes."

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

"But many hearts can help it **grow**."

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 **hopeful.** full of hope.

CHOOSE **A.** sad or discouraged.

SHOW **kindness.** the quality of being warm and helpful to others.

OWN **dream.** a hope or vision for something better.

DEFEND In the first sentence, grow means become **bigger or stronger.** In the second sentence, grow means increase in size like a plant.

YOUR TURN Answers vary.



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READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“Together we can help it grow, by sharing kindness as we go.”

What does the word kindness mean?

A the speed of a fast runner

B the color of the sky

C the quality of being warm and helpful to others

D the weight of a heavy book



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The answer is C.

A the speed of a fast runner

The speed of a fast runner does not match the clues in the passage.

B the color of the sky

The color of the sky does not match the clues in the passage.

C the quality of being warm and helpful to others Correct.

The words around kindness show that it means the quality of being warm and helpful to others.

D the weight of a heavy book

The weight of a heavy book does not match the clues in the passage.

