

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.

"A **voice** can speak, a child can hear, meaning the sound a person makes when talking."

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

“And **suddenly** the dream feels near, not slowly or after a long wait.”

A very quietly • **B** quickly and without warning • **C** extremely carefully

I CAN | I can choose a word's meaning when a contrast clue shows the opposite.



TODAY'S THINKING JOB

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 **hearts** means?

"Many **hearts** can help it grow."
"People feel hope, share kindness, and work together."

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

"When children listen, hope can **shine."**

"The dream becomes bright and strong when people pay attention and care."

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

"His words brought **light** to a dark time."

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.



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Answers, across the five thinking levels.

NOTICE voice. the sound a person makes when talking.

CHOOSE B. quickly and without warning.

SHOW hearts. the feelings and care inside people.

OWN shine. give off a bright light or feeling.

DEFEND In the first sentence, light means hope or understanding. In the second sentence, light means brightness from a lamp or the sun.

YOUR TURN Answers vary.



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READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“When children listen, hope can shine.”

What does the word shine mean?

A make a loud noise

B move very slowly

C hide in the dark

D give off a bright light or feeling



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The answer is D.

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

B move very slowly
Move very slowly does not match the clues in the passage.

C hide in the dark
Hide in the dark does not match the clues in the passage.

D give off a bright light or feeling Correct.
The words around shine show that it means give off a bright light or feeling.

