

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.

"It moves through **classrooms**, homes, and towns, meaning rooms where students learn."

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

"A little start, not big or grand at the beginning."

A small in size • **B** very angry • **C** extremely old

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 **sharing** means?

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

"You give a hopeful word, a helping hand, or a caring thought."

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

"Together we can help it grow."

"When people join and work as one, dreams grow faster."

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

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

Defend the meaning.

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

"One voice may start with **words** to show."

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 **classrooms.** rooms where students learn.

CHOOSE **A.** small in size.

SHOW **sharing.** giving part of what you have to others.

OWN **together.** with each other, not alone.

DEFEND In the first sentence, **words** means things a person says to share a message. In the second sentence, **words** means vocabulary items to study.

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 sharing mean?

A giving part of what you have to others

B hiding something away

C breaking something apart

D forgetting something important



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The answer is A.

A giving part of what you have to others **Correct.**
The words around sharing show that it means giving part of what you have to others.

B hiding something away
Hiding something away does not match the clues in the passage.

C breaking something apart
Breaking something apart does not match the clues in the passage.

D forgetting something important
Forgetting something important does not match the clues in the passage.

