

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 “People Make the Difference”

This week we practice context clues with words from "People Make the Difference." 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.

"Forests can **provide** wood, meaning they give or supply it."

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

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Choose the meaning.

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

“Shopping choices had been **limited**, not many and not varied.”

A few in number • **B** very expensive • **C** extremely large

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 **coastal** means?

"Coastal areas can provide fish and access to waterways."

"These places are near the ocean, where people can catch fish and use the water for travel."

I CAN | I can explain what examples show about a word's meaning.



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TODAY'S THINKING JOB

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

"They needed a place where they could **establish** their settlement."

"They had to find land, build homes, and start a new community."

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

"Good soil can **support** farming."

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 **provide.** to give or supply something.

CHOOSE **A.** few in number.

SHOW **coastal.** near the edge of the land where it meets the ocean.

OWN **established.** set up or create something for the first time.

DEFEND In the first sentence, **support** means help something **succeed.** In the second sentence, **support** means hold something up.

YOUR TURN **Answers vary.**



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READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“Forests can provide wood.”

What does the word *provide* mean?

A to take away something

B to break something

C to give or supply something

D to hide something



CONTEXT CLUES

The answer is C.

- A to take away something**
To take away something does not match the clues in the passage.
- B to break something**
To break something does not match the clues in the passage.
- C to give or supply something Correct.**
The words around provide show that it means to give or supply something.
- D to hide something**
To hide something does not match the clues in the passage.

