

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 “What Helps a Community Grow?”

This week we practice context clues with words from "What Helps a Community 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.

“Families lived in several different **environments, meaning the areas and conditions around them.”**

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



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CHOOSE

“I can choose a word's meaning from a contrast clue.”

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Choose the meaning.

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

“In forested areas, wood was **available** for building, not scarce or missing.”

A hidden and locked away • **B** broken and unusable • **C** able to be found and used

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."

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Show what the clue does.

Read both sentences. What do the examples show that **frontier** means?

"The same idea can be seen on the American **frontier."**

"Families moved west, lived in new places, and used the land to build homes."

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



TODAY'S THINKING JOB

OWN

"I can use sentences around a word to figure out its meaning."

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Own it. Use the sentences around the word.

What does **forested** mean? How do you know? Read both sentences.

"In **forested areas, wood was available for building."**

"Trees covered the land, and families could cut them for lumber."

I CAN | I can use sentences beyond the word's sentence to figure out its meaning.



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DEFEND

"I can defend the meaning of a multiple-meaning word."

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Defend the meaning.

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

"On **open** grasslands, trees could be harder to find."

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 environments. the areas and conditions around a place.

CHOOSE C. able to be found and used.

SHOW frontier. the unsettled land at the edge of a country.

OWN forested. covered with many trees.

DEFEND In the first sentence, open means wide and without cover. In the second sentence, open means to move something so it is not closed.

YOUR TURN Answers vary.



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READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“Families lived in several different environments.”

What does the word *environments* mean?

A types of clothing

B the areas and conditions around a place

C kinds of music

D styles of art



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The answer is B.

A types of clothing
Types of clothing does not match the clues in the passage.

B the areas and conditions around a place **Correct.**
The words around environments show that it means the areas and conditions around a place.

C kinds of music
Kinds of music does not match the clues in the passage.

D styles of art
Styles of art does not match the clues in the passage.

