

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 “**Small Choices, Strong Communities**”

This week we practice context clues with words from "Small Choices, Strong Communities." 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.





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 strong **community, a group of people who live and work together, starts with small choices.”**

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.”

EXACT TEKS WORDING

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Choose the meaning.

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

“Strong communities are not weak or falling apart.”

A very quiet • **B** powerful and well-built • **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."

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Show what the clue does.

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

"Small **choices**, strong communities."

"Picking up litter, saying hello to a neighbor, and helping someone carry groceries are all examples."

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

"Something as simple as kindness **matters."**

"It makes a difference in how people treat each other and how the community grows."

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."

EXACT TEKS WORDING

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Defend the meaning.

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

"A small **act** can become a big change."

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 community. a group of people who live and work together.

CHOOSE B. powerful and well-built.

SHOW choices. decisions you make between two or more things.

OWN matters. is important or makes a difference.

DEFEND In the first sentence, act means a deed or something you do. In the second sentence, act means a section of a play or show.

YOUR TURN Answers vary.



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READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“Something as simple as kindness matters.”

What does the word *matters* mean?

A is important or makes a difference

B is very heavy to lift

C is difficult to spell

D is impossible to find



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The answer is A.

A **is important or makes a difference** **Correct.**
The words around matters show that it means is important or makes a difference.

B **is very heavy to lift**
Is very heavy to lift does not match the clues in the passage.

C **is difficult to spell**
Is difficult to spell does not match the clues in the passage.

D **is impossible to find**
Is impossible to find does not match the clues in the passage.

