

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 “Dream”

This week we practice context clues with words from "Dream." 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.

"I held Mama's hand tightly as we moved through the **enormous** crowd."

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

“The crowd became **still**. Before that, people had been singing and talking.”

A quiet and not moving • **B** loud and excited • **C** confused and lost

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 **justice** means?

"He talked about freedom. He talked about **justice."**

"He wanted people to be treated fairly and equally."

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

"I **imagined schools where every child was welcomed."**

"I imagined neighborhoods where people were judged by their kindness instead of the color of their skin."

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

"Then he began speaking about his **dream** for the future."

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 enormous. very large.

CHOOSE A. quiet and not moving.

SHOW justice. fairness and equal treatment.

OWN imagined. made a picture in my mind of something that could happen.

DEFEND In the first sentence, dream means a hope or wish for something better. In the second sentence, dream means pictures you see while sleeping.

YOUR TURN Answers vary.



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READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“I held Mama's hand tightly as we moved through the enormous crowd. Everywhere I looked, people stood shoulder to shoulder.”

What does the word enormous mean?

A very quiet

B very far away

C very old

D very large



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The answer is D.

A very quiet
Very quiet does not match the clues in the passage.

B very far away
Very far away does not match the clues in the passage.

C very old
Very old does not match the clues in the passage.

D very large Correct.
The words around enormous show that it means very large.

