

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 “Serve”

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

"Grandpa explained that before Kennedy's inauguration in 1961, a ceremony to begin his presidency, many people discussed ideas."

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

“Grandpa remembered conversations about **responsibility**, citizenship, and how one person could make a difference. It was not about doing nothing.”

A the duty to do what is right • **B** the need to rest • **C** the plan to leave

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 **citizenship** means?

"Grandpa remembered conversations about responsibility, citizenship, and how one person could make a difference."

"Voting, following laws, and helping neighbors are all part of being a good citizen."

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."

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Own it. Use the sentences around the word.

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

"When the new president **challenged Americans to serve their country, Grandpa heard the crowd respond."**

"The president asked them to take action and do something difficult but important."

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."

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Defend the meaning.

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

"For my school **project**, I was interviewing him."

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 **inauguration.** a ceremony when a new president begins the job.

CHOOSE **A.** the duty to do what is right.

SHOW **citizenship.** being a member of a community and doing your part.

OWN **challenged.** asked someone to take on something hard and meaningful.

DEFEND **In the first sentence, project means a school assignment.** In the second sentence, project means a planned effort to build or create something.

YOUR TURN **Answers vary.**



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READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“Grandpa explained that before Kennedy's inauguration in 1961, many people discussed ideas.”

What does the word inauguration mean?

- A** a ceremony when a new leader begins the job
- B** a school field trip
- C** a holiday celebration
- D** a history book



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The answer is A.

A **a ceremony when a new leader begins the job** **Correct.**
The words around inauguration show that it means a ceremony when a new leader begins the job.

B **a school field trip**
A school field trip does not match the clues in the passage.

C **a holiday celebration**
A holiday celebration does not match the clues in the passage.

D **a history book**
A history book does not match the clues in the passage.

