

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 “A Promise Written Long Ago”

This week we practice context clues with words from "A Promise Written Long Ago." 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

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Notice the context clue.

Read this sentence from the passage. Find the words that tell what the bold word means.

"Many people, especially powerful landowners called **barons**, were unhappy with how he treated them."

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.”

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Choose the meaning.

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

“The king collected heavy taxes and made **unfair** decisions, not decisions that treated everyone equally.”

A very popular • **B** not equal or just • **C** done in secret

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 **taxes** means?

"The king collected heavy **taxes."**

"People had to give money from what they earned. Farmers, merchants, and landowners all had to pay."

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

**"Hundreds of years later, the ideas from the Magna Carta
influenced other governments."**

**"Leaders in the United States used similar ideas when creating the
U.S. Constitution."**

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

"The Magna Carta was important because it limited the king's **power**."

I CAN

I can use the sentence to prove which meaning of a multiple-meaning word fits.



CONTEXT CLUES

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 **barons.** powerful landowners.

CHOOSE **B.** not equal or just.

SHOW **taxes.** money the government collects from people.

OWN **influenced.** had an effect on what others did or thought.

DEFEND **In the first sentence, power means the ability to control others.** In the second sentence, power means energy used to run machines.

YOUR TURN **Answers vary.**



CONTEXT CLUES

READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“Many people, especially powerful landowners called barons, were unhappy with how he treated them.”

What does the word barons mean?

A small animals

B wooden ships

C powerful landowners

D young children



CONTEXT CLUES

The answer is C.

- A small animals**
Small animals does not match the clues in the passage.
- B wooden ships**
Wooden ships does not match the clues in the passage.
- C powerful landowners Correct.**
The words around barons show that it means powerful landowners.
- D young children**
Young children does not match the clues in the passage.

