

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 “Morning in the Village”

This week we practice context clues with words from "Morning in the Village." 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.

"She went with her grandfather to the large **mound** in the middle of the village, a tall hill made of earth."

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

“It was **busy**, but it also felt like home. Earlier the narrator described everyone moving and working.”

A full of activity • **B** empty and quiet • **C** dark and cold

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 **trade** means?

"Visitors came from another village. They brought pottery and tools to **trade."**

"In return, her people shared food."

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

"It felt like everyone was **connected somehow."**

"Tayanita liked watching the trades between the villages."

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

"Her uncle was talking about planting something different in one part of the **field next season."**

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 mound. a tall hill made of earth.

CHOOSE A. full of activity.

SHOW trade. exchange goods with others.

OWN connected. joined together or linked in some way.

DEFEND In the first sentence, field means an area of land where crops grow. In the second sentence, field means an open area for playing sports.

YOUR TURN Answers vary.



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READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“She went with her grandfather to the large mound in the middle of the village. It was tall, and it had taken many years to build.”

What does the word mound mean?

A a deep hole

B a tall hill made of earth

C a flat road

D a wooden bridge



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The answer is B.

A a deep hole
A deep hole does not match the clues in the passage.

B a tall hill made of earth **Correct.**
The words around mound show that it means a tall hill made of earth.

C a flat road
A flat road does not match the clues in the passage.

D a wooden bridge
A wooden bridge does not match the clues in the passage.

