

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.

“Her family lived in a Caddo **village near a river, a small community where people lived together.”**

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

“He said it helped the soil stay **strong**, unlike the weak soil where the same crop was planted year after year.”

A wet and muddy • **B** healthy and full of nutrients • **C** dry and cracked

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 **pottery** means?

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

"Clay pots, bowls, and cups made by hand were among the goods."

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

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

"He said it helped the soil stay strong."

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

"From the top, she could see trees stretching far in every **direction**."

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 **village.** a small community where people lived together.

CHOOSE **B.** healthy and full of nutrients.

SHOW **pottery.** objects made from clay.

OWN **season.** a time of year when certain things happen.

DEFEND **In the first sentence, direction means the way something faces or goes.** In the second sentence, direction means an instruction telling someone what to do.

YOUR TURN **Answers vary.**



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READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“Her family lived in a Caddo village near a river in the Piney Woods. Their homes were built close together.”

What does the word *village* mean?

A a large modern city

B a single house on a hill

C a boat on a river

D a small community where people lived together



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The answer is D.

A a large modern city
A large modern city does not match the clues in the passage.

B a single house on a hill
A single house on a hill does not match the clues in the passage.

C a boat on a river
A boat on a river does not match the clues in the passage.

D a small community where people lived together Correct.
The words around village show that it means a small community where people lived together.

