

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 “Columbus's Arrival”

This week we practice context clues with words from "Columbus's Arrival." 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.

“This was important because it led to more Spanish **expeditions, organized journeys to explore new places.”**

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

“Some Native American groups showed friendliness by trading and **cooperating** with them, the opposite of fighting with them.”

A working together • **B** running away • **C** building walls

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 **missionaries** means?

"Over time, missionaries traveled to the Americas to teach Native Americans about this religion."

"They taught people about Christianity and built churches."

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

"The Carib were known for **resisting the Spanish, which led to fighting between the groups."**

"They did not want to give up their land or change their ways of life."

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

"He **claimed** the land for Spain."

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 **expeditions.** organized journeys to explore new places.

CHOOSE **A.** working together.

SHOW **missionaries.** people who travel to teach their religion to others.

OWN **resisting.** fighting against something or refusing to accept it.

DEFEND In the first sentence, **claimed means took something and said it belonged to you.** In the second sentence, **claimed means said something was true.**

YOUR TURN **Answers vary.**



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READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“It led to more Spanish expeditions and the growth of Spain's influence in the region.”

What does the word *expeditions* mean?

A organized journeys to explore new places

B letters sent by mail

C songs sung at celebrations

D buildings made of stone



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The answer is A.

A **organized journeys to explore new places** **Correct.**
The words around expeditions show that it means organized journeys to explore new places.

B **letters sent by mail**
Letters sent by mail does not match the clues in the passage.

C **songs sung at celebrations**
Songs sung at celebrations does not match the clues in the passage.

D **buildings made of stone**
Buildings made of stone does not match the clues in the passage.

