

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.





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.

"Conflicts developed over land, resources, and control, meaning disagreements and fighting broke out."

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."

EXACT TEKS WORDING

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Choose the meaning.

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

"Columbus's actions had **lasting effects. They did not fade quickly but continued for centuries."**

A happening very fast • **B** changing every day • **C** continuing for a long time

I CAN | I can choose a word's meaning when a contrast clue shows the opposite.



TODAY'S THINKING JOB

SHOW

"I can show how examples help me know what a word means."

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"use context within and beyond a sentence to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words and multiple-meaning words"

Show what the clue does.

Read both sentences. What do the examples show that **traditions** means?

"This changed many traditions and ways of life."

"Dances, ceremonies, languages, and beliefs that had been passed down for generations were affected."

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."

EXACT TEKS WORDING

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Own it. Use the sentences around the word.

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

"Columbus Day **recognizes his voyage."**

"Many people also think about how his arrival affected Native Americans."

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

"Columbus Day recognizes his **voyage**."

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 **conflicts.** disagreements and fighting.

CHOOSE **C.** continuing for a long time.

SHOW **traditions.** practices and customs passed down through families.

OWN **recognized.** officially remembers or honors something.

DEFEND In the first sentence, **voyage means a long journey, especially by sea.** In the second sentence, voyage means a long trip to a distant place.

YOUR TURN Answers vary.



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READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“Conflicts developed over land, resources, and control.”

What does the word conflicts mean?

A celebrations and festivals

B letters and messages

C inventions and discoveries

D disagreements and fighting



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The answer is D.

A celebrations and festivals
Celebrations and festivals does not match the clues in the passage.

B letters and messages
Letters and messages does not match the clues in the passage.

C inventions and discoveries
Inventions and discoveries does not match the clues in the passage.

D disagreements and fighting Correct.
The words around conflicts show that it means disagreements and fighting.

