

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 Lone Star Choice”

This week we practice context clues with words from "A Lone Star Choice." 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.

"With soldiers **marching** under open skies, meaning they walked in an organized way as a group."

I CAN | I can notice a definition or restatement clue that tells me what a word means.



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

"Anger grew for all to see. Mexico was not pleased, unlike the Americans who were celebrating."

A a feeling of being happy • **B** a feeling of being tired • **C** a feeling of being very upset

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 **battles** means?

"Battles were fought both near and far, Each side showing who they are."

"Soldiers met on fields. Weapons fired. Armies charged."

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

“How choices **reshape history.”**

“The poem describes Texas joining the U.S. and how that decision changed everything.”

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

"In 1845, a **choice** was made."

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 **marching.** walking in an organized group.

CHOOSE **C.** a feeling of being very upset.

SHOW **battles.** fights between two groups in a war.

OWN **reshape.** change the shape or direction of something.

DEFEND **In the first sentence, choice means a decision about what to do.** In the second sentence, choice means an option you can pick from a set.

YOUR TURN **Answers vary.**



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READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“With soldiers marching under open skies.”

What does the word marching mean?

A sleeping in a tent

B singing a song

C reading a book

D walking in an organized group



CONTEXT CLUES

The answer is D.

A sleeping in a tent
Sleeping in a tent does not match the clues in the passage.

B singing a song
Singing a song does not match the clues in the passage.

C reading a book
Reading a book does not match the clues in the passage.

D walking in an organized group Correct.
The words around marching show that it means walking in an organized group.

