

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 “Making It Happen”

This week we practice context clues with words from "Making It Happen." 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.

"So wealthy people, called **patrons**, would help them."

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

“I didn't have all the money I needed. So I got a **loan** from a bank, the opposite of giving money away.”

A money borrowed that must be paid back • **B** a gift with no strings attached • **C** a reward for good work

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 **enterprise** means?

"It's all part of a free **enterprise** system."

"People can come up with ideas and try to make them work. Those ideas can grow into something bigger."

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

"No matter what, people still need **support to get started."**

"Patrons helped artists. Banks help businesspeople. Everyone needs help from someone."

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

"As they pass a small **store**, they see Mr. Patel working inside."

I CAN

I can use the sentence to prove which meaning of a multiple-meaning word fits.



CONTEXT CLUES

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 patrons. wealthy people who pay to support artists.

CHOOSE A. money borrowed that must be paid back.

SHOW enterprise. a business or effort to do something.

OWN support. help or assistance from others.

DEFEND In the first sentence, store means a shop where things are sold. In the second sentence, store means a collection of things kept for later.

YOUR TURN Answers vary.



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READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“Wealthy people, called patrons, would help them. They believed in the artist or the idea, so they helped make it happen.”

What does the word patrons mean?

A students in a classroom

B wealthy people who pay to support artists

C animals in a zoo

D tools in a box



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The answer is B.

A students in a classroom
Students in a classroom does not match the clues in the passage.

B wealthy people who pay to support artists **Correct.**
The words around patrons show that it means wealthy people who pay to support artists.

C animals in a zoo
Animals in a zoo does not match the clues in the passage.

D tools in a box
Tools in a box does not match the clues in the passage.

