

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 “The Wealth of Mansa Musa”

This week we practice context clues with words from "The Wealth of Mansa Musa." 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.

"One of the most famous parts of Mansa Musa's life was his trip to Mecca, called a **pilgrimage."**

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

“Mansa Musa is often remembered as one of the richest people. His kingdom was **wealthy**, the opposite of poor.”

A very angry • **B** extremely tired • **C** having great riches

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 **trade routes** means?

"Mali became wealthy because it controlled important **trade routes."**

"Traders traveled across the Sahara carrying gold and salt."

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

"Gold and salt were very **valuable."**

"Traders traveled across the hot Sahara Desert carrying them because people wanted them."

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

"Mali became known as a powerful and important **kingdom**."

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 **pilgrimage.** a religious journey to a holy place.

CHOOSE **C.** having great riches.

SHOW **trade routes.** paths used by merchants to buy and sell goods.

OWN **valuable.** worth a lot and important to people.

DEFEND In the first sentence, **kingdom** means a country ruled by a king or queen. In the second sentence, kingdom means a group of living things in science.

YOUR TURN Answers vary.



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READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“His trip to Mecca, called a pilgrimage. During this journey, he gave away large amounts of gold.”

What does the word *pilgrimage* mean?

A a religious journey to a holy place

B a short walk to school

C a boat ride on a lake

D a race on a track



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The answer is A.

A **a religious journey to a holy place** **Correct.**
The words around pilgrimage show that it means a religious journey to a holy place.

B **a short walk to school**
A short walk to school does not match the clues in the passage.

C **a boat ride on a lake**
A boat ride on a lake does not match the clues in the passage.

D **a race on a track**
A race on a track does not match the clues in the passage.

