

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.

"Merchants traveled in caravans, meaning people who buy and sell goods for a living."

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

“Salt was valuable because people needed it and because it could help **preserve** food, keeping it from spoiling.”

A keep from spoiling • **B** throw away • **C** cook quickly

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 **subjects** means?

**"Timbuktu was also known for learning, where people studied
subjects like math, science, and religion."**

**"Math involves numbers. Science studies nature. Religion explores
beliefs."**

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

"His actions made many people **notice** how wealthy Mali was."

"He gave away gold everywhere he traveled, and word spread across many countries."

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

"Traders traveled across the hot Sahara **Desert**."

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 **merchants.** people who buy and sell goods for a living.

CHOOSE **A.** keep from spoiling.

SHOW **subjects.** topics or areas of study.

OWN **notice.** become aware of something or pay attention to it.

DEFEND **In the first sentence, desert means a dry, sandy area with very little rain.** In the second sentence, desert means to leave someone behind or abandon them.

YOUR TURN **Answers vary.**



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READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“Merchants traveled in caravans, often using camels to carry goods across the desert.”

What does the word merchants mean?

A animals that carry things

B people who buy and sell goods for a living

C buildings made of stone

D songs sung at night



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The answer is B.

A animals that carry things
Animals that carry things does not match the clues in the passage.

B people who buy and sell goods for a living Correct.
The words around merchants show that it means people who buy and sell goods for a living.

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

D songs sung at night
Songs sung at night does not match the clues in the passage.

