

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 “**Four Regions, One Big Adventure**”

This week we practice context clues with words from "Four Regions, One Big Adventure." 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.

"They were driving across Texas to learn about its different **regions, areas of land with similar features."**

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."

EXACT TEKS WORDING

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Choose the meaning.

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

"It was **humid**, the opposite of the dry air they felt in western Texas."

A cool and windy • **B** warm and moist • **C** dark and stormy

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."

EXACT TEKS WORDING

"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 **natural resources** means?

**"People in this region often work in mining and oil because of the
natural resources found underground."**

**"Gold, oil, and minerals come from underground. Trees grow above
ground."**

I CAN | I can explain what examples show about a word's meaning.



TODAY'S THINKING JOB

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

"The climate was **milder, with moderate rainfall."**

"It was not as hot as the desert and not as cold as the mountains."

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."

EXACT TEKS WORDING

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Defend the meaning.

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

"The land looked wide and **flat** with rolling hills."

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 **regions.** areas of land with similar features.

CHOOSE **B.** warm and moist.

SHOW **natural resources.** useful materials found in nature.

OWN **milder.** less extreme or harsh.

DEFEND **In the first sentence, flat means level and smooth, without hills.** In the second sentence, flat means an apartment or home in a building.

YOUR TURN **Answers vary.**



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READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“They were driving across Texas to learn about its different regions.”

What does the word *regions* mean?

A types of animals

B kinds of weather

C areas of land with similar features

D groups of students



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The answer is C.

A types of animals
Types of animals does not match the clues in the passage.

B kinds of weather
Kinds of weather does not match the clues in the passage.

C areas of land with similar features Correct.
The words around regions show that it means areas of land with similar features.

D groups of students
Groups of students does not match the clues in the passage.

