

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.

"Many people raised **livestock**, animals like cattle and horses kept on farms and ranches."

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

“Farming is also **common** here, unlike in the desert where farming is rare.”

A happening often or in many places • **B** very unusual • **C** extremely difficult

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

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Show what the clue does.

Read both sentences. What do the examples show that **climate** means?

"There were more trees and grass, and the **climate was different."**

"The air was cooler. Rain fell more often. Seasons changed."

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



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TODAY'S THINKING JOB

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

"Zavier **rethought** about what he had seen."

"Each region was different, but all were part of Texas."

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

"They arrived at the Coastal Plains near the Gulf of Mexico."

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 **livestock.** animals kept on farms and ranches.

CHOOSE **A.** happening often or in many places.

SHOW **climate.** the usual weather patterns of a place over time.

OWN **rethought.** thought about something again.

DEFEND **In the first sentence, coast means the land along the edge of an ocean.** In the second sentence, coast means the edge of a body of water.

YOUR TURN **Answers vary.**



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READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“Many people raised livestock and grew crops. The region had grasslands and rolling hills.”

What does the word *livestock* mean?

A machines used in factories

B tools used in schools

C buildings in a city

D animals kept on farms and ranches



CONTEXT CLUES

The answer is D.

A machines used in factories

Machines used in factories does not match the clues in the passage.

B tools used in schools

Tools used in schools does not match the clues in the passage.

C buildings in a city

Buildings in a city does not match the clues in the passage.

D animals kept on farms and ranches Correct.

The words around livestock show that it means animals kept on farms and ranches.

