

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 “Voices That Shaped Texas”

This week we practice context clues with words from "Voices That Shaped Texas." 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.

"The **diversity** of these artists' backgrounds helped shape Texas culture, meaning they came from many different backgrounds."

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

“His success showed that talent could break barriers, even when opportunities were **limited**, meaning there were not many of them.”

A everywhere and easy to find • **B** few and restricted • **C** free and open to all

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 **boleros** means?

"Her romantic songs, called **boleros, became favorites of Tejano listeners across Texas."**

"Chelo Silva sang slow, emotional love songs with a powerful voice."

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."

EXACT TEKS WORDING

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Own it. Use the sentences around the word.

What does **barriers** mean? How do you know? Read both sentences.

"His success showed that talent could break **barriers."**

"He was an African American singer who performed when opportunities were limited."

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

"The diversity of these artists' backgrounds helped shape Texas culture."

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 diversity. variety of different backgrounds and experiences.

CHOOSE B. few and restricted.

SHOW boleros. a style of slow, romantic songs.

OWN barriers. things that block or prevent progress.

DEFEND In the first sentence, culture means the beliefs, customs, and arts of a group of people. In the second sentence, culture means living cells grown in a laboratory.

YOUR TURN Answers vary.



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READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“The diversity of these artists’ backgrounds helped shape Texas culture in their own way.”

What does the word diversity mean?

A a type of music

B a style of cooking

C variety of different backgrounds and experiences

D a kind of building



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The answer is C.

A a type of music

A type of music does not match the clues in the passage.

B a style of cooking

A style of cooking does not match the clues in the passage.

C variety of different backgrounds and experiences Correct.

The words around diversity show that it means variety of different backgrounds and experiences.

D a kind of building

A kind of building does not match the clues in the passage.

