

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."

EXACT TEKS WORDING

"use context within and beyond a sentence to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words and multiple-meaning words"

Notice the context clue.

Read this sentence from the passage. Find the words that tell what the bold word means.

"Some think they helped bring different **subgroups** of people closer together, meaning smaller groups within a larger group."

I CAN | I can notice a definition or restatement clue that tells me what a word means.



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

"Some people believe their biggest **impact was sharing their culture, not keeping it to themselves."**

A a loud crash • **B** a short speech • **C** the effect or influence on others

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 **traditions** means?

"Lydia Mendoza grew up in a Mexican American family and sang songs about hard work, love, and everyday life. These were her traditions."

"Dances, food, music, and stories passed from parents to children."

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

"People felt **connected to her music because it sounded like their own experiences."**

"Listeners heard their own stories in her songs."

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

"Julius Lorenzo Cobb Bledsoe performed on **stage** and in operas."

I CAN

I can use the sentence to prove which meaning of a multiple-meaning word fits.



CONTEXT CLUES

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 **subgroups.** smaller groups within a larger group.

CHOOSE **C.** the effect or influence on others.

SHOW **traditions.** practices and customs shared within a family or community.

OWN **connected.** feeling a bond or link to something.

DEFEND In the first sentence, **stage means a raised platform where performers act.** In the second sentence, stage means a step or period in a process.

YOUR TURN **Answers vary.**



CONTEXT CLUES

READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“They helped bring different subgroups of people closer together.”

What does the word subgroups mean?

A smaller groups within a larger group

B a type of plant

C a kind of animal

D a musical instrument



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The answer is A.

A **smaller groups within a larger group** **Correct.**
The words around subgroups show that it means smaller groups within a larger group.

B **a type of plant**
A type of plant does not match the clues in the passage.

C **a kind of animal**
A kind of animal does not match the clues in the passage.

D **a musical instrument**
A musical instrument does not match the clues in the passage.

