

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 “A Day That Changed”

This week we practice context clues with words from "A Day That Changed." 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.

"Climate describes the usual weather patterns of a place over a long period of time."

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

“Jayden **misjudged** the weather and assumed the day would continue like this. He was wrong about how the day would go.”

A made a wrong guess about something • **B** studied carefully and got it right • **C** asked someone else for help

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 **weather** means?

"This is **weather**, she said."

"Rain fell. Clouds moved in. Wind blew harder. Temperature dropped."

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

"Jayden misjudged the weather and **assumed the day would continue like this."**

"He did not check the forecast or look at the sky more carefully."

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."

EXACT TEKS WORDING

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Defend the meaning.

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

"When he looked outside, the sky was bright and clear."

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 climate. the usual weather patterns of a place over many years.

CHOOSE A. made a wrong guess about something.

SHOW weather. the condition of the air at a particular time and place.

OWN assumed. believed something was true without checking.

DEFEND In the first sentence, clear means free of clouds or fog. In the second sentence, clear means easy to understand.

YOUR TURN Answers vary.



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READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“Climate describes the usual weather patterns of a place over a long period of time.”

What does the word *climate* mean?

- A** the weather on one specific day
- B** the usual weather patterns over many years
- C** the temperature inside a building
- D** the color of the sky



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The answer is B.

A the weather on one specific day

The weather on one specific day does not match the clues in the passage.

B the usual weather patterns over many years **Correct.**

The words around climate show that it means the usual weather patterns over many years.

C the temperature inside a building

The temperature inside a building does not match the clues in the passage.

D the color of the sky

The color of the sky does not match the clues in the passage.

