

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 “Understanding the Texas Regions”

This week we practice context clues with words from "Understanding the Texas Regions." 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.

"Each region has its own landforms, climate, **vegetation**, and economic activities, meaning the plants that grow there."

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.”

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Choose the meaning.

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

“The climate has warmth and humidity, with **frequent** rainfall, unlike the dry Mountains and Basins where rain is rare.”

A happening once a year • **B** never happening at all • **C** happening often

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 **economic activities** means?

"Each region has different economic activities."

"Farming, fishing, shipping, and working in cities are ways people earn money."

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

“The climate is milder, with **moderate** rainfall.”

“It is not too much rain and not too little, just a medium amount.”

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

"The Great **Plains** is located farther west."

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 **vegetation.** the plants that grow in an area.

CHOOSE **C.** happening often.

SHOW **economic activities.** the ways people earn money and produce goods.

OWN **moderate.** not too much and not too little.

DEFEND **In the first sentence, plain means a large area of flat land.** In the second sentence, plain means simple, without decoration.

YOUR TURN **Answers vary.**



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READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“Each region has its own landforms, climate, vegetation, and economic activities.”

What does the word *vegetation* mean?

A the plants that grow in an area

B the animals that live there

C the buildings people make

D the roads people drive on



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The answer is A.

A **the plants that grow in an area** **Correct.**
The words around vegetation show that it means the plants that grow in an area.

B **the animals that live there**
The animals that live there does not match the clues in the passage.

C **the buildings people make**
The buildings people make does not match the clues in the passage.

D **the roads people drive on**
The roads people drive on does not match the clues in the passage.

