

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.





TODAY'S THINKING JOB

NOTICE

“I can notice a definition or restatement clue.”

EXACT TEKS WORDING

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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 **unique features, meaning features that are special and one of a kind.”**

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

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

Choose the meaning.

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

“This makes the region well **suited** for farming, unlike the desert where farming is very difficult.”

A too hard for • **B** a good match for • **C** too far from

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

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

Show what the clue does.

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

"Each region has its own **landforms."**

"Mountains rise in the west. Plains stretch flat in the middle. Hills roll in the north."

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."

EXACT TEKS WORDING

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

Own it. Use the sentences around the word.

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

"Small towns, farms, and **settlements** are common throughout this region."

"People built homes and buildings where they could live and work."

I CAN | I can use sentences beyond the word's sentence to figure out its meaning.



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TODAY'S THINKING JOB

DEFEND

"I can defend the meaning of a multiple-meaning word."

EXACT TEKS WORDING

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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.

"The **Coastal** Plains stretches along the Gulf of Mexico."

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 **unique.** special and one of a kind.

CHOOSE **B.** a good match for.

SHOW **landforms.** the shapes of the land such as mountains and plains.

OWN **settlements.** places where groups of people live together.

DEFEND **In the first sentence, coast means the land along the edge of an ocean.** In the second sentence, coast means a layer of something spread over a surface.

YOUR TURN **Answers vary.**



CONTEXT CLUES

READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“Each region has unique features, but all of them play an important role in Texas.”

What does the word unique mean?

A exactly the same

B hidden from view

C broken apart

D special and one of a kind



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The answer is D.

- A exactly the same**
Exactly the same does not match the clues in the passage.
- B hidden from view**
Hidden from view does not match the clues in the passage.
- C broken apart**
Broken apart does not match the clues in the passage.
- D special and one of a kind **Correct.****
The words around unique show that it means special and one of a kind.

