

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 “The Roads Between Us”

This week we practice context clues with words from "The Roads Between Us." 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

"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.

"A **traveler watches, listens, learns, a person who goes from place to place."**

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

“And news of places yet **untold**, not shared or made known, unlike the stories already spread.”

A not yet shared or revealed • **B** very famous and well known • **C** written down in books

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 **shared** means?

"Neighbors meet and goods are **shared."**

"They gave pottery. They traded salt. They exchanged stories."

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

"They carry people, goods, and **views."**

"Meeting new people brings new opinions and ways of thinking."

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

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

Defend the meaning.

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

"For when two different pathways **meet, New thoughts can travel with our feet."**



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 **traveler.** a person who goes from place to place.

CHOOSE **A.** not yet shared or revealed.

SHOW **shared.** given to others or divided among people.

OWN **views.** opinions, ideas, or ways of seeing things.

DEFEND **In the first sentence, meet means come together at a point.** In the second sentence, meet means see someone in person.

YOUR TURN **Answers vary.**



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READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“A traveler watches, listens, learns.”

What does the word *traveler* mean?

A a person who stays home

B an animal that lives underground

C a person who goes from place to place

D a plant that grows tall



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The answer is C.

A a person who stays home
A person who stays home does not match the clues in the passage.

B an animal that lives underground
An animal that lives underground does not match the clues in the passage.

C a person who goes from place to place Correct.
The words around traveler show that it means a person who goes from place to place.

D a plant that grows tall
A plant that grows tall does not match the clues in the passage.

