

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 “What We Carry Forward”

This week we practice context clues with words from "What We Carry Forward." 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.

“One helpful **choice can make a start, a decision about what to do.”**

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.”

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

“The things we learn may someday travel **beyond** us, farther than just ourselves, not staying close.”

A farther than or past • **B** behind or below • **C** inside or within

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 **grow** means?

**"A lesson learned from long ago Can plant a seed that starts to
grow."**

**"A small idea becomes bigger. A seed becomes a tree. A thought
becomes an action."**

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

"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 **travel** mean? How do you know? Read both sentences.

"The things we learn and things we do May someday **travel beyond us too."**

"Ideas move from person to person over time."

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

"A painter's work, a writer's **page**, Can speak to people age to age."



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 choice. a decision about what to do.

CHOOSE A. farther than or past.

SHOW grow. develop and become bigger or stronger over time.

OWN travel. move from one place or person to another.

DEFEND In the first sentence, **page** means a piece of writing or a written work. In the second sentence, **page** means one side of a sheet of paper in a book.

YOUR TURN Answers vary.



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READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“One helpful choice can make a start.”

What does the word choice mean?

A a decision about what to do

B a kind of plant

C a type of music

D a school building



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The answer is A.

A **a decision about what to do** **Correct.**
The words around choice show that it means a decision about what to do.

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

C **a type of music**
A type of music does not match the clues in the passage.

D **a school building**
A school building does not match the clues in the passage.

