

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 Shapes a Society?”

This week we practice context clues with words from "What Shapes a Society?." 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.

"Merchants traveled in **caravans, groups of travelers journeying together across the desert."**

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

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Choose the meaning.

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

"Rivers, forests, and **fertile land supported daily life, unlike dry or rocky ground where nothing grows."**

A very dry and sandy • **B** rich soil where crops grow well • **C** covered in deep snow

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

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Show what the clue does.

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

"How does where people live affect what they can do, and what happens when communities connect? Every **society begins somewhere."**

"People live near rivers. They build homes. They grow food. They trade with others."

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

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Own it. Use the sentences around the word.

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

"Geography can create **opportunities and challenges that influence how a society develops."**

"A river provides water for farming. A coast provides fish. A forest provides wood."

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."

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Defend the meaning.

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

"They cannot be replaced quickly once they are used. These resources take millions of years to **develop."**



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 **caravans.** groups of travelers journeying together.

CHOOSE **B.** rich soil where crops grow well.

SHOW **society.** a group of people who live and work together.

OWN **opportunities.** chances to do something useful or good.

DEFEND **In the first sentence, develop means form slowly over a long time.** In the second sentence, develop means create or work out the details of something.

YOUR TURN **Answers vary.**



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READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“Merchants traveled in caravans, often using camels to carry goods across the desert.”

What does the word caravans mean?

A types of boats

B groups of travelers journeying together

C kinds of buildings

D musical instruments



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The answer is B.

A **types of boats**

Types of boats does not match the clues in the passage.

B **groups of travelers journeying together** **Correct.**

The words around caravans show that it means groups of travelers journeying together.

C **kinds of buildings**

Kinds of buildings does not match the clues in the passage.

D **musical instruments**

Musical instruments does not match the clues in the passage.

