

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.

"The region also has farmland, forests, cities, ports, and energy industries, types of businesses that make or sell things."

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.”

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Choose the meaning.

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

“Nonrenewable resources provide a large and **steady** supply of energy, not a supply that stops and starts.”

A reliable and not changing much • **B** very fast and unpredictable • **C** slow and difficult to find

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 **manage** means?

"People must decide how much to use, where to use it, and how to **manage it."**

"They plan how much oil to drill. They decide which forests to protect. They set limits on fishing."

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

"Resources can **influence the kinds of work people do."**

"In coastal areas, people fish. In plains, people farm. In mountains, people mine."

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

"Families grew crops such as corn, beans, and squash. They **planted seeds in the spring."**



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 industries. types of businesses that make or sell things.

CHOOSE A. reliable and not changing much.

SHOW manage. make decisions about how to use something wisely.

OWN influence. have an effect on what happens or what people do.

DEFEND In the first sentence, plant means put seeds in the ground to grow food. In the second sentence, plant means a factory or building that makes something.

YOUR TURN Answers vary.



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READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“The region has farmland, forests, cities, ports, and energy industries.”

What does the word *industries* mean?

A types of businesses that make or sell things

B groups of animals

C kinds of weather

D colors of paint



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The answer is A.

A **types of businesses that make or sell things** **Correct.**
The words around industries show that it means types of businesses that make or sell things.

B **groups of animals**
Groups of animals does not match the clues in the passage.

C **kinds of weather**
Kinds of weather does not match the clues in the passage.

D **colors of paint**
Colors of paint does not match the clues in the passage.

