

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? Place, Resources”

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

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.

"Geography describes more than where a place is located on a map, including landforms, bodies of water, and climate."

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

“Geography can create opportunities and **challenges** that influence how a society develops, problems that must be solved.”

A gifts and rewards • **B** rules and laws • **C** problems or difficulties to overcome

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 **environment** means?

"People had to understand the **environment and decide how to use what was available."**

"Forests gave wood. Rivers gave water. Soil grew crops. Climate shaped what could survive."

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

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Own it. Use the sentences around the word.

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

"People **observe** the world around them. Then they make choices."

"They look at what grows, what flows, and what the weather does."

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

"Understanding these connections helps answer an important question about how **current societies work."**



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 **geography.** the study of land, water, climate, and how people use them.

CHOOSE **C.** problems or difficulties to overcome.

SHOW **environment.** the natural world around a place, including land, water, and air.

OWN **observe.** look at something carefully to learn about it.

DEFEND **In the first sentence, current means happening now, in the present time.** In the second sentence, current means the flow of water or electricity.

YOUR TURN **Answers vary.**



CONTEXT CLUES

READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“Geography describes more than where a place is located on a map. It includes landforms, bodies of water, climate, plants, animals, and natural resources.”

What does the word geography mean?

A a type of music

B a kind of food

C the study of land, water, climate, and how people use them

D a school sport



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The answer is C.

A a type of music

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

B a kind of food

A kind of food does not match the clues in the passage.

C the study of land, water, climate, and how people use them Correct.

The words around geography show that it means the study of land, water, climate, and how people use them.

D a school sport

A school sport does not match the clues in the passage.

