

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.

"Forests can provide **timber**, meaning wood cut from trees and used for building."

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.”

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Choose the meaning.

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

“People had to understand the environment and decide how to use what was **available**, the things they could reach, not the things far away.”

A hidden and impossible to find • **B** ready to be used or within reach • **C** broken and no longer useful

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 **resources** means?

"A natural resource is something found in nature that people can use. Soil, water, trees, animals, sunlight, wind, coal, oil, natural gas, and minerals are all examples of **resources."**

"Soil grows food. Water quenches thirst. Wind turns turbines."

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

**“Rivers provided water and helped people move from place to place.
Forests supplied materials. These supported **transportation**.”**

**“People could travel by river in canoes or walk along trails through
the forest.”**

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.

"The **current** of the river carried the canoe downstream."

I CAN

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 **timber.** wood cut from trees and used for building.

CHOOSE **B.** ready to be used or within reach.

SHOW **resources.** useful things found in nature.

OWN **transportation.** the ways people and goods move from place to place.

DEFEND **In the first sentence, current means the flow of water in a river.** In the second sentence, current means happening now, at the present time.

YOUR TURN **Answers vary.**



CONTEXT CLUES

READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“Forests can provide timber.”

What does the word *timber* mean?

A water from a river

B sand from a desert

C rocks from a mountain

D wood cut from trees and used for building



CONTEXT CLUES

The answer is D.

A water from a river
Water from a river does not match the clues in the passage.

B sand from a desert
Sand from a desert does not match the clues in the passage.

C rocks from a mountain
Rocks from a mountain does not match the clues in the passage.

D wood cut from trees and used for building Correct.
The words around timber show that it means wood cut from trees and used for building.

