

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 “From Tension to Revolution”

This week we practice context clues with words from "From Tension to Revolution." 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.

“Although Great Britain gained land, it also gained significant **debt, meaning money that is owed.”**

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

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Choose the meaning.

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

“Many colonists considered themselves **loyal** to the king, not rebellious or disloyal.”

A angry and upset • **B** faithful and devoted • **C** confused and lost

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 **tensions** means?

"Tensions continued to rise between Britain and the colonies."
"Angry words, unfair taxes, and threats of violence made things worse."

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

"Before the American **Revolution, the colonies were part of Great Britain."**

"The colonists fought to break free and create a new nation."

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."

EXACT TEKS WORDING

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Defend the meaning.

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

"The Boston Tea **Party** was a protest against British taxes."

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 debt. The definition clue meaning money that is owed restates the word's meaning.

CHOOSE B. faithful and devoted. The contrast not rebellious or disloyal shows loyal means the opposite of disloyal.

SHOW tensions. The examples (angry words, unfair taxes, threats of violence) show the kinds of stress between the groups.

OWN revolution. The sentences say the colonies fought to break free and create a new nation, so revolution means a fight to overthrow a government.

DEFEND In the first sentence, party means a political event or protest (the Boston Tea Party). In the second sentence, party means a social celebration (a birthday party).

YOUR TURN Student selects a word, copies the sentence, names the clue type, and writes the meaning.



CONTEXT CLUES

READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“Great Britain gained land but also gained significant debt, meaning money that is owed.”

What does the word debt mean?

A land that is owned

B a new law

C money that is owed

D a type of ship



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The answer is C.

A **land that is owned**

The passage separates land gained from debt gained. They are different things.

B **a new law**

Debt is about money, not laws.

C **money that is owed **Correct.****

The passage defines debt directly: money that is owed.

D **a type of ship**

Nothing in the passage connects debt to ships.

