

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 “The Ocean Lesson”

This week we practice context clues with words from "The Ocean Lesson." 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.

"They don't need to be taught. **Instinct** is a behavior an animal is born with."

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

“The turtles moved slowly but with **determination**, not giving up or turning back.”

A great fear • **B** deep sleepiness • **C** strong will to keep going

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 **transition** means?

"Their instinct guided them through the **transition from sand to ocean."**

"They moved from one surface to another, from dry land to water."

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

"Nyla visited a marine biology **exhibit at an aquarium."**

"She stopped in front of a large tank where creatures were on display."

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

"She stopped in front of a large **tank** where creatures lived."

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.



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Answers, across the five thinking levels.

NOTICE **instinct.** The sentence defines instinct as a behavior an animal is born with.

CHOOSE **C.** strong will to keep going. The contrast not giving up or turning back shows determination means the opposite of quitting.

SHOW **transition.** The examples (from sand to ocean, from dry land to water) show that transition means changing from one thing to another.

OWN **exhibit.** The second sentence says creatures were on display, so an exhibit is a display for people to see.

DEFEND In the first sentence, tank means a glass container for water animals (at the aquarium). In the second sentence, tank means an armored vehicle.

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



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READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“They don't need to be taught. Instinct is a behavior an animal is born with.”

What does the word *instinct* mean?

A a lesson taught in school

B a type of ocean wave

C a tool used by scientists

D a behavior an animal is born with



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The answer is D.

A a lesson taught in school

The passage says the turtles don't need to be taught, so instinct is not a taught lesson.

B a type of ocean wave

The passage discusses animal behavior, not waves.

C a tool used by scientists

Instinct is a behavior, not a tool.

D a behavior an animal is born with **Correct.**

The passage says they don't need to be taught, so instinct is a built-in behavior.

