

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."

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Notice the context clue.

Read this sentence from the passage. Find the words that tell what the bold word means.

"Nyla visited a **marine** biology exhibit, a display about life in the ocean."

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

“The sand was **uneven**, not smooth or flat.”

A rough and bumpy • **B** perfectly smooth • **C** extremely hot

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 **survival** means?

"The transition from sand to ocean increased their chances of survival."

"Reaching the water meant they could eat, grow, and avoid land predators."

I CAN | I can explain what examples show about a word's meaning.



TODAY'S THINKING JOB

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

“One of the men carefully **adjusted** a thin wire inside a glass bulb.”
“He moved it just slightly until it was in the right position.”

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."

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Defend the meaning.

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

"The room filled with a steady, warm light."

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 marine. The words about life in the ocean restate the meaning. Marine means relating to the ocean.

CHOOSE A. rough and bumpy. The contrast not smooth or flat shows uneven means the opposite of smooth.

SHOW survival. The examples (eat, grow, avoid predators) show what survival means: staying alive.

OWN adjusted. The second sentence says he moved it slightly until it was right, so adjusted means changed something slightly.

DEFEND In the first sentence, light means brightness (from the bulb). In the second sentence, light means not heavy (easy to carry).

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.

“The transition increased their chances of survival. Reaching the water meant they could eat, grow, and avoid predators.”

What does the word survival mean?

- A** swimming in the ocean
- B** staying alive through dangerous conditions
- C** building a nest on the beach
- D** a type of ocean current



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The answer is B.

A **swimming in the ocean**
Swimming is one action, not the full meaning of survival.

B **staying alive through dangerous conditions** **Correct.**
The passage says reaching the water let them eat, grow, and avoid predators, all parts of staying alive.

C **building a nest on the beach**
The passage is about leaving the beach, not building on it.

D **a type of ocean current**
Survival describes living through danger, not a current.

