

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 “Spanish Rule in Early Texas”

This week we practice context clues with words from "Spanish Rule in Early Texas." 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.

"Missions were settlements led by Spanish priests called missionaries, built to share their religion."

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

“Some Native Americans **resisted** the new way of life, not accepting it willingly.”

A welcomed gladly • **B** fought against or refused • **C** forgot about

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 **customs** means?

"Missionaries helped transfer Spanish **customs and skills."**

"Farming, cooking, and building were examples of things they taught."

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

“Their main goal was to **convert** Native Americans to Catholicism.”

“They wanted people to change from their own beliefs to the Spanish religion.”

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."

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Defend the meaning.

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

"The Spanish built a **mission** near the river."

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 missions. The sentence defines missions as settlements led by Spanish priests, built to share religion.

CHOOSE B. fought against or refused. The contrast not accepting it willingly shows resisted means the opposite of accepting.

SHOW customs. Farming, cooking, and building are examples of customs, traditional ways of doing things.

OWN convert. The second sentence explains: change from their own beliefs to the Spanish religion.

DEFEND In the first sentence, mission means a religious settlement. In the second, it means an important task.

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.

“Missions were settlements led by Spanish priests called missionaries.”

What does the word missions mean?

A types of Spanish ships

B wars between countries

C maps of the region

D settlements built to spread religion



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The answer is D.

A types of Spanish ships
Missions were built on land, not ships.

B wars between countries
Missions were settlements, not battles.

C maps of the region
Missions were buildings, not maps.

D settlements built to spread religion Correct.
The passage says missions were settlements led by priests to share religion.

