

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.

"Presidios were forts built by Spanish soldiers to protect the land."

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

“Spanish leaders wanted to **expand** their empire, not shrink it or keep it the same size.”

A become smaller • **B** stay the same • **C** grow larger

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 **region** means?

"They built missions and presidios across the **region."**

"The settlements stretched from the coast to the hill country."

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

"Spanish leaders wanted to expand their **empire."**

"They wanted to control more land, more people, and more resources."

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

"Spain wanted to **spread** the Catholic religion across the land."



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 presidios. The sentence defines presidios as forts built by soldiers to protect the land.

CHOOSE C. grow larger. The contrast not shrink it or keep it the same size shows expand means to grow larger.

SHOW region. The second sentence shows the region stretched from coast to hill country, a large area.

OWN empire. The second sentence says they wanted to control more land, people, and resources, so empire means territory under one ruler.

DEFEND In the first sentence, spread means to share widely (religion across the land). In the second, spread means to open and lay flat (a blanket).

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.

“Presidios were forts built by Spanish soldiers to protect the land.”

What does the word presidios mean?

A schools for children

B types of ships

C military forts built for protection

D tools for farming



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The answer is C.

A schools for children
Presidios were military forts, not schools.

B types of ships
Presidios were built on land.

C military forts built for protection Correct.
The passage says presidios were forts built by soldiers to protect the land.

D tools for farming
Presidios were buildings, not tools.

