

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 “A Harvest to Remember”

This week we practice context clues with words from "A Harvest to Remember." 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.

"The Pilgrims held a **celebration** after gathering their crops, a special event to give thanks."

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

“With help, the Pilgrims were able to grow enough food for a **productive** harvest, not failing or coming up short.”

A producing good results • **B** causing damage • **C** taking a long time

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 **feast** means?

"During the **feast**, they served turkey, corn, and other foods."

"Everyone ate together at long tables."

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

"After months of work, the **harvest finally came."**

"They picked corn, squash, and beans from the fields."

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

"The Pilgrims learned to **plant corn in the spring."**



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 **celebration.** an event held to honor something special. The words near celebration restate its meaning.

CHOOSE **A.** producing good results. The contrast clue shows productive means producing good results.

SHOW **feast.** a large, special meal. The examples in the sentence show what feast means.

OWN **harvest.** the gathering of crops when they are ready. The sentences around the word help figure out the meaning.

DEFEND **In the first sentence, plant means a living thing that grows in soil.** In the second sentence, plant means to put seeds in the ground. The words around each sentence prove which meaning fits.

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 Pilgrims held a celebration after gathering their crops, a special event to give thanks.”

What does the word *celebration* mean?

A a long journey by ship

B an event held to honor something special

C a type of government meeting

D a religious service held indoors



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The answer is B.

A a long journey by ship

The passage describes a gathering with food, not a journey.

an event held to honor something special **Correct.**

B The passage says The Pilgrims held a celebration after gathering their crops,... so celebration means an event held to honor something special.

C a type of government meeting

The event was a social gathering to give thanks, not a government meeting.

D a religious service held indoors

The passage describes an outdoor event with feasting, not a church service.

