

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 “Our Rights, Our Voices”

This week we practice context clues with words from "Our Rights, Our Voices." 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

"use context within and beyond a sentence to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words and multiple-meaning words"

Notice the context clue.

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

"The First **Amendment says you can speak your mind, a written addition to the Constitution that protects a right."**

I CAN | I can notice a definition or restatement clue that tells me what a word means.



TODAY'S THINKING JOB

CHOOSE

“I can choose a word's meaning from a contrast clue.”

EXACT TEKS WORDING

“use context within and beyond a sentence to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words and multiple-meaning words”

Choose the meaning.

Read the sentences. What does **freedoms** mean? Use the contrast clue to decide.

“The leaders wrote down rights so people's **freedoms** would be there, not taken away or limited.”

A penalties for breaking the law • **B** taxes collected by the government • **C** the rights to act, speak, or think without being stopped

I CAN | I can choose a word's meaning when a contrast clue shows the opposite.



TODAY'S THINKING JOB

SHOW

"I can show how examples help me know what a word means."

EXACT TEKS WORDING

"use context within and beyond a sentence to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words and multiple-meaning words"

Show what the clue does.

Read both sentences. What do the examples show that **rights** means?

"They wrote down **rights** to make things fair."

"The right to speak, practice religion, and gather were examples."

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



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TODAY'S THINKING JOB

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

"The First Amendment protects the right to **transmit ideas."**

"People share news and opinions through speech, writing, and technology."

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

"The Second Amendment says you have a right to keep and bear arms."



I can use the sentence to prove which meaning of a multiple-meaning word fits.



CONTEXT CLUES

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 amendment. a change or addition to a law or document. The words near amendment restate its meaning.

CHOOSE C. the rights to act, speak, or think without being stopped. The contrast clue shows freedoms means the rights to act, speak, or think without being stopped.

SHOW rights. things a person is allowed to do by law. The examples in the sentence show what rights means.

OWN transmit. to send or pass from one person or place to another. The sentences around the word help figure out the meaning.

DEFEND In the first sentence, bear means to carry or hold. In the second sentence, bear means a large animal. 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 First Amendment says you can speak your mind, a written addition to the Constitution that protects a right.”

What does the word amendment mean?

- A** a tax placed on printed materials
- B** a vote held by citizens
- C** a change or addition to a law or document
- D** a speech given by a leader



CONTEXT CLUES

The answer is C.

A a tax placed on printed materials

An amendment is a change to a document, not a tax.

B a vote held by citizens

An amendment is a written change, not a vote.

C a change or addition to a law or document **Correct.**

C The passage says The First Amendment says you can speak your mind, a written ... so amendment means a change or addition to a law or document.

D a speech given by a leader

An amendment is a formal addition to law, not a speech.

