

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 Voice of Their Own”

This week we practice context clues with words from "A Voice of Their Own." 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.

"Thomas was a young **apprentice**, someone learning a trade by working alongside an experienced person."

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

“Virginia had a group of **representatives** who made decisions, not one ruler but elected voices from the people.”

A people chosen to speak or act for others • **B** soldiers who guard the borders • **C** farmers who grow crops

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 **Parliament** means?

"Most laws were made by Parliament in Great Britain."
"It was a group far away that made rules for the colonies."

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 **self-government** mean? How do you know? Read both sentences.

"The colonists wanted **self-government."**

"They believed people who lived in the colonies should make their own rules."

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

"The colonists objected to the tax bill."

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 apprentice. a young person learning a trade from an expert. The words near apprentice restate its meaning.

CHOOSE A. people chosen to speak or act for others. The contrast clue shows representatives means people chosen to speak or act for others.

SHOW Parliament. the lawmaking body of Great Britain. The examples in the sentence show what Parliament means.

OWN self-government. a system where people govern themselves. The sentences around the word help figure out the meaning.

DEFEND In the first sentence, bill means a proposed law. In the second sentence, bill means a piece of paper money. 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.

“Thomas was a young apprentice, someone learning a trade by working alongside an experienced person.”

What does the word *apprentice* mean?

- A** a master craftsman who teaches skills
- B** a servant who works without pay
- C** a student who attends a university
- D** a young person learning a trade from an expert



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The answer is D.

A a master craftsman who teaches skills

A master teaches the apprentice, but the apprentice is the learner, not the teacher.

B a servant who works without pay

An apprentice learns a trade, which is different from unpaid service.

C a student who attends a university

An apprentice learns by working alongside an expert, not by attending a university.

D a young person learning a trade from an expert Correct.

The passage says Thomas was a young apprentice, someone learning a trade by w... so apprentice means a young person learning a trade from an expert.

