

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."

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.

"Every **colony** followed rules made by the king, a settlement controlled by a faraway government."

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

"As more laws were passed, protests grew louder, not quiet acceptance but public disagreement."

A quiet letters sent privately • **B** public actions showing disagreement • **C** celebrations held by the community

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."

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Show what the clue does.

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

"In the colonies, most **laws were made far away."**

"These rules controlled trade, taxes, and daily life."

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

“Thomas believed in **liberty.”**

“Every person should be free to make choices without being controlled.”

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

"S1."

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 **colony.** a settlement ruled by a distant country. The words near colony restate its meaning.

CHOOSE **B.** public actions showing disagreement. The contrast clue shows protests means public actions showing disagreement.

SHOW **laws.** rules made by a government. The examples in the sentence show what laws means.

OWN **liberty.** freedom from control. The sentences around the word help figure out the meaning.

DEFEND **In the first sentence, act means meaning1.** In the second sentence, act means meaning2. 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.

“Every colony followed rules made by the king, a settlement controlled by a faraway government.”

What does the word *colony* mean?

- A** a country that rules other lands
- B** a settlement ruled by a distant country
- C** a group of soldiers stationed at a fort
- D** a document signed by a king



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The answer is B.

A a country that rules other lands

A colony is the settlement that is ruled, not the country doing the ruling.

a settlement ruled by a distant country Correct.

B The passage says Every colony followed rules made by the king, a settlement c... so colony means a settlement ruled by a distant country.

C a group of soldiers stationed at a fort

A colony is a settlement of civilians, not a military base.

D a document signed by a king

A colony is a place where people live, not a document.

