

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 “The Garden That Wouldn't Grow”

This week we practice context clues with words from "The Garden That Wouldn't Grow." 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.



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.

"After two weeks, Kendrix noticed that the plants appeared weak. Their **condition, meaning the state they were in, had worsened."**

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

"Instead of improving, the garden's **condition worsened, not getting better but getting worse."**

A stayed exactly the same • **B** improved slightly • **C** became worse or more serious

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 **nutrients** means?

"The soil lacked important **nutrients."**

"Nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium were all missing."

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

"Kendrix felt puzzled and slightly **frustrated."**

"She had tried hard, but the plants still looked weak."

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

"She checked the **roots** of the tomato plants."

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.



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Answers, across the five thinking levels.

NOTICE condition. the state something is in. The words near condition restate its meaning.

CHOOSE C. became worse or more serious. The contrast clue shows worsened means became worse or more serious.

SHOW nutrients. substances that living things need to grow. The examples in the sentence show what nutrients means.

OWN frustrated. feeling upset because something is not working. The sentences around the word help figure out the meaning.

DEFEND In the first sentence, root means the part of a plant underground. In the second sentence, root means the basic cause. 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.

“After two weeks, Kendrix noticed that the plants appeared weak. Their condition, meaning the state they were in, had worsened.”

What does the word *condition* mean?

A the amount of water in the soil

B a type of plant disease

C the color of the leaves

D the state something is in



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The answer is D.

A the amount of water in the soil

Condition describes the overall state of something, not just water levels.

B a type of plant disease

Condition means the state something is in, which could include disease but is broader.

C the color of the leaves

Leaf color is one sign of condition, but condition means the overall state.

the state something is in Correct.

D The passage says After two weeks, Kendrix noticed that the plants appeared we... so condition means the state something is in.

