

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 “Words That Changed a Nation”

This week we practice context clues with words from "Words That Changed a Nation." 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."

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.

"Leaders approved the **Declaration of Independence, a formal written statement announcing freedom from Great Britain."**

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

"It stated that people are born with certain **unalienable rights, not able to be removed or given away."**

A easy to change • **B** unable to be taken away • **C** given as a reward

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."

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 **liberty** means?

"Thomas believed in **liberty."**

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

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."

EXACT TEKS WORDING

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Own it. Use the sentences around the word.

What does **approved** mean? How do you know? Read both sentences.

"After many discussions, they **approved** the document."

"Voting, debating, and signing were part of the process."

I CAN | I can use sentences beyond the word's sentence to figure out its meaning.



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TODAY'S THINKING JOB

DEFEND

"I can defend the meaning of a multiple-meaning word."

EXACT TEKS WORDING

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Defend the meaning.

The word **right** has more than one meaning. Explain what right 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 declaration. a formal announcement or statement. The words near declaration restate its meaning.

CHOOSE B. unable to be taken away. The contrast clue shows unalienable means unable to be taken away.

SHOW liberty. freedom from control. The examples in the sentence show what liberty means.

OWN approved. officially agreed to. The sentences around the word help figure out the meaning.

DEFEND In the first sentence, right means meaning1. In the second sentence, right 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.

“Leaders approved the Declaration of Independence, a formal written statement announcing freedom from Great Britain.”

What does the word *declaration* mean?

A a secret agreement between leaders

B a formal announcement or statement

C a battle fought for independence

D a list of taxes owed to the king



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The answer is B.

A a secret agreement between leaders

A declaration is a public announcement, not a secret agreement.

a formal announcement or statement Correct.

B The passage says Leaders approved the Declaration of Independence, a formal w... so declaration means a formal announcement or statement.

C a battle fought for independence

A declaration is a written statement, not a battle.

D a list of taxes owed to the king

The Declaration announced freedom, not taxes.

