

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 Difficult Compromise”

This week we practice context clues with words from "A Difficult Compromise." 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

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Notice the context clue.

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

"At the Constitutional **Convention**, leaders met to fix the government, a formal meeting with delegates from every state."

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



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CHOOSE

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

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Choose the meaning.

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

“They **debated** for days, not agreeing quickly but arguing back and forth.”

A agreed without discussion • **B** wrote quietly alone • **C** argued about different sides of a question

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 **population** means?

"Each state's **population determined how many seats it would have."**

"States counted every person living within their borders."

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

“People who were **enslaved** were not free.”
“They were forced to work and had no legal rights.”

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

"More representatives meant more **power** in Congress."

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 convention. a large meeting for a specific purpose. The words near convention restate its meaning.

CHOOSE C. argued about different sides of a question. The contrast clue shows debated means argued about different sides of a question.

SHOW population. the number of people living in a place. The examples in the sentence show what population means.

OWN enslaved. held as property and forced to work. The sentences around the word help figure out the meaning.

DEFEND In the first sentence, power means the ability to control or influence. In the second sentence, power means electricity. 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.

“At the Constitutional Convention, leaders met to fix the government, a formal meeting with delegates from every state.”

What does the word *convention* mean?

- A** a small meeting between two people
- B** a written law passed by Congress
- C** a large meeting for a specific purpose
- D** a building where courts are held



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The answer is C.

A a small meeting between two people

A convention is a large formal meeting with many delegates, not a small one.

B a written law passed by Congress

A convention is a meeting, not a law.

C a large meeting for a specific purpose Correct.

C The passage says At the Constitutional Convention, leaders met to fix the gov... so convention means a large meeting for a specific purpose.

D a building where courts are held

A convention is a gathering of people, not a building.

