

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 Visit to the Workshop”

This week we practice context clues with words from "A Visit to the Workshop." 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.

"Edison's **invention**, something that had never been built before, changed how people lived."

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

"He wanted to create something **practical, not just clever but useful in real, everyday life."**

A useful in real life • **B** beautiful to look at • **C** impossible to build

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 **experiments** means?

“Edison performed many **experiments**.”

“He tried different wires, different bulbs, and different materials.”

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

“A thin wire inside a glass **bulb** began to glow. | Plant the tulip **bulb** in the fall.”

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

"The electrical **current** traveled through the wire."

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 invention. something new that is created. The words near invention restate its meaning.

CHOOSE A. useful in real life. The contrast clue shows practical means useful in real life.

SHOW experiments. tests done to learn something new. The examples in the sentence show what experiments means.

OWN bulb. a glass container for light / an underground plant part. The sentences around the word help figure out the meaning.

DEFEND In the first sentence, current means a flow of electricity or water. In the second sentence, current means happening now. 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.

“Edison's invention, something that had never been built before, changed how people lived.”

What does the word *invention* mean?

A a tool that already existed

B something new that is created

C a discovery found in nature

D a theory written in a book



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The answer is B.

A a tool that already existed

An invention is something new, not something that already existed.

something new that is created Correct.

B The passage says Edison's invention, something that had never been built befo... so invention means something new that is created.

C a discovery found in nature

An invention is built by a person. A discovery is found, not made.

D a theory written in a book

An invention is a physical creation, not just a written idea.

