

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 in the Community”

This week we practice context clues with words from "A Voice in the Community." 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.

"A local **election might decide how money is used in schools, a formal vote to choose who will lead."**

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

"Decisions made by leaders can **impact schools, roads, and safety, not leaving things unchanged but making a difference."**

A a strong effect or influence • **B** a gentle suggestion • **C** a brief introduction

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

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Show what the clue does.

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

"Some believe participation matters."

"Attending meetings, voting, and speaking up were all forms of involvement."

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."

EXACT TEKS WORDING

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Own it. Use the sentences around the word.

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

"Voters learn about the **candidates."**

"They study each person's ideas and plans before choosing."

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."

EXACT TEKS WORDING

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Defend the meaning.

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

"The **race** for mayor brought many voters to the polls."

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 election. a process where people choose leaders by voting. The words near election restate its meaning.

CHOOSE A. a strong effect or influence. The contrast clue shows impact means a strong effect or influence.

SHOW participation. the act of taking part in something. The examples in the sentence show what participation means.

OWN candidates. people who are trying to be elected. The sentences around the word help figure out the meaning.

DEFEND In the first sentence, race means a competition. In the second sentence, race means a group of people. 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.

“A local election might decide how money is used in schools, a formal vote to choose who will lead.”

What does the word election mean?

- A** a meeting held by a school board
- B** a law passed by the government
- C** a speech given on television
- D** a process where people choose leaders by voting



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The answer is D.

A a meeting held by a school board

An election is a voting process, not just a meeting.

B a law passed by the government

An election chooses leaders, but it is not itself a law.

C a speech given on television

Speeches happen during elections, but the election is the voting process.

a process where people choose leaders by voting **Correct.**

D The passage says A local election might decide how money is used in schools, ... so election means a process where people choose leaders by voting.

