

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 Gift that Welcomed Millions”

This week we practice context clues with words from "A Gift that Welcomed Millions." 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."

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Notice the context clue.

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

"Rosa's family were **immigrants**, people who had traveled from another country to start a new life."

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.”

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Choose the meaning.

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

“The statue was **enormous**, not small or average-sized but towering above the harbor.”

A quite ordinary • **B** extremely large • **C** surprisingly light

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 **documents** means?

"Officers checked each passenger's documents."

"Passports, identification papers, and travel records were all examined."

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

“Officers **inspected** passengers.”

“They checked health, papers, and belongings before allowing entry.”

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

"Rosa's **passage** across the Atlantic took weeks."

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 **immigrants.** people who move to a new country to live. The words near immigrants restate its meaning.

CHOOSE **B.** extremely large. The contrast clue shows enormous means extremely large.

SHOW **documents.** official papers. The examples in the sentence show what documents means.

OWN **inspected.** looked at carefully and officially. The sentences around the word help figure out the meaning.

DEFEND **In the first sentence, passage means a journey by ship.** In the second sentence, passage means a section of text. 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.

“Rosa's family were immigrants, people who had traveled from another country to start a new life.”

What does the word immigrants mean?

A people who move to a new country to live

B tourists visiting for a short trip

C soldiers sent to guard the border

D citizens born in the country



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The answer is A.

people who move to a new country to live **Correct.**

A The passage says Rosa's family were immigrants, people who had traveled from ... so immigrants means people who move to a new country to live.

B **tourists visiting for a short trip**

Immigrants move permanently to a new country. Tourists visit and return home.

C **soldiers sent to guard the border**

Immigrants are people moving to live in a new country, not soldiers.

D **citizens born in the country**

Immigrants come from another country. Citizens born there are not immigrants.

