

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.

"Thomas believed in **liberty. Every person should be free to make choices without being controlled."**

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

“Rosa felt **nervous** as the ship entered the harbor, not calm or relaxed but full of worry.”

A feeling confident and bold • **B** feeling bored and restless • **C** feeling worried or uneasy

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 **harbor** means?

"The ship entered New York Harbor."

"The water was calm, and many other ships waited at the docks."

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

"The torch was a **symbol of hope."**

"It represented the idea that all people deserve freedom."

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

"The statue held a raised **torch** shining in the morning light."



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 liberty. freedom from control. The words near liberty restate its meaning.

CHOOSE C. feeling worried or uneasy. The contrast clue shows nervous means feeling worried or uneasy.

SHOW harbor. a protected area of water for ships. The examples in the sentence show what harbor means.

OWN symbol. something that stands for an idea. The sentences around the word help figure out the meaning.

DEFEND In the first sentence, torch means a stick with fire at the end. In the second sentence, torch means a handheld light. 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.

“Thomas believed in liberty. Every person should be free to make choices without being controlled.”

What does the word *liberty* mean?

A the right to own property

B a type of government building

C freedom from control

D a title given to a leader



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The answer is C.

A the right to own property

Liberty means freedom from control, which is broader than property rights alone.

B a type of government building

Liberty is a concept (freedom), not a building.

freedom from control Correct.

C The passage says Thomas believed in liberty. Every person should be free to m... so liberty means freedom from control.

D a title given to a leader

Liberty names an idea (freedom from control), not a person's title.

