

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 “One Voice Can Start a Wave”

This week we practice context clues with words from "One Voice Can Start a Wave." 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 question grows and **conquers** fears, a word meaning it defeats or overcomes them."

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

“A **whisper** travels down the street, a sound so quiet it is barely heard.”

A a very quiet voice • **B** a loud shout • **C** a written message

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 **brave** means?

"Yet one **brave** question can reach all."

"A brave person asks hard questions even when it is not easy."

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

"A whisper **travels down the street, then other voices rise."**

"The idea moves like a wave."

I CAN | I can use sentences beyond the word's sentence to figure out its meaning.



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TODAY'S THINKING JOB

DEFEND

"I can defend the meaning of a multiple-meaning word."

EXACT TEKS WORDING

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Defend the meaning.

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

"One voice can start a mighty **wave**."

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 conquers. wins against or overcomes. The words near conquers restate its meaning.

CHOOSE A. a very quiet voice. The contrast clue shows whisper means a very quiet voice.

SHOW brave. willing to face danger without fear. The examples in the sentence show what brave means.

OWN travels. moves from one place to another. The sentences around the word help figure out the meaning.

DEFEND In the first sentence, wave means a movement that spreads. In the second sentence, wave means a ridge of water. 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 question grows and conquers fears, a word meaning it defeats or overcomes them.”

What does the word *conquers* mean?

A gives in to or surrenders

B creates or invents

C remembers or recalls

D wins against or overcomes



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The answer is D.

A gives in to or surrenders

Conquers means to win against or defeat, which is the opposite of surrendering.

B creates or invents

Conquers means to overcome, not to create.

C remembers or recalls

Conquers means to defeat something, not to remember it.

wins against or overcomes Correct.

D The passage says A question grows and conquers fears, a word meaning it defea... so conquers means wins against or overcomes.

