

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."

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Notice the context clue.

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

"One voice can start a **mighty** wave, a word meaning the wave is extremely strong."

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.”

EXACT TEKS WORDING

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Choose the meaning.

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

“People can **gather**, write, and speak. They come together to share thoughts and protect change.”

A falls apart slowly • **B** comes together in one place • **C** hides from view

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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"use context within and beyond a sentence to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words and multiple-meaning words"

Show what the clue does.

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

"The passage uses the word **voice**."

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

“One **hopeful word can travel through, not sad or discouraged but full of hope.”**

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

"A dream can **start** inside your heart."

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 mighty. very strong and powerful. The words near mighty restate its meaning.

CHOOSE B. comes together in one place. The contrast clue shows gathers means comes together in one place.

SHOW voice. the meaning of voice. The examples in the sentence show what voice means.

OWN hopeful. full of hope and expecting good things. The sentences around the word help figure out the meaning.

DEFEND In the first sentence, start means the beginning. In the second sentence, start means to begin. 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.

“One voice can start a mighty wave, a word meaning the wave is extremely strong.”

What does the word mighty mean?

A very strong and powerful

B very small and weak

C very old and tired

D very quiet and gentle



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The answer is A.

very strong and powerful **Correct.**

- A** The passage says One voice can start a mighty wave, a word meaning the wave i... so mighty means very strong and powerful.

- B** **very small and weak**
Mighty means strong and powerful, which is the opposite of small and weak.

- C** **very old and tired**
Mighty describes strength, not age.

- D** **very quiet and gentle**
The passage says a mighty wave, which suggests force, not gentleness.

