

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 “Try, Learn, Change”

This week we practice context clues with words from "Try, Learn, Change." 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.

"Look at the leaves, **observe** the ground, meaning to watch and notice details carefully."

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

"The **evidence can guide your way. Facts, observations, and data help you make decisions."**

A opinions or guesses • **B** wishes or hopes • **C** facts or proof

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 **clues** means?

"Important clues are all around."

"Details in leaves, soil, and weather patterns point toward an answer."

I CAN | I can explain what examples show about a word's meaning.



TODAY'S THINKING JOB

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

"Observe, then question, test, **arrange."**
"You put the facts in order to make sense of them."

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

"We try, we learn, and then we **change**."

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 observe. to watch carefully. The words near observe restate its meaning.

CHOOSE C. facts or proof. The contrast clue shows evidence means facts or proof.

SHOW clues. hints that help solve a problem. The examples in the sentence show what clues means.

OWN arrange. to put in order. The sentences around the word help figure out the meaning.

DEFEND In the first sentence, change means to become different. In the second sentence, change means coins. 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.

“Look at the leaves, observe the ground, meaning to watch and notice details carefully.”

What does the word *observe* mean?

A to ignore or look away from

B to memorize a list of facts

C to watch carefully

D to explain an idea to others



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The answer is C.

A to ignore or look away from

Observe means to watch carefully, the opposite of ignoring.

B to memorize a list of facts

Observe means to watch and notice, not to memorize.

C to watch carefully Correct.

C The passage says Look at the leaves, observe the ground, meaning to watch and... so observe means to watch carefully.

D to explain an idea to others

Observe means to watch, not to explain. Explaining comes after observing.

