

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 “From Protest to Participation”

This week we practice context clues with words from "From Protest to Participation." 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.





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.

“Borders can move, meaning the lines that separate one area from another can shift.”

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

"Laws can be written, **challenged, or replaced, not accepted without question but tested."**

A praised or celebrated • **B** hidden or covered • **C** questioned or tested

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

"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 **amendments** means?

"The Constitution has been changed through **amendments."**

"Each amendment adds or updates a rule."

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



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TODAY'S THINKING JOB

OWN

"I can use sentences around a word to figure out its meaning."

EXACT TEKS WORDING

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

Own it. Use the sentences around the word.

What does **ratified** mean? How do you know? Read both sentences.

"The amendment was **ratified** when enough states agreed."

"It became law after the required votes."

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

"Events can be placed in **order** by date."



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 borders. the edges or boundaries between places. The words near borders restate its meaning.

CHOOSE C. questioned or tested. The contrast clue shows challenged means questioned or tested.

SHOW amendments. changes or additions to a law. The examples in the sentence show what amendments means.

OWN ratified. officially approved. The sentences around the word help figure out the meaning.

DEFEND In the first sentence, order means arrangement. In the second sentence, order means a command. 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.

“Borders can move, meaning the lines that separate one area from another can shift.”

What does the word *borders* mean?

A the laws of a country

B the leaders of a nation

C the edges or boundaries between places

D the languages spoken in a region



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The answer is C.

A the laws of a country

Borders are the edges between places, not the laws within them.

B the leaders of a nation

Borders are geographic boundaries, not people.

C the edges or boundaries between places Correct.

The passage says Borders can move, meaning the lines that separate one area f... so borders means the edges or boundaries between places.

D the languages spoken in a region

Borders separate areas of land, not languages.

