



Context Clues for Word Meaning

Today's Standard

3.L.4a - Use sentence-level context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

Cues	Notes
What are context clues?	Context clues are hints found within a sentence that help define difficult words.
How can context clues help understand a word?	By looking at the words and sentences around an unfamiliar word, students can infer its meaning.
What is a common misconception about context clues?	Some students think they can guess the meaning of a word without reading the entire sentence, which often leads to mistakes.
How can you use context clues effectively?	To use context clues effectively, read the whole sentence, consider multiple meanings, and choose the one that fits best.

Summary

Understanding and using context clues helps students infer the meaning of unfamiliar words, enhancing their reading comprehension and vocabulary skills.