

Cornell Notes

Context Clues for Word Meaning

Today's Standard

4.L.4a - Use context (e.g., definitions, examples, or restatements in text) 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, paragraph, or passage that a reader can use to understand the meanings of new or unfamiliar
Why are context clues important?	words.
How can context clues help us?	They are important because they help readers make sense of new vocabulary without needing to stop and look up each word.
What types of context clues are there?	Context clues can help us understand the text better and make reading smoother and more enjoyable.
What should we do if context clues are not available?	There are different types of context clues such as definitions, examples, restatements, and descriptions.
	If context clues are not available, we can use other strategies like looking up the word in a dictionary or asking someone for help.

Summary

Context clues are hints within the text that help readers understand new words. They are essential for improving reading comprehension and can come in various forms like definitions and examples. If context clues are not present, other strategies can be used.