



Context Clues for Understanding Words

Today's Standard

5.L.4a - Use context (e.g., cause/effect relationships and comparisons in text) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

Cues	Notes
What are context clues?	Context clues are hints in the text that help readers understand the meaning of unfamiliar words. They help us figure out the meaning of new words without using a dictionary. Types include definitions, synonyms, antonyms, examples, and general sense of the sentence. Using more than one clue helps ensure we understand the word's meaning correctly. A common misconception is that context clues give exact definitions, but they often only provide hints.
How do context clues help us?	
What are some types of context clues?	
Why is it important to use more than one clue?	
What is a common misconception about context clues?	

Summary

Context clues are hints in the text that help readers determine the meaning of unfamiliar words. They are essential for enhancing reading comprehension and should be used in combination to ensure accurate understanding.