



Context Clues for Word Recognition

Today's Standard

5.RF.4c - Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding, rereading as necessary.

Cues	Notes
What are context clues?	Context clues are hints found within a sentence or paragraph that help readers understand the meaning of unfamiliar words.
How do context clues help in reading?	They assist in word recognition and comprehension by providing additional information that can lead to understanding.
What should you do if context clues are not enough?	If context clues are insufficient, use other strategies such as looking up the word, asking for help, or using a dictionary.
Why is rereading important?	Rereading helps clarify understanding and is a strategy used by proficient readers to improve comprehension.
What are common misconceptions about context clues?	Misconceptions include thinking context clues always provide exact meanings and believing rereading is a sign of poor reading skills.

Summary

Context clues are essential for understanding unfamiliar words in a text. They provide hints that assist in word recognition and comprehension. If context clues are not enough, other strategies should be used. Rereading is an important strategy and is not a sign of poor reading skills. Common misconceptions include over-reliance on context clues and misunderstanding the value of rereading.