



Context Clues for Word Meaning

Today's Standard

7.L.4a - Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) 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 or paragraph that help deduce the meaning of an unfamiliar word.
How can context clues help understand a word?	They help by providing surrounding information that clarifies the word's meaning.
What types of context clues are there?	Types include definition clues, synonym clues, antonym clues, and example clues.
Why are context clues important?	Context clues improve reading comprehension and help in understanding new vocabulary.
What should you do if context clues are not enough?	If context clues are not enough, students should use other strategies like looking up the word in a dictionary or analyzing word parts.

Summary

Context clues are essential tools in understanding the meaning of unfamiliar words by using surrounding text for hints. They improve reading comprehension and vocabulary, and when insufficient, other strategies should be used.