



Context Clues for Vocabulary

Today's Standard

8.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
Context Clues	Context clues help determine the meaning of unfamiliar words.
Types of Context Clues	Types include synonyms, antonyms, explanations, and examples.
Why Use Context Clues?	Using context clues improves reading comprehension and vocabulary.
Common Misconceptions	Misconception: Context clues are always in the same sentence.
Strategies for Finding Context Clues	Misconception: Context clues always directly define the word. Strategy: Look at surrounding sentences and paragraphs. Strategy: Consider the overall meaning of the text.

Summary

Using context clues involves looking at the surrounding text to infer the meaning of unfamiliar words. Understanding different types of context clues and common misconceptions can improve reading comprehension.