



Context Clues for Word Meaning

Today's Standard

9-10.L.4a - Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; 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, paragraph, or text that help define difficult or unfamiliar words.
How do context clues help in understanding a text?	They assist in understanding the text by providing meaning through the surrounding words and sentences.
What types of context clues are there?	Types of context clues include definition, synonym, antonym, example, and inference.
Why is it important to look beyond the immediate sentence?	Looking beyond the immediate sentence is important because context clues can be found in surrounding sentences and paragraphs.
How can you verify the meaning of a word?	To verify the meaning of a word, cross-reference multiple context clues and use a dictionary if needed.

Summary

Context clues are essential for understanding unfamiliar words in a text. By examining surrounding sentences and paragraphs, students can infer meanings and improve their reading comprehension.