



### Context Clues for Word Meaning

#### Today's Standard

4.L.4a - Use context (e.g., definitions, examples, or restatements in text) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

#### Real-World Applications for this Standard

Understanding new vocabulary in reading assignments; Deciphering meanings of unfamiliar words in everyday conversations; Interpreting instructions or information in textbooks and manuals; Enhancing comprehension during reading comprehension exercises; Using context to understand words in digital media (e.g., articles, blogs)

#### Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to use context clues to figure out the meaning of new words. Context clues are hints in the text that help us understand what a word means.

#### Common Stumbling Blocks

Some kids might think context clues always give a direct definition, but that's not true. Sometimes, you have to use other words in the sentence to guess the meaning. Another tricky part is that not all words will have context clues nearby, so it's okay to look up the word or ask for help.

#### Quiz Me

- What is a context clue?
- Why do we use context clues?
- Can context clues always give the exact meaning of a word?
- What should you do if you can't find a context clue?
- Can you give an example of a context clue?

#### Help Me

When you read and find a word you don't know, look at the other words in the sentence to help you understand it. This is called using context clues. For example, if you read, 'The bright, sunny day made everyone happy,' the words 'bright' and 'sunny' help you know that the day was nice.

