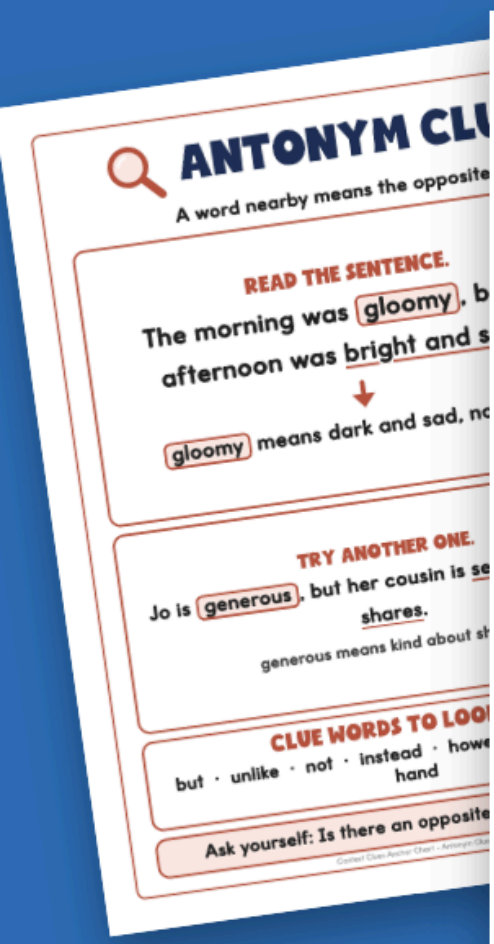
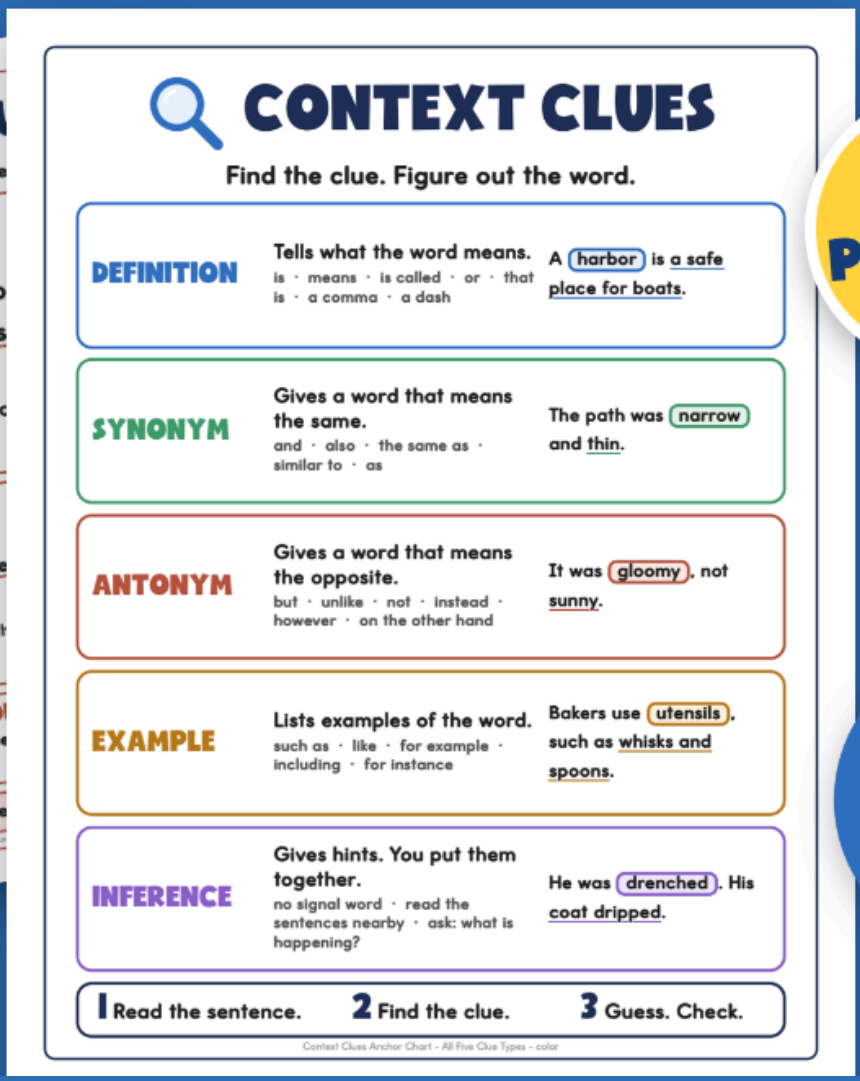
CONTEXT CLUES ANCHOR CHART

Posters, Bookmarks, Notes & Practice





6 POSTERS

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How to Teach It: Five Short Routines

Each one takes a few minutes. Find the clue first, then name the meaning.

1. A clue is a hint

- Show the definition poster (page 5). Read the sentence aloud. Point to the boxed word and the underlined clue.
- Ask: "What does the underlined part tell us about the word?"

2. Four clues with signal words

- Show the synonym, antonym and example posters (pages 7, 9 and 11). Read the clue words at the bottom of each.
- Ask: "Which clue word did the author use? What did it tell us to look for?"

3. The hint with no signal word

- Show the inference poster (page 13). Read both samples. Put the hints together out loud.
- Ask: "What is happening? What word would fit?"

4. Read, find, guess, check

- Use the bookmarks (page 17) and the chart with all five (page 15). Children follow the three steps on the bookmark.
- Practice in three steps: clue underlined (page 20), find it yourself (page 21), write the meaning (page 22).

5. Sort and say why

- Cut the sentence cards (page 18) and sort them on the mats (pages 26 and 27). Ask each child to pick one card and name the clue.
- Send the family note (page 31) so families can try it while reading together.

Notes on your day

PREVIEW

DEFINITION CLUES

The sentence tells you what the word means.

READ THE SENTENCE.

A harbor is a safe place where boats can stay near the shore.

↓

harbor means a safe place for boats near the shore.

TRY ANOTHER ONE.

Mr. Lee is a carpenter, a person who builds things out of wood.

carpenter means a person who builds with wood.

CLUE WORDS TO LOOK FOR

is · means · is called · or · that is · a comma · a dash

Ask yourself: Does the sentence say what the word IS?

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SYNONYM CLUES

A word nearby means the same thing.

READ THE SENTENCE.

The trail was **narrow** and thin, so we walked in a line.

↓

narrow means thin, not wide.

TRY ANOTHER ONE.

Ben felt **anxious**. He was worried about the test.

anxious means worried.

CLUE WORDS TO LOOK FOR

and · also · the same as · similar to · as

Ask yourself: Is there a word nearby that means the same?

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ANTONYM CLUES

A word nearby means the opposite.

READ THE SENTENCE.

The morning was gloomy, but the afternoon was bright and sunny.

↓

gloomy means dark and sad, not bright.

TRY ANOTHER ONE.

Jo is generous, but her cousin is selfish and never shares.

generous means kind about sharing.

CLUE WORDS TO LOOK FOR

but · unlike · not · instead · however · on the other hand

Ask yourself: Is there an opposite? What word is it?

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EXAMPLE CLUES

The sentence gives examples of the word.

READ THE SENTENCE.

Bakers use many **utensils**, such as whisks, spoons and rolling pins.

↓

utensils means tools for cooking.

TRY ANOTHER ONE.

We saw **reptiles** at the zoo, like snakes, turtles and lizards.

reptiles means animals like snakes and lizards.

CLUE WORDS TO LOOK FOR

such as · like · for example · including · for instance

Ask yourself: What group do all the examples belong to?

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INFERENCE CLUES

No clue word. Put the hints together.

READ THE SENTENCE.

His coat dripped on the floor and his boots were muddy. He was **drenched** from the storm.

↓

drenched means very wet.

TRY ANOTHER ONE.

Mia tiptoed past the sleeping baby and whispered. She did not want to **disturb** him.

disturb means wake or bother.

CLUE WORDS TO LOOK FOR

no signal word · read the sentences nearby · ask: what is happening?

Ask yourself: What is happening? What do the hints tell me?

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CONTEXT CLUES

Find the clue. Figure out the word.

DEFINITION

Tells what the word means.

is · means · is called · or · that is · a comma · a dash

A (harbor) is a safe place for boats.

SYNONYM

Gives a word that means the same.

and · also · the same as · similar to · as

The path was (narrow) and thin.

ANTONYM

Gives a word that means the opposite.

but · unlike · not · instead · however · on the other hand

It was (gloomy), not sunny.

EXAMPLE

Lists examples of the word.

such as · like · for example · including · for instance

Bakers use (utensils), such as whisks and spoons.

INFERENCE

Gives hints. You put them together.

no signal word · read the sentences nearby · ask: what is happening?

He was (drenched). His coat dripped.

1 Read the sentence. **2** Find the clue. **3** Guess. Check.

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Cut the bookmarks apart. Keep one in your book.

DEFINITION

Tells what the word means.

A harbor is a safe place for boats.

Look for:
is, means, is called, or

SYNONYM

Gives a word that means the same.

The path was narrow and thin.

Look for:
and, also, the same as, similar to

ANTONYM

Gives a word that means the opposite.

It was gloomy, not sunny.

Look for:
but, unlike, not, instead

EXAMPLE

Lists examples of the word.

Bakers use utensils, such as whisks and spoons.

Look for:
such as, like, for example, including

INFERENCE

Gives hints. You put them together.

He was drenched. His coat dripped.

Look for:
no signal word, read the sentences nearby, ask: what is happening?

FIND THE CLUE

1 Read the sentence.

2 Find the clue.

3 Guess the meaning. Check that it fits.



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Cut the cards apart. Glue them on page 26 or 27.

We packed **essentials**, such as water, food and a flashlight.	A **blizzard** is a snowstorm with strong wind.	The clouds turned black and the wind howled. A **tempest** was coming.
The kitten was **tiny**, small enough to fit in my hand.	A **meadow** is a large field of grass and flowers.	Lia shivered and pulled on a heavy coat. The air outside was **frigid**.
The puzzle was **baffling**. It was so confusing that nobody solved it.	The crowd cheered and jumped up when she crossed the line. Everyone was **elated**.	A **tutor** is a teacher who helps one student at a time.
Our street is **peaceful** at night, but it is loud and busy at noon.	Tom was **cheerful**, but Ava was sad and grumpy.	Many **rodents**, like mice, rats and squirrels, store food.

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My name _____

Fill in your notes.

A context clue is a _____ near a hard word.

DEFINITION

A definition clue tells me what the word _____.

Clue words: _____

SYNONYM

A synonym clue is a word that means the _____.

Clue words: _____

ANTONYM

An antonym clue is a word that means the _____.

Clue words: _____

EXAMPLE

An example clue gives _____.

Clue words: _____

INFERENCE

An inference clue gives me hints. I put them _____.

Clue words: _____

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My name _____

Read. Look at the clue. Circle the meaning.

1 The **enormous** elephant was as big as a bus.

- very big
- very small

2 Sara was **ecstatic**, or very, very happy, about the trip.

- very tired
- very happy

3 The **fragile** cup was easy to break, so Dad held it with care.

- easy to break
- very heavy

4 Our **journey**, a long trip, took two days.

- a short nap
- a long trip

5 The pond was **shallow**, not deep.

- very cold
- not deep

6 It was a **scorching** day. The sun was blazing and I was sweating.

- very hot
- very rainy

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My name _____

Underline the clue. Write what the word means.

1 The soup was **scalding**. Steam rose from the bowl and I burned my tongue.

Clue words: _____

It means _____

2 Grandma is **elderly**, or very old, but she still walks every day.

Clue words: _____

It means _____

3 Lena was **reluctant** to jump. She did not want to, so she stood at the edge.

Clue words: _____

It means _____

4 The **ravenous** wolf had not eaten in days and was very, very hungry.

Clue words: _____

It means _____

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My name _____

Read the story. Find the clue. Write the meaning.

Jada and Dad hiked up a steep **trail**, a narrow path through the woods. By noon the sun was **blazing** and her water bottle was empty. Jada felt **parched**. Her throat was dry and she wanted a drink. At the top, the view was **spectacular**. She could see the whole valley, the river and the tiny red barns, and she smiled for a long time.

trail

The clue: _____

It means _____

blazing

The clue: _____

It means _____

parched

The clue: _____

It means _____

spectacular

The clue: _____

It means _____

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My name _____

Glue the cards from page 18 where they belong.

DEFINITION

The sentence tells you what the word means.

glue | glue | glue

SYNONYM

A word nearby means the same thing.

glue | glue

ANTONYM

A word nearby means the opposite.

glue | glue

PREVIEW

A Note Home: Context Clues

One page to send home when you start the posters.

Date _____ Class _____ Teacher _____

Dear families,

This week we are learning to use **context clues**. A context clue is a hint in the sentence that helps a reader figure out a hard word. Sometimes the sentence tells the meaning, gives a word that means the same, gives an opposite, lists examples, or gives hints that fit together.

The morning was gloomy, but the afternoon was bright and sunny.

This week we are practicing

_____

_____

You can try this at home

When your child reads to you and stops at a hard word, ask: "What words near it give you a hint? What do you think it means? Does that make sense in the sentence?"

_____

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_____

A note from me (your words)

_____

_____

_____

_____

Thank you, (teacher) _____ Family signature, if your school asks for one _____

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