

CONTEXT CLUES

task cards

INCLUDES:
POSTERS
27 TASK CARDS
2 QUIZZES &
ANSWER KEYS

PRACTICE FINDING WORD MEANINGS IN
3RD & 4TH GRADES

This Context clues task card product is full of vocabulary activities to help to teach your fourth, fifth, and sixth-grade students. Finding context clues in the text helps with reading comprehension and identifying word meanings.

What's included?

1. Whole group practice posters for finding context clues
2. 27 task cards
3. 2 Quizzes
4. Answer keys for all the items

WHAT ARE THE CONTEXT CLUES?

When I walked up to the **house**
I saw the beautiful **awning** over
the front door
welcomed me.

I can
something
highlight
before
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WHAT ARE THE CONTEXT CLUES?

There is a house in my
neighborhood that always
spooks me. Many say there
is an **occupant** for
I am not sure
one has lived
it's haunted.

occupant is
es in a place
at are **after**
y word.

WHAT IS A CONTEXT CLUE?

A context clue is a hint
for an unknown word.
We find context clues in
the sentences **before**,
the sentence the word is
in or the sentence
after.

The first few slides are
teacher examples. Use these
slides to show your readers
where to find context clues
in the text.

The examples highlight
words to show the readers
where to find context clues
in the sentences: **before, in,**
or after the vocabulary
word.



WAYS TO USE:

Print the task cards on cardstock and laminate them for best use. Place the task cards in a baggie for storage and convenience.

You can use them in different centers around the room or in a small group.

If the task cards are laminated, have the reader underline the context clues with an expo or vis-a-vis marker so that they can visualize where context clues are located in the sentence.

Additionally, these task cards are great to use around test prep time, be used in tutoring, over the summer, or sent for homework.

USE THE CLUES TO FIND THE MEANING OF THE WORD.

After a long day at work, we ordered pizza for dinner. Clean up was completely **effortless**. We threw the paper plates, paper cups and pizza box in the trash.

What does **effortless** mean?

- A. Lazy
- B. Peaceful
- C. No involvement
- D. Difficult

Circle or underline the context clues in the sentence.

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USE THE CLUES TO FIND THE MEANING OF THE WORD.

I was eating my popcorn and drinking a soda at the movie theatre. One of my favorite actors was **featured** in the previews. I was so excited! I could not wait until the movie came out in a month to watch it with my friends.

What does **featured** mean?

- A. Formed
- B. Watched
- C. Popcorn
- D. Displayed

Circle or underline the context clues in the sentence.

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USE THE CLUES TO FIND THE MEANING OF THE WORD.

During the run, I kept my pace steady and **undisturbed**.

What does **undisturbed** mean?

- A. Increase
- B. Add
- C. Pay for
- D. Subtract

Circle or underline the context clues in the sentence.

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USE THE CLUES TO FIND THE MEANING OF THE WORD.

I received a letter notifying me the company will **raise** the rate of my cable bill. I did not think this was fair to do since I am not getting any extra channels.

What does **raise** mean?

- A. Increase
- B. Add
- C. Pay for
- D. Subtract

Circle or underline the context clues in the sentence.

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USE THE CLUES TO FIND THE MEANING OF THE WORD.

I know it is rude to **judge**, but the performance was nothing special. I thought the set could have been nicer and the costumes were not great either.

What does **judge** mean?

- A. Comment
- B. Decide
- C. Rule in a court
- D. Form judgement

Circle or underline the context clues in the sentence.

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USE THE CLUES TO FIND THE MEANING OF THE WORD.

After the meeting **stew**. The meeting was long and I was hoping and I was **stew**.

What does **stew** mean?

- A. Smells good
- B. Worthless
- C. Significant
- D. Nice

Circle or underline the context clues in the sentence.

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USE THE CLUES TO FIND THE MEANING OF THE WORD.

My best friend brought me flowers for my birthday and my favorite cake. This was very **meaningful** to me.

What does **meaningful** mean?

- A. Smells good
- B. Worthless
- C. Significant
- D. Nice

Circle or underline the context clues in the sentence.

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USE THE CLUES TO FIND THE MEANING OF THE WORD.

The bills were **scattered** all over the floor, there were dirty dishes in the sink, and the trash was stinky. I don't think they had cleaned the house in some time.

What does **scattered** mean?

- A. Paid
- B. In order
- C. Random
- D. Smart

Circle or underline the context clues in the sentence.

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USE THE CLUES TO FIND THE MEANING OF THE WORD.

It is very important to **observe** the traffic signs while you are driving. You can get in a car accident or receive a ticket if you do not follow the rules.

What does **observe** mean?

- A. Wink
- B. Brake for
- C. See
- D. Watch

Circle or underline the context clues in the sentence.

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USE THE CLUES TO FIND THE MEANING OF THE WORD.

I took my dog to the vet because his behavior was not **typical**. He was barely eating his food and wasn't excited about going on walks.

What does **typical** mean?

- A. Increase
- B. Fun
- C. Odd
- D. Normal

Circle or underline the context clues in the sentence.

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Two sets of 'CONTEXT CLUE QUIZ 1' worksheets are shown. Each set includes a 'Name:' field, a 'Directions' section, and a table with three columns: 'SENTENCE', 'WHAT DOES THE UNDERLINED WORD MEAN?', and 'WHAT WORD(S) HELP YOU UNDERSTAND THE MEANING OF THE UNDERLINED WORD?'. The worksheets contain various sentences with underlined words and multiple-choice options.

ANSWER KEY FOR TASK CARDS

1. B	10. C	19. D
2. A	11. A	20. C
3. C	12. C	21. D
4. B	13. D	22. A
5. B	14. A	23. C
6. C	15. B	24. D
7. A	16. C	25. C
8. D	17. D	26. A
9. B	18. B	27. B

After practicing context clues, test your reader's knowledge by using the QUIZ at the end of the packet. As a result, the teacher can easily track and show the student's performance.

This resource is great to use in parent conferences for additional data.

