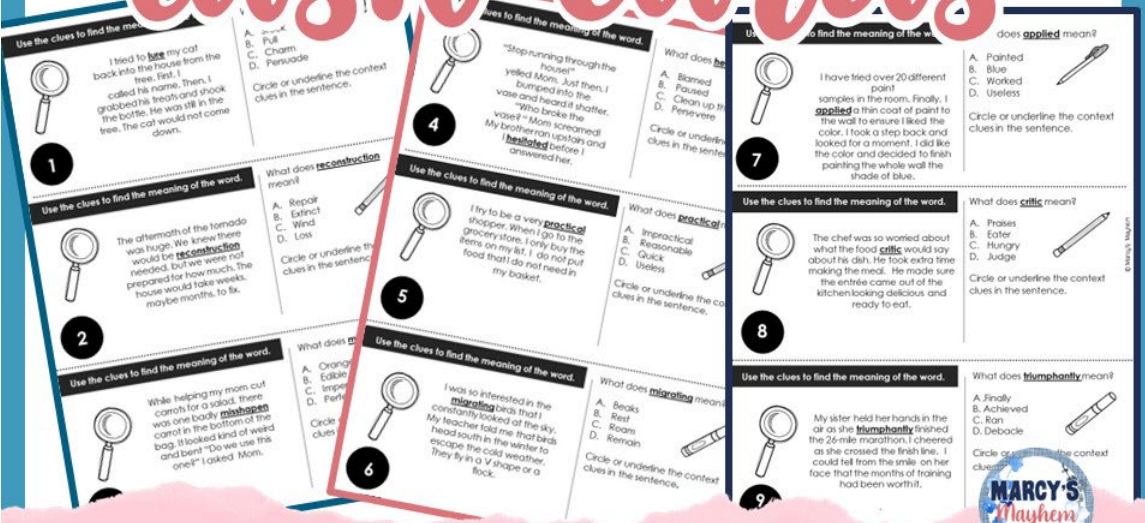


# CONTEXT CLUES

## task cards



PRACTICE FINDING WORD MEANINGS IN  
3<sup>RD</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADES

INCLUDES: POSTERS, 30 TASK CARDS, 2 QUIZZES & ANSWER KEYS

This Context Clues task card product contains vocabulary activities to help teach your 3rd and 4th-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. 30 task cards
3. 2 Quizzes
4. Answer keys for all the items

## Here are some examples.....

I saw the beautiful awning over the front door when I walked up to the house. I already felt welcomed into the family's home.

### What are the CONTEXT CLUES?

I saw the beautiful awning **over the front door** when I walked up to the house. I already felt welcomed into the family's home.

I can tell an awning is something over a door by the highlighted words **over the front door** in the vocabulary word in the text.

## Lets try another one..

There is a house in my neighborhood that spooks me. Many say there hasn't been an occupant for over 20 years. I am unsure how long **no one has lived there**, but I think it's haunted.

### What are the CONTEXT CLUES?

There is a house in my neighborhood that always spooks me. Many say there hasn't been an occupant for over 20 years. I am unsure how long **no one has lived there**, but I think it's haunted.

I can tell an occupant is someone who lives in a place by the words that are **after** the vocabulary word.



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 small groups.

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

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

Use the clues to find the meaning of the word.

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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.

Use the clues to find the meaning of the word.

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The gunner **strided** the 100-yard race. He wanted to outrun the other runners.

What does **strided** mean?

A. Shined  
B. Lose

Circle or underline the context clues in the sentence.

Use the clues to find the meaning of the word.

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

What does **effortless** mean?

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

Circle or underline the context clues in the sentence.

Use the clues to find the meaning of the word.

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During the run, I kept my **stride**. I did not finish first, but I was steady and crossed the finish line in under 2 hours.

What does **stride** mean?

A. Stroll  
B. Run  
C. Walk  
D. Pace

Circle or underline the context clues in the sentence.

Use the clues to find the meaning of the word.

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After the meeting with my boss, I started to **stew**. The meeting had not gone as I had hoped, and I did not feel like she listened to what I said.

What does **stew** mean?

A. Argue  
B. Got frustrated  
C. Yell  
D. Enjoy

Circle or underline the context clues in the sentence.

Use the clues to find the meaning of the word.

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The weather was cold and rainy. I was warm and cozy on the couch under a blanket. The cat **nuzzled** beside me and purred. I wanted to watch movies all day.

What does **nuzzled** mean?

A. Sat  
B. Purred  
C. Snuggle  
D. Separate

Circle or underline the context clues in the sentence.

Use the clues to find the meaning of the word.

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My favorite teacher was in the room during the hardest test I ever took. She stood at the front of the room, but her **presence** made me feel confident I would make a good grade.

What does **presence** mean?

A. By me  
B. Manners  
C. Gift  
D. Teaching

Circle or underline the context clues in the sentence.

Use the clues to find the meaning of the word.

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Our family went to a fancy restaurant to celebrate my father's **promotion** at work. My whole family was excited for him. I ordered a hamburger and French fries.

What does **promotion** mean?

A. Job  
B. More money  
C. Change in rank  
D. Demote

Circle or underline the context clues in the sentence.





Context Clue Quiz 1

Directions: Read the sentence and circle the correct answer. In the third box, write a word that helped you understand the underlined word's meaning.

Sentence	What does the underlined word mean?	What word(s) help you understand the meaning of the underlined word?
Example: I have always been <u>envious</u> of Jenny. Everyone likes her and she has so many friends.	A. Jealous B. Hated C. Like D. Unfriendly	Everyone likes her
1. The cattle <u>roamed</u> in the pasture during the day. They would come in the barn in the evening.	A. Floated B. Ate grass C. Ran D. wandered	
2. I will always remember the <u>distinct</u> smell of my grandmother's perfume. When I smell it on other people, I always smile.	A. Sweet B. Same C. Stinky D. Specific	
3. I looked at the teacher with <u>admiration</u> . I was not able to read very well at the beginning of the year. With her help, I am now a fluent reader.	A. A smile B. Shock C. Respect D. Bored	
4. My dad said that I tattled on my brother for my <u>benefit</u> . I just did not want to get into trouble.	A. Minus B. Punishment C. Advantage D. Drawback	

Sentence	What does the underlined word mean?	What word(s) help you understand the meaning of the underlined word?
5. The Thanksgiving dinner was a beautiful <u>spread</u> . I could not wait to try it all.	A. Turkey B. Dinner C. Space D. Eat	
6. I went to the <u>con</u> ...	A. Cheap B. Well known C. Capable D. Easy	

Context Clue Quiz 2

Directions: Read the sentence and circle the correct answer. In the third box, write a word that helped you understand the underlined word's meaning.

Sentence	What does the underlined word mean?	What word(s) help you understand the meaning of the underlined word?
Example: I have always been <u>envious</u> of Jenny. Everyone likes her and she has so many friends.	A. Jealous B. Hated C. Like D. Unfriendly	Everyone likes her
1. The day was an <u>ordinary</u> one. I got up, went to school, came home watched my favorite show and did my homework. Just a regular weekday.	A. Odd B. Regular C. Awesome D. Curious	
2. The outfit was <u>appropriate</u> for a job interview. He...	A. Not good B. Suitable C. Cute D. perfect	
	A. Picture B. Visual C. portrait D. amphibian	
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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
28. A	29. B	30. D



After practicing context clues, test your reader's knowledge using the quiz at the end of the packet. The teacher can easily track and show the student's performance.

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

# Do you need additional vocabulary practice?

Click any of the covers below to see more.

