

Context clues can be nearby words or **pictures** that help determine the meaning of **words**.



The **rain** is holding up our progress in painting the **exterior** part of the house.

Exterior means the **outside** of something.

Not examples of context clues:

Owen looked at the **exterior** of his car.

CFU

Read the sentence.

You should **omit** this word from the sentence because it is not needed.

What context clues helped determine **omit means delete**? Explain.

- A because it is not needed
- B You should

Read the sentence.

Kiwis are native to New Zealand.

What **context clue** helped you determine **kiwis are birds**? Explain.

- A nearby words
- B picture



In your own words, what are context clues?

- 1 Read the sentence(s), looking at the unknown **bolded** word.
- 2 Identify the **context clue(s)**. (underline)
- 3 Determine the meaning of the unknown **bolded** word. (circle)
- 4 Read aloud the meaning of the bolded word. “__ means __.”

1 The movie star wore **synthetic** fur to the event. That fur is not real.

- A fresh B pretty C fake

2 Today, it is **sweltering** outside. The sweat is dripping down our faces.

- A hot B windy C cold

3 After sleeping all winter, the bear **emerged** from his cave.

- A hid in B entered C came out



4 We rode the **ATV** over hills, rocks, and on gravel roads.

- A All-travel vehicle
B All-terrain vehicle
C All-tool vehicle

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- 5 The women **boycotted** a men's-only golf course. They believe everyone has the right to golf.

A protest B union C agreement

- 6 The hospital food was very **bland**. Martha said it had no taste.

A plain B delicious C spicy

- 7 The **forlorn** girl sat by herself crying.

A happy B lonely and unhappy C teenage

- 8 We will elect a new mayor for our town in the **municipal** elections.

A city government B state government C summer

Skill Closure

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- 1 After the building is **demolished**, we will build a new building.

A painted **B** inspected **C** torn down

- 2 Teaching provided a **livelihood** for Mrs. Gomez. She was able to buy a house.

A a way to make money **B** fun **C** friends

Concept Closure

 **With a partner, create a sentence for each picture.** Use context clues to provide information about the word.



zebra



kayak

Summary Closure

What did you learn today about determining the meaning of unknown words using context clues?

Word Bank

determine

context clues

unknown words

meaning

Read the sentence.

Determine the meaning of the bolded word.

1 We had **sufficient** pencils. Every student got a pencil.

A enough

B no

C yellow

2 Isabella had to move **rapidly** to catch her running dog.

A slowly

B quickly

C backwards

3 Jose did not wear shorts today. He wore **trousers**.

A shoes

B a jacket

C pants

4 It was a **broiling** day. We had to go swimming to cool off.

A cold

B very hot

C windy

5 In order to see the small print in the book, he had to wear his **spectacles**.

A glasses

B shoes

C arms

6 Because they were twins, they looked very **similar**.

A alike

B different

C young

 Listening

Listen to the passage read aloud. Use the passage and context clues to determine the meaning of the word. (Draw a line)
What context clues help you determine the answer?

amphibious

ectothermic

dehydrated

A



B



C



Listen the passage again.
What is the passage about? (write)

**Reading**

Read the passage. Use context clues to determine which word belongs in the blank. Reread the passage.

Word Bank**Landmarks**

are things you see that help you know where you are.

Navigate

means to figure which way to go.

Migratory

refers to moving from one place to another.

_____ animals travel long distances each year to find food or a safe

place to raise their young. The bodies of migratory birds help them

_____ to where they are going. For example, they have very good

eyesight to identify _____, such as mountains and rivers, along the way.

 Writing

Write a sentence for each picture. Use context clues to provide information about the word. Read the sentences.



backpack



swimming pool
