

Context clues are **nearby words** that can help determine the meaning of **unknown words**.

Owen bought **exterior** paint for the **outside** of his house.

Exterior means the outside of something.

Not examples of context clues:

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

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Which sentence has a context clue that helps determine the meaning of **carnation**? How do you know?

- A Carnations are beautiful.**
- B Carnations are beautiful flowers.**

In your own words, what are context clues?
“**Context clues are**_____.”

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 The hospital food was very **bland**. Martha said it had no taste.
 A plain B delicious C spicy

Skill Closure

- 1 The **forlorn** girl sat by herself crying.
 A happy B lonely and unhappy C teenage
- 2 We will elect a new mayor for our town in the **municipal** elections.
 A city government B state government C summer

Concept Closure

 **Writing**

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

zebra

kayak

Closure

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

Word Bank

determine
context clues
unknown words
meaning

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

A painted

B inspected

C torn down

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

A a way to make money

B fun

C friends



Listening

Listen to the passage. Then answer these questions using context clues from the passage.

1. What is the meaning of amphibians?

2. What is the meaning of ectotherms?

3. What is the meaning of dehydrated?



Reading

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

- 1 _____ are things you see that help you know where you are.
- 2 _____ means to figure which way to go.
- 3 _____ refers to moving from one place to another.

Migratory animals travel long distances each year to find food or a safe place to raise their young. The bodies of migratory birds help them **navigate** to where there are going. For example, they have very good eyesight to identify **landmarks**, such as mountains and rivers, along the way.



Writing

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backpack



swimming pool



ATV
All Terrain Vehicle
