

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

Marcos had been **running hard** in soccer practice!  
He was **exhausted**.

**Exhausted** means tired.



### Non-example

Marcos was **exhausted**.

### CFU

Which words in the sentence are **context clues** that help determine **achievement means success**? Explain.

**He celebrated his greatest achievement with all his friends.**

- A**      **With all his friends**      **B**      **He celebrated his greatest**



The **egret** has a long neck.

What **context clue** helped you determine **egret is a bird**? Explain.

- A**      **Nearby words**  
**B**      **Picture**

In your own words, what are context clues?

1. Read the sentence, looking carefully at the **bolded word**.
2. Identify the **context clue(s)** that help determine the meaning. (underline)
3. Determine the meaning of the **bolded word**. (circle)
4. Read aloud the meaning of the bolded word. “\_\_ means \_\_.”

1 John is good at solving math problems because he is **clever**.

- A lazy                      B funny                      C smart

2 The butterfly sat on a flower. Then, it **fluttered** its wings and flew away.

- A closed                      B flapped                      C opened

3 The house is **vacant**. The people who lived there moved out years ago.

- A old                      B empty                      C in use



4 California is in a **drought** because there is not enough water.

- A too much rain  
B too much sunshine  
C not enough rain

5 The children were in a **quarrel** over a game and someone got hurt.

- A arguing  
B union  
C agreement



## Skill Closure

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1 Pizza delivery is **convenient** because you don't have to go get the pizza yourself.

**A** easy

**B** hard

**C** yummy

2 The restaurant serves many **beverages**, such as water, tea and milk.

**A** vegetable

**B** drinks

**C** dessert

3 I was too **lethargic** to go out to play. I just wanted to take a nap.

**A** hungry

**B** excited

**C** tired

## Concept Closure

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



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cattails

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## Summary Closure

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

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## Word Bank

determine  
context clues  
identify

Read the sentences. Underline the context clue words. Determine the meaning of the bolded word. (circle)

1 Tom has **affluent** parents. His family lives in the biggest house in town.

A rich

B happy

C poor

2 It was a **blustery** day. The leaves were blowing all over the place.

A sunny

B windy

C rainy



3 My teacher gave us a lot of work to do. We had many **assignments**.

A tasks

B flowers

C pencils

4 The food at the restaurant was **delectable**. The food tasted great.

A terrible

B cheap

C delicious

5 The child was **elated** when he received birthday presents.

A unhappy

B excited

C upset



Listening

Word Bank

wheat

ferns

daffodils

Listen to each paragraph read aloud. Identify each plant by its description. (Use Word bank)

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A \_\_\_\_\_

B \_\_\_\_\_

C \_\_\_\_\_

Recall information you heard about the plant.



## Reading

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

Animals eat different types of food. Deer are

\_\_\_\_\_. They eat grass,

nuts, twigs, alfalfa, and corn. Hyenas are

\_\_\_\_\_. They eat lizards, birds, snakes, and

insects. Squirrels are \_\_\_\_\_ . They eat nuts,

seeds, insects, and young birds.-

## Word Bank

**omnivores**

are animals that eat plants and animals.

**carnivores**

are animals that eat animals only.

**herbivores**

are animals that eat plants only.

Read the sentences.

Determine the meaning of the bolded word. (circle)

1 The cowboy used his **lariat** to tie up his horse to a post.

A cow

B rope

C hat

2 The parking lot is so **congested**. We cannot get out!

A crowded

B empty

C hot





## Writing

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



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Read the sentences.

Determine the meaning of the bolded word. (circle)

1 The **skittish** cat ran and hid under the bed when I started the vacuum.

A lazy

B calm

C nervous

2 The lost kitten was **famished** because it had not eaten.

A hungry

B playful

C fat

3 The long hike up the mountain was extremely **grueling**. I will need to rest.

A easy

B tiring

C fast