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Context Clues

Good readers use other parts of the selection to help them understand words they do not know. **Context clues** are words that go before and after an underlined word. Sometimes the sentence that follows an unknown word may give the meaning of the word. If you read them carefully, they can help you figure out what the word means.

Here are ways to find context clues (Use the acronym **IDEA**):

Inferences

The meaning is not given so you must use text clues to infer what the unknown word means.

Example: The roof collapsed. It had to be repaired.



Guided Practice

Read each sentence. Use context clues to write a meaning for the underlined word as it is used in the statements below.

1. A loud clap of thunder startled Liz.



Meaning:

2. The book had colorful illustrations of flowers.



Meaning:

3. The mail carrier delivered a heavy brown **parcel**.



Meaning:

4. May I listen to one **final** story before bedtime?



Meaning:

5. David **devoured** his meal. The plate was clean.



Meaning:
