Context Clues
(They are soooooo important!)

context = everything around you

What is your **context** right now? _____

clue = bit of information that helps you find an answer

When you returned from the bathroom, you saw that someone in the classroom had stolen your phone! What **clues** would you look for to find out who took your phone? _____

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True or False? Write "T" or "F."

You should give up if you don't understand every word someone says. ____
The words you understand are clues to what the person is saying. ____
If you understand 2 words, you can guess what someone is saying. ____
If you guess wrong, everyone will laugh at you. ____
If you guess wrong, try asking, "Can you say that with different words?" ____
To understand, always start with what you do know. ____

At the beginning of the video, Benny uses the word "incomprehensible." What is the context? He's talking about _____. What are 2 clues to what he means? 1)_____; 2)_____. What do you think "incomprehensible" means? _____

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You are in the hall at school. A boy wearing a football shirt asks you something. All you hear is, "...you.....game tomorrow?" Use context clues to guess what he said: _____

You are in math class. The teacher gives the class a math problem to solve. After a minute, she turns to you and asks something. All you hear is, "..... .....answer?" Use context clues to guess what she asked: _____

Context clues help with reading, too!

Sometimes when you read, you do not know what a word means. The **context** of that word is the **PICTURE** nearest the word and the **OTHER WORDS** close to that word.

The crayon was magenta. What does magenta mean? _____

Sally said, "I want to use the magenta crayon!"



_____ What clues did you use? _____

_____

She is affable. What does affable mean? _____

What clues did you use? _____

_____

Ms. Fry is an affable teacher. She is always friendly to everyone.



What's a turaco? What?! You don't know!?! Watch the video!

What's a turaco? _____ What clues helped you know? _____

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How can you use context clues when you read? _____

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What was the word the younger brother didn't know? _____ What context clues could he have used to help him understand it? First, he knew his brother was talking about the can of soda. Next, _____ _____ What did the word mean? _____

Go to roomrecess.com. First, click on "Keyboard and Mouse." Next, click on "Context Clues." Then read the directions! Have fun using context clues to choose the correct words to complete the sentences!

Use context clues to find the meaning of the underlined words.

The long hike up the mountain was grueling. By the time he reached the top, Alex was panting and soaked with sweat.

Grueling means _____ Context clues: _____

It was her first time skiing. Maria was a little nervous. She went to the novice class.

Novice means _____. Context clues: _____

Lee wanted a new phone more than anything. When his best friend got one for his birthday, Lee was envious. He wished he had gotten the phone.

Envious means _____. Context clues: _____

It took a week for David and his sister to cross the country by train. He stated, "I never realized this country was so vast!"

Vast means _____. Context clues: _____

Do you think you understand how to use context clues to help you understand words? ____ Show what you know by acing this quiz: wordwall.net .

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