

Context Clues—Week 4

When you don't understand what a text is saying, one of the best ways to figure out what the words mean is to use context clues.

Context clue = the words and pictures all around some text
you don't understand

Look at page 7 in your book. Goldie and Cheryl are talking. Cheryl uses the idiom, "What's the skinny?" Have they been talking for a while, or did they just meet? _____ Where are they? _____
What does Cheryl ask right after she uses the idiom? _____
Look at Cheryl. What is Cheryl's mood? _____ Use all these context clues to decide what the idiom means.

I think "What's the skinny?" means _____.

What is an idiom? _____

Let's try using context clues again. Look at page 9 in your book. Goldie says, "Something went down." Look at Goldie. What is her mood? _____
What is she talking about before she uses that idiom? _____
_____ What does Cheryl say to her? _____
Use these context clues to decide what the idiom means.

I think "Something went down" means _____.

What is a context clue? _____

Practice makes you stronger! On page 37 in your book, Cheryl remarks, "...but no dice." What are Cheryl and Goldie talking about? _____
_____ Why does Cheryl believe it "must've been a library book?" _____
_____ In the next panel (picture), what is Goldie's emotional reaction to Cheryl's words? How do Cheryl's words make her feel? _____
Use these context clues to decide what the idiom means,

I think the idiom "no dice" means _____

Try using context clues independently (by yourself.) On page 39, Rob announces, "Gonna catch a flick." Context Clue 1: _____
_____ Context Clue 2: _____
Context Clue 3: _____

I think the idiom "catch a flick" means _____