

Context clues

► Complete the table by writing definitions of the words listed. Use the phrases and ideas in these sentences from the texts to work out their meaning from the *context*.

Word	Context	Definition
forage	Tree-ear was setting off in the early morning to forage in the village rubbish heaps.	to look for food, or for things of value
container	On the <i>jiggeh</i> was a large container made of woven straw, the kind commonly used to carry rice.	
glean	It would be many months before the rice was harvested and the poor people allowed to glean the fallen grain from the bare fields.	
oblivious	Oblivious to the hole in his straw container, the man continued on his way.	
ruefully	The farmer turned and saw the trail of rice. He pushed his straw hat back, scratched his head, and laughed ruefully.	