

# CONTEXT CLUES

IDEAS is a strategy readers use to figure out the meaning of unfamiliar words.

Clue	Description	Examples
 <b>I</b> nference	The sentence gives clues, but the meaning is not stated directly.	<p>She <b>shivered</b>, <u>pulled her coat tighter</u>, and <u>rubbed her hands together</u>.</p> <p>He felt <b>impatient</b>, <u>tapping his pencil</u> and <u>checking the clock</u>.</p>
 <b>D</b> efinition	The word is explained directly in the sentence.	<p>A <b>habitat</b> is <u>a place where an animal lives</u>.</p> <p>A <b>decade</b> is <u>a period of ten years</u>.</p>
 <b>E</b> xamples	The sentence shows what the word means by naming things or situations.	<p><b>Reptiles</b>, like <u>snakes, lizards, and turtles</u>, have scaly skin.</p> <p><b>Arid</b> regions, such as <u>deserts and dry plains</u>, receive very little rain.</p>
 <b>A</b> ntonyms	An opposite word gives a clue.	<p>Instead of being <b>generous</b>, the man was <u>selfish</u>.</p> <p>The movie was <b>dull</b>, while the book was <u>exciting</u>.</p>
 <b>S</b> ynonyms	A similar word appears nearby.	<p>The path was <b>narrow</b>, or <u>very thin</u>.</p> <p>She felt <b>exhausted</b>, completely <u>worn out</u> after the race.</p>