

Context Clue Graphic Organizer

The following is a graphic organizer for identifying and keeping track of **context clues**, or hints, that authors include in a text to help readers determine the meaning of new words. This graphic organizer can be used when supporting students at home or in the classroom as they read academic and literary texts. The graphic organizer supports the identification and understanding of three types of context clues:

1. Definition and Explanation Context Clues
2. Synonym and Restatement Context Clues
3. Antonym and Contrast Context Clues

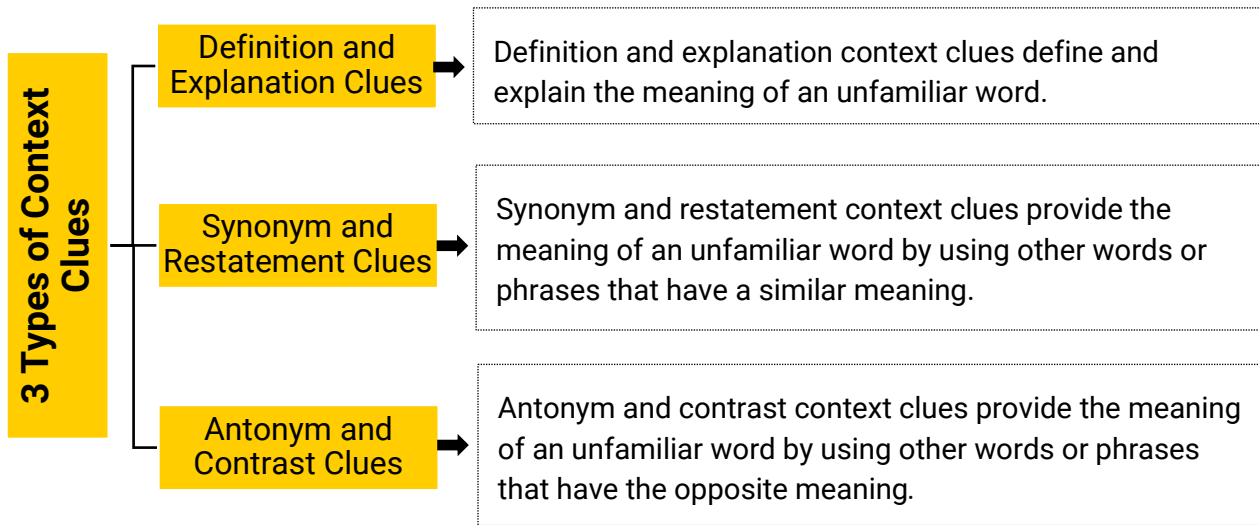
The child or teen will then record the deduced meaning of the unfamiliar word on the graphic organizer.

Note: Explicit and systematic instruction in decoding skills such as phonics and phonemic awareness is an essential part of learning to read proficiently. This graphic organizer is intended to support students' development of vocabulary and background knowledge, but it should not be viewed as a substitute for proper instruction in decoding.

Additional Resource

For more on context clues, read the Iowa Reading Research Center blog post "[Supporting Your Children's and Teens' Home Learning: Using Context Clues to Understand New Words](#)" by Dr. Anna Gibbs.

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Unfamiliar Word	Context Clue	Word Meaning