



CONTEXT CLUES

Example #1

Daniel was **apprehensive** about mountain climbing, but Sam had **no worries at all**.

In this contrasting context, no worries at all are clue words. Therefore, apprehensive means the opposite of no worries at all. Students can infer that apprehensive means feeling anxiety about future events.

Example #2

The **sweltering** weather was soon replaced with **cool, gentle breezes**.

Ask students to find clue words to help determine the meaning of the word sweltering. Students should quickly realize that this sentence contains contrasting statements. The words cool, gentle breezes mean the opposite of sweltering. With a little thought, students can determine the word sweltering means overly hot and humid.

Sample Organizers to Go with the Video

Assign these activities through Google Classroom for distance or classroom learning. Click [here](#) to download the free activities from Google Drive.

This is the [digital version](#).

Here you will find the [printable version](#).



Matching

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Read the sentences on the left. Match the **bold word** from each sentence on the left to its definition on the right.

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Answer Key

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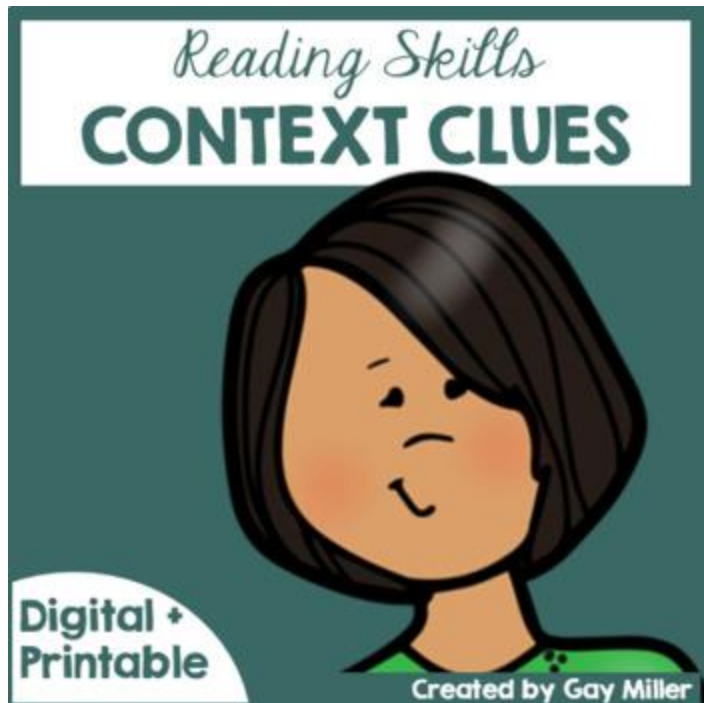
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General Teaching

- Vocabulary Practice – word and definition cards for practice + a test on these words
- Question Stems by Grade Level

Hook Activity - Jabberwocky

Video Lessons with Organizers and Activities

While all lessons and activities can be used at different grade levels, I have divided them up in the resource by CCSS.

Part 1 - 4th Grade

- Lesson 1 - Context Clues - Definition
- Lesson 2 - Context Clues – Restatement (Synonym)
- Lesson 3 - Context Clues – Example
- Activities
- 20 Task Cards
- Fill-in-the-Blanks Story

Part 2 - 5th Grade

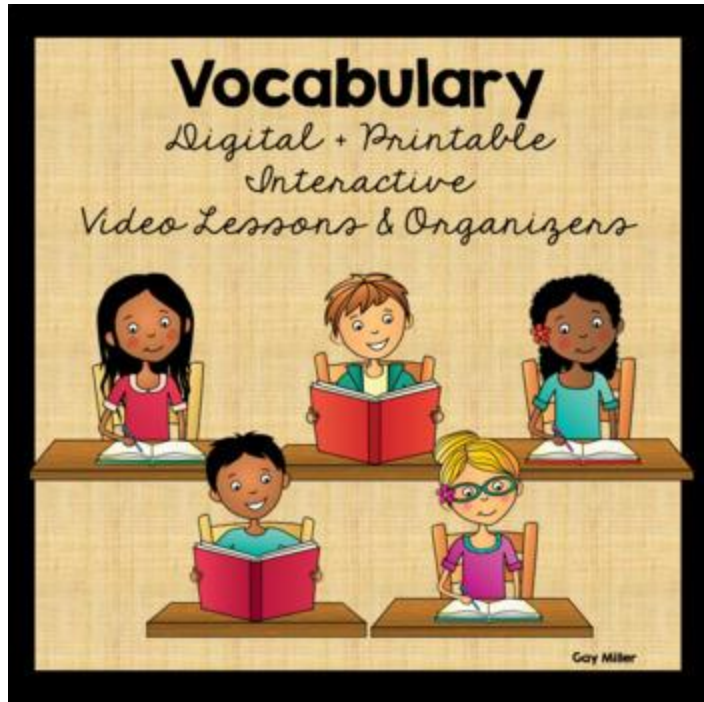
- Lesson 4 - Context Clues - Cause/Effect
- Lesson 5 - Context Clues – Comparison
- Lesson 6 - Context Clues – Contrast
- Activity – Sorry Game with 52 Question Cards

Part 3 - 6th Grade

- Lesson 7 - Context Clues – Association
- Lesson 8 - Context Clues - Tone and Setting
- Lesson 9 - Context Clues - Word's Position or Function
- Sentence Strip Activity

More Activities

- Poems with Made-Up Words
- Cloze Passage
- Game - Dots and Boxes



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This packet contains 31 organizers in printable and Google Slides versions with video companions going over definitions and examples of the following vocabulary skills:

1. Dictionary/Glossary
2. Synonyms
3. Antonyms
4. Thesaurus
5. Shades of Meaning
6. Connotation
7. Homonyms
8. Homophones
9. Homographs
10. Prefixes [5 Lessons]
11. Suffixes [5 Lessons]
12. Root Words [5 Lessons]
13. Context Clues - Restatement or Definition
14. Context Clues - Example
15. Context Clues - Contrast
16. Context Clues - Cause/Effect
17. Context Clues - Comparison
18. Context Clues - Association
19. Context Clues - Tone and Setting

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