

Context Clues

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The most important part of building your vocabulary is recognizing unfamiliar words as you read.

- Context- the words, phrases, or sentences that surround the word
- The context can give you important clues to the words meaning
- Context clues can be in sentence that come before or after the sentence containing the unknown word.

Using Your Context Clues

1. Underline 3 sentences:

- The sentence before the word
- The sentence with the word
- The sentence after the word

2. Read these sentences carefully to find clues for the unknown word.

Let's Practice!

A fable is a short story and usually uses animals. One **feature** of the fable is the simple way in which it is told. Another trait of the fable is its purpose - to teach a lesson.

1. Using the context clues, what does the word feature mean?
2. Which words help you to figure this out?

Your turn...

Don't feel stupid. Yes, you thought this worthless **replica** was a valuable work of art. But it even fooled a lot of experts. It certainly looked like the real thing!

1. Using the context clues, what does the word replica mean?
2. Which words helped you to figure it out.