

Educator Information and Directions

Student Objectives

1. Identify different types of context clues
2. Determine the meaning of unfamiliar words, using different types of context clues

DAY 1

- Complete the **Context Clue ID Activity** .
- Complete the **Create Your Own Context Clues Activity** .
- Complete the **Online Practice 1**.

DAY 2

- Complete the **Context Clue ID Challenge Activity** .
- Complete **Online Practice 2** and **Online Assessment** .

Suggested Reward

Use your account to reward 100 Gold/\$coops for each worksheet completed in this packet.

Extension Activities

Context Clue Pictionary : Create cards with sentences that contain different types of context clues. The student picks a card, identifies the type of context clue used, and draws a picture to represent the unfamiliar word. For an added challenge, give the student a time limit.

Context Clues Guessing Game : Students can create 5 to 10 sentences that contain the different types of context clues. The student will then teach an adult or friend the different types of clues and have them guess the type of clue used. Keep a score for each correct guess.



Complete While Watching Video



Example



Student Practice



Write It Out!

Day 1

Context Clue ID Activity: Part 1

DIRECTIONS: Read the following passage. Pay close attention to the **bolded** words, and underline context clues as you notice them.



The Amazon rainforest, brimming with **biodiversity** , houses thousands of unique plant and animal species.

One such resident is the tree-dwelling creatures. These creatures include the rare and **elusive** , or hard to find, three-toed sloth and the loud howler monkey, known for its piercing cry.

Amongst the **foliage** , such as the kapok tree or the rubber tree, you might spot a creature with vibrant colors and an elongated, curved beak. This is a toucan, a bird known for its striking appearance. Its beak, although large, is surprisingly light because it's composed of **keratin** – the same substance found in our hair and nails. You will never encounter a toucan with a dull beak. They're always **flamboyant** .

On the forest floor, you may come across the **myrmecophyte** , a plant that has a special relationship with ants. These plants provide shelter or food to ants in exchange for protection and dispersal of the plant's seeds. The relationship between the ants and the plant is **symbiotic** , or cooperative.

As dusk falls, the chorus of the nocturnal **anurans** begins. Their croaks and ribbits **resonate** , or echo, through the jungle, each **anuran** species making a unique sound.

The Amazon rainforest is wonderful proof of the **myriad** forms that life can take on Earth, and each creature, whether big or small, plays an important role in this complex ecosystem.

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Context Clue ID Activity: Part 2

DIRECTIONS: Use the passage on p. 2 to complete the activity. Each context clue has been identified for you. Write why each clue matches its given type and define the **bolded** word. An example has been completed for you below.



“The Amazon rainforest, brimming with **biodiversity**, houses thousands of unique plant and animal species.

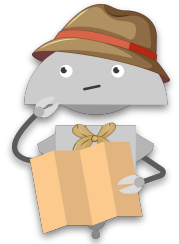
This is an *inference* context clue because... the sentence provides that the forest contains thousands of unique plants and animals. I know that “bio” means life and “diverse” means different.

Biodiversity means different plant and animal life.

1. These creatures include the rare and **elusive**, or hard to find, three-toed sloth and the loud howler monkey, known for its piercing cry.

This is a *definition* context clue because... _____

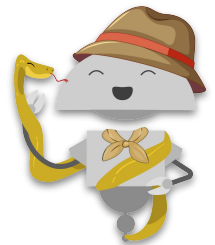
Elusive means _____.



2. The relationship between the ants and the plant is **symbiotic**, or cooperative.

This is a *synonym* context clue because... _____

Symbiotic means _____.



Context Clue ID Activity: Part 2 (continued)

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1. Amongst the **foliage**, such as the kapok tree or the rubber tree, you might spot a creature with vibrant colors and an elongated, curved beak.

This is an *example* context clue because... _____

Foliage means _____.



2. You will never encounter a toucan with a dull beak. They're always **flamboyant**.

This is an *antonym* context clue because... _____

Flamboyant means _____.

3. As dusk falls, the chorus of the nocturnal **anurans** begins. Their croaks and ribbits resonate, or echo, through the jungle, each **anuran** species making a unique sound.

This is an *inference* context clue because... _____

Anurans means _____.



Create Your Own Context Clues Activity

DIRECTIONS: Use the words and definitions below to create your own sentences that contain context clues. Try to use a different word for each sentence. An example has been completed for you.



Noxious - poisonous; harmful

Meticulous - detailed; precise

Stoic - not affected by or showing emotion

Opaque - not transparent

Adept - skilled

Picturesque - visually attractive

Example context clue sentence

The Amalfi Coast in Italy is **picturesque**, with its colorful cliffside villages overlooking the sea.

1. *Definition* context clue sentence

2. *Example* context clue sentence

3. *Synonym* context clue sentence

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4. *Antonym* context clue sentence

5. *Inference* context clue sentence

Helpful Hint:

Try looking back at the examples from the passage on p. 2 if you want help!



Day 2

Context Clue ID Challenge Activity: Part 1

DIRECTIONS: Read the following passage filled with different types of context clues. Identify any unfamiliar words and underline at least five context clues. An example has been completed for you.



In the vast plains of Africa, a unique and vibrant ecosystem exists, which we call the savanna. The savanna is a type of **biome**, a word that means a community of plants and animals that have common characteristics for the environment they exist in. Unlike the dense, shadowy undergrowth of the rainforest, the savanna is characterized by wide-open grasslands with scattered trees and shrubs.

Many diverse predators call the savanna home, such as the regal lion or the strong hyena. These animals, each with distinct, or different, features, contribute to the intricate web of life in the savanna. The lions, with their majestic, or magnificent, manes and powerful roars, are often referred to as the “kings of the savanna.” This title signifies their role as apex predators, a term that means they are at the top of the food chain, with no natural predators of their own.

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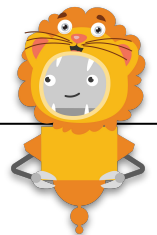


However, not all animals in the savanna are predators. Some are herbivores, like the African elephant. These enormous creatures are herbivores, which means they eat plants, not other animals. Elephants, with their long, curved tusks and large ears, are a stark contrast, or the complete opposite, to predators like lions or cheetahs.

Despite the intense heat and seasonal droughts, the savanna grasses, known as graminoids, stay resilient. These plants have adapted to survive in conditions where water is scarce. They may appear delicate, but don't be deceived. These plants are as robust as the wildlife that thrives among them.

The wind rustling through the grasses carries stories of survival, predation, and the constant dance of life and death. You might think that the savanna is just a hot, dry grassland, but if you listen to the wind and observe the creatures within, you'll understand that it's a dynamic, complex ecosystem full of life.

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Context Clue ID Challenge Activity: Part 2

DIRECTIONS: Use the passage on pp. 7-8 to complete the activity. Identify one type of each of the context clues below and explain how you know which type of context clue each example is.



Clue type	Text from passage	Explanation
Definition	The savanna is a type of biome , <u>a word that means “a community of plants and animals.”</u>	The sentence provides the meaning of the word “biome” and says “a word that means...”