

# What Is a Context Clue?

## 1. Wendell says that context is when you encounter a word unknown to you. What would you say to him?

- No, that's incorrect. Context is the circumstances surrounding a situation that help give it meaning.
- Yes, that is correct! Context refers to the instances when a word is unknown to you.
- No, that's incorrect. Context is when you understand the definition of a word because you know it from memory.
- No, that's not entirely true. Context is when you do not know the meaning of a word but only when reading a book.

## 2. Why would someone use context clues to determine the meaning of an unknown word or phrase rather than looking at a dictionary?

- Dictionaries provide lengthy definitions that would never fit the meaning you're looking for.
- Context clues give you a quicker answer because they are an online resource that you can refer to for definitions.
- Context clues give you a thorough dictionary definition of a term without using an actual dictionary.
- Dictionaries give a general definition that may not be appropriate for the context of the situation.

## 3. Which of the following is the best definition of context clues?

- The informational texts found at the beginning of a book or article and not throughout it
- The style in which a text is written to make it more straightforward for the reader
- The changes to the meaning of a text to make it easier to understand
- The hints provided in texts that help readers understand the meaning of unfamiliar words or phrases

## 4. How would you use context clues to define an unknown word or phrase?

- By looking up the word or phrase in a dictionary
- By asking a friend for their interpretation
- By using surrounding words and phrases to figure out the meaning
- By searching for the word or phrase on Google