

ELA 7.3 Pathway

Study Island Study Guide





Learning words can be hard. If you're not sure what a word means, it helps if you can at least know the information around the word. There are ways of figuring out what a new or unusual word means. One way is to use **context clues**.

Using **context clues** means using the information around the word you don't know. These words help you find what it means. You can also use the information in the rest of the paragraph to help you figure out what the word means. There are a few things to watch for when looking for context clues:

A punctuation mark, such as a comma (,) or dash (—), may help you understand how the word is being used.
 example:

The DVD player had been <u>refurbished</u> and was now ready to be sold since the customer who bought it returned it to the store—it had not been working correctly.

Refurbished is a big word! If you don't know what it means, look at the hint after the dash. The hint is "it had not been working correctly." This shows that refurbished must mean the same thing as "fixed" since it was now ready to be sold.

Key words, such as "or", and "that is" may also give you a hint that a definition is nearby.

example:

The famous basketball player had an <u>endorsement</u> deal with the cereal company; that is, they paid him money to talk publicly about their product.

This sentence shows that endorsement means "public support or approval."

- The intended meaning of some phrases are not the same as the literal meaning of the words. These phrases are common expressions such as "under the weather" which means that the person is feeling ill.
- Also, make sure to read the entire paragraph! Sometimes a word's definition may become clearer by reading the entire paragraph where it appears.

COPTEXT CLUES

Directions: Read each text message. Can you fill in the missing word by using context clues?

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sarah: Hey! Will
you pick up
some ____
at the store on
your way home
so we can have
cereal in the
morning?

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Mike: What's up?
What _____
do you want us to
come over tonight?
I need to do a few
things but I don't
want to be late.

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Tina: Hey Lauren! Did you say you were going to Lisa's birthday party? If so, would you mind

My car is getting worked on.

Lauren: Sure thing! See you around 5:00.

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Sam: I LOVE my new haircut. When I get a chance I will text you a picture.

Gwen: Yayl Who is your

girl I go to moved across the country and I really need a haircut.

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Tim: Hey Julie. I was wondering if you would like to go out to

tonight. I am starving! I could pick you up at 7....

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6. The Japanese ghost story was set in a creepy, ancient <u>shrine</u>. It was in disrepair, having been abandoned long ago by the original worshippers.



What is the meaning of the word <u>shrine</u> in the selection above?

- A. a place of worship
- O B. an old factory
- C. a house on the lake
- O D. a musical chamber

7. The <u>contusion</u> on the patient's arm was one of several bruises on his body.

What is the meaning of the word <u>contusion</u> in the selection above?

- O A. brace
- B. picture
- C. tattoo
- O D. injury