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Context Clues



Context clues are hints in nearby words or sentences that help you guess the meaning of an unknown word or phrase. Strong readers look for different kinds.

I	nfERENCE	You'd be less likely to spill if you stopped filling your cup to the brink !
	There are no direct hints about the word, but you can use what you know to guess a meaning that makes sense with the rest of the text.	brink = edge; very top
D	efinition	A rat's front teeth grow continuously . That is, they



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A	ntonym	Omari was <u>late</u> to class today, but he is normally very punctual .
	A word or phrase with the <i>opposite</i> meaning is used nearby in the text. <i>Hint:</i> Look for words that show contrast, such as <i>but</i> and <i>although</i> .	punctual = on time
S	ynonym	I am partial to strawberry ice cream. Avery also <u>prefers</u> it to vanilla.
	A word or phrase with a <i>similar</i> meaning is used nearby in the text. <i>Hint:</i> Look for words that show similarity, such as <i>also</i> and <i>too</i> .	partial to = like or prefer