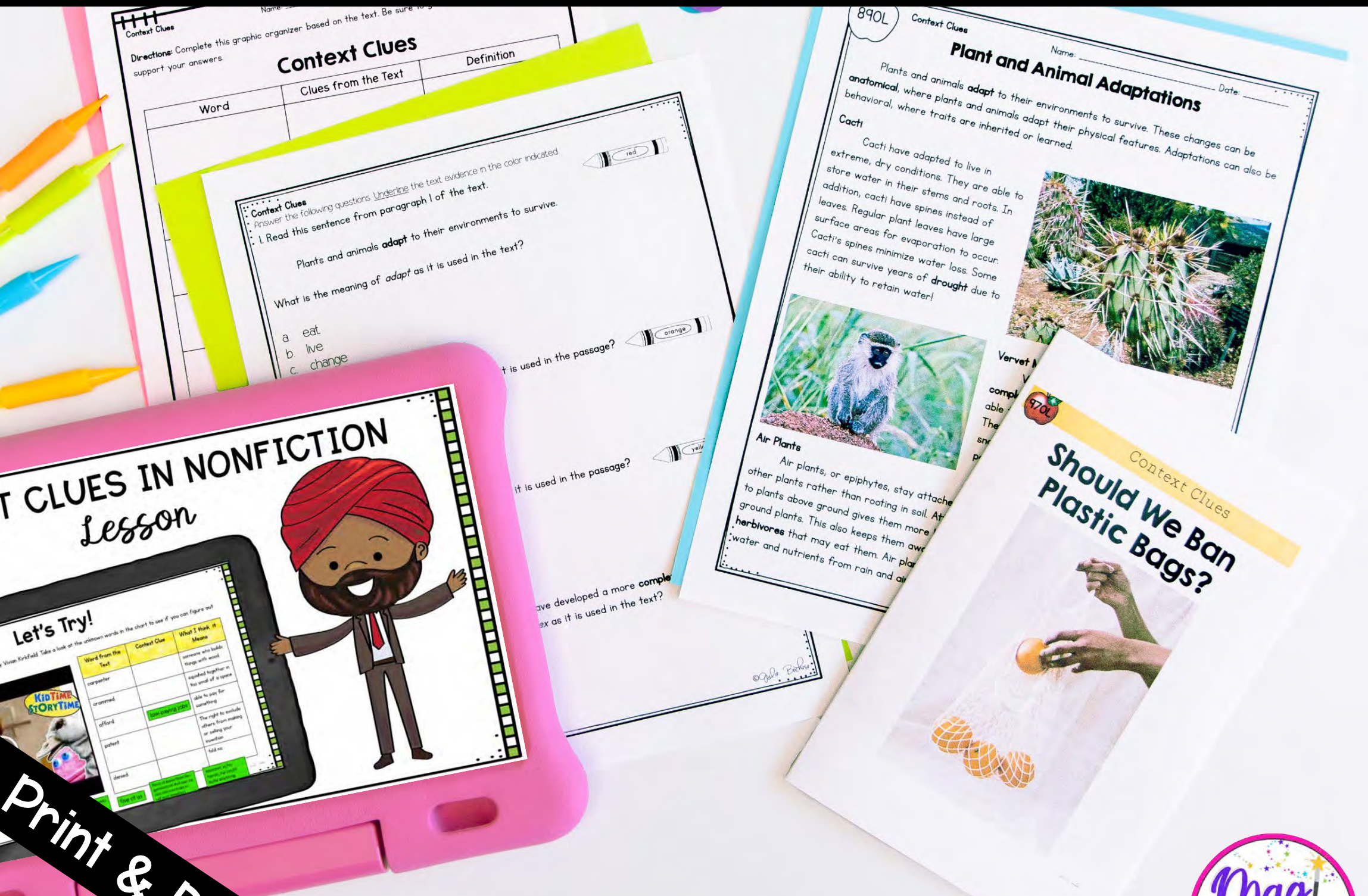


# NONFICTION CONTEXT CLUES

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4th & 5th Grade



# LESSON PLANS

4th & 5th Grade

Week 1

COMPREHENSION SKILL: Nonfiction Context Clues


MONDAY

## LESSON

- Introduce how context clues can help you figure out unknown words when you read.
- Introduce and sort the types of clues: definition, example, synonym, antonym, and word parts.

## PRACTICE

- Guided Practice Whole Class
- Sort context clues into the proper categories.

CONTEXT CLUES			
Sort the context clue examples into the proper category.			
Definition	Example	Synonym	Antonym
			

## GUIDED READING

- "Should We Ban Plastic Bags" leveled guided readers.
- Meet with two groups and complete "pre-reading" activities."

TUESDAY

## Guided Practice Whole Class

- Review the types of context clues.
- Watch the video & complete the chart.

Let's Try!		
Context Clue	Definition	Word
Example	lovely	happy or joyful
Definition	Find a way to fix	
Synonym		
Antonym		
Word Parts		
Context		

## Independent Reading

- Choice text to read independently and practice determining the meaning of unknown words using context clues.

- Read pages 1-4 of "Should We Ban Plastic Bags" leveled guided readers. Complete "During Reading" discussions.



WEDNESDAY

## Guided Practice Whole Class

- Explain that context clues can help you figure

## Independent Reading

- Choice text to read independently and practice determining the

- Read pages 5-6 of "Should We Ban Plastic Bags" leveled guided readers. Complete "During Reading" discussions.

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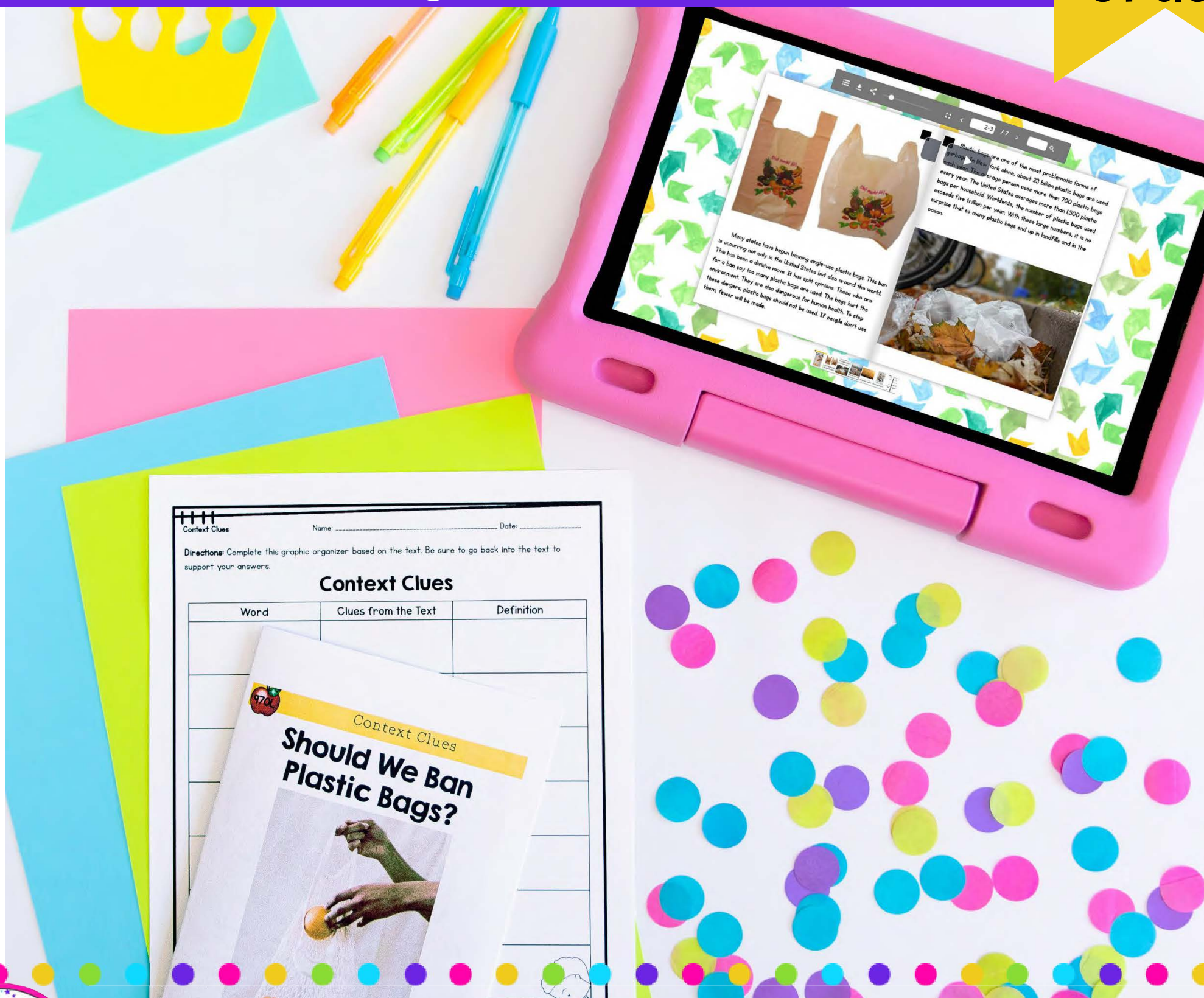
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# GUIDED READERS

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Context Clues      Name: \_\_\_\_\_      Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Directions: Complete this graphic organizer based on the text. Be sure to go back into the text to support your answers.

### Context Clues

Word	Clues from the Text	Definition

Context Clues  
**Should We Ban Plastic Bags?**

context clues







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Plastic bags are one of the most problematic forms of garbage. In New York alone, about 23 billion plastic bags are used every year. The average person uses more than 700 plastic bags per household. Worldwide, the number of plastic bags used exceeds five trillion per year. With these large numbers, it is no surprise that so many plastic bags end up in landfills and in the ocean.



Many states have begun banning single-use plastic bags. This ban is occurring not only in the United States but also around the world. This has been a divisive move. Those who are for a ban say too many plastic bags are used. The bags hurt the environment. They are also dangerous for human health. To stop these dangers, plastic bags should not be used. If people don't use them, fewer will be made.



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# Should We Ban Plastic Bags?



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# CONTEXT CLUES

Sort the context clue examples into the proper category.

Definition	Examples	Synonyms	Antonyms	Word Parts
		The monkeys at the zoo were funny and <u>amusing</u> .		



The elephant was enormous, or very big.

As soon as I finished building my Lego set, my little brother demolished it.

That appliance, our washing machine, needs repaired.

I thought she was being disrespectful, but she really did not hear me.

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Context Clues in Nonfiction

**DIGITAL** Mini lessons





## Context Clues help you figure out UNKNOWN WORDS

Watch the video about how context clues help you figure out unknown words.

### EXAMPLES

like, such as, for example, or

The data, such as reading level growth, can be found in student binders.



## Let's Try!

Listen to the story, "Sweet Dreams, Sarah" by Vivian Kirkfield. Take a look at the unknown words in the chart to see if you can figure out their meaning.

Word from the Text	Context Clue	What I think it Means
carpenter		someone who builds things with wood
crammed		squished together in too small of a space
afford	low-paying jobs	able to pay for something
patent		The right to exclude others from making or selling your invention
denied		told no

already patents on similar inventions

five of us

Piece of paper from the government that says no one else can make or sell your invention

hammer in his hands, he could build anything



### Let's Try!

After listening to "The House That Jane Built" by Tanya Lee Stone, sort the words and context clues in the chart below.

Word from the text	Context Clue	What I think it means
elegant	lovely	fancy and expensive
wealthy		having a lot of money
horrid	find a way to fix	
ragged	begging a cart vendor to buy his leftover rotten fruits and vegetables	
immigrants	people who came from other countries	people who moved from one country to live in another country
ramshackle	no running water	
flocked		Congregate in a large group
transformed	changed a bad neighborhood into a great and strong community	



# Types of Context Clues

(Meaning)

The concept, or idea, was new to her.



\*Like  
\*Such as  
\*OR

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(Opposite)

The plate wasn't brittle because it did not break when she dropped it on the floor.



Is there a helpful prefix, suffix, or root word?  
helpful  
rewrite  
pretest

(Same)

The turtle sauntered slowly through the grass.



Antonyms

Synonyms

Word Parts

Definition

Examples



# CONTEXT CLUES



**Context Clues**

5. Paragraph 4 states, "Colonies can be from a few bats to hundreds of bats." Explain what the word *colonies* means as it is used in the passage. Support your definition with two context clues from the passage.

*Colonies are groups I know this because a few bats to hundreds of females, their young*

6. What does the word *scarce* mean as it is used in the passage?
- a. limited
  - b. plentiful
  - c. generous
  - d. challenging

7. Read this sentence from paragraph 2 of the text. A common vampire bat is a *liquid*.

In your own words, write a definition for *liquid* that helped you define the word. *Liquid means they are getting rid of the bat's skin. This tells me*

**Context Clues**

Answer the following questions. Underline the text evidence in the color indicated.

1. What does the word *sanguivorous* mean as it is used in the passage?

- a. similar
- b. species
- c. different
- d. feeding on blood

2. Read this sentence from paragraph 2 of the text. They use their sharp front teeth to *puncture* the skin of their prey.

What is the meaning of *puncture* as it is used in the text?

- a. eat
- b. jump
- c. feed
- d. break

3. What does the word *dwell* mean as it is used in the passage?

- a. live
- b. dark
- c. hunt
- d. countries

4. Paragraph 3 says, "They live in arid, humid, tropical, and subtropical environments." What is the meaning of *arid* as it is used in the text?

- a. hot
- b. dry
- c. wet
- d. humid

**Family Structure**

Vampire bats living in colonies together have strong ties. Vampire bats have developed an adaptation to share food. Vampire bats can only live two days without food. Since food can be scarce, a hungry bat will often beg another bat for food. A donor bat regurgitates some of the blood it consumed for the hungry bat. This ensures that the colony survives. Donor bats will also offer food to starving bats.



Vampire bats drink blood to quickly digest the blood so they can urinate two minutes after they have finished feeding. They have 20-30% of their body weight in blood. They return to their roosts to rest.

Vampire bats are the only mammals that can fly. They survive.

**Food**

Vampire bats feed on the blood of mammals. They hunt in complete darkness. The blood from mammals is their only source of food.

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**Context Clues**

Vampire bats are *sanguivorous*. They only consume blood. There are three species of vampire bats. These are the common vampire bat, the hairy-legged vampire bat, and the white-winged vampire bat. The three species of vampire bats are similar to each other. This tells us that they once evolved from a common ancestor.

**Anatomy**

Unlike other bats, vampire bats have short muzzles. They also have naked nose pads. Common vampire bats have thermoreceptors on their noses. This helps them locate where blood flows on their prey. Vampire bats also use infrared radiation to find blood hotspots on their prey. Part of their brains is called the inferior colliculus. This helps them detect breathing of the sleeping animals they prey on. They use their sharp front teeth to puncture the skin of their prey. Unlike most other bats, vampire bats can walk, run,



**Habitat**

Vampire bats live in dark places. They can be found in caves, hollow trees, and buildings. They dwell between Central to South America. They live in arid, humid, tropical, and subtropical environments. Colonies can range from a few bats to hundreds of bats. A colony consists of females, young, and a few adult males. There are "resident males" and "nonresident males" in a colony.

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# WHAT'S INCLUDED?

TEN 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade **DIGITAL** and **PRINTABLE** PDF nonfiction passages & TWO assessments!

- Aligned with 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Lexile Levels
- Includes Context Clues Anchor Charts and Journal Pages
- Students can highlight the text for easy comprehension

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## CONTEXT CLUES

4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade

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# NONFICTION PASSAGES

900L Context Clues Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Gabby Douglas

Gabrielle Douglas was born on December 31, 1995 in Virginia. She is the youngest of three siblings. When Gabby was six, her older sister persuaded her mother to **permit** them to take gymnastic classes. Gabby showed **aptitude** in the sport early on. At 8 years old, Gabby won the Level 4 all-around gymnastics title at the Virginia State Championships.

When Gabby was 14, she **relocated** to Iowa to train for gymnastics full-time with coach Liang Chow. Gabby's family stayed in Virginia. Gabby lived with the Partons whose daughter was also training with Liang Chow. Gabby worked hard in Iowa. She competed with her team **globally**. They traveled around the U.S., Italy, and Japan. **In 2012, Gabby attended the Olympic Trials. She placed first in all-around rankings.** This gave her the only guaranteed spot on the U.S. Women's Olympic Gymnastics team.

At the 2012 Summer Olympics, Gabby and her team won the gold medal for the team event. Gabby competed on the uneven bars, vault, floor, and balance beam. She won the gold medal in the individual all-around. Gabby was the first African-American woman to win this event. Gabby continued to train for the 2016 Olympics. At the 2016 Olympics in Rio, Gabby and her team won a second gold medal in the team event.

In 2017, Gabby decided to take a break from gymnastics. "Right now since I've been doing gymnastics for 14 years, I am taking this time off, especially growing into my own person," Gabby stated. **Gabby has been focusing on promotions for companies such as Post-It.** She is also **pursuing** acting. While Gabby is keeping her gymnastics options open, she is currently focusing on appearing in movies.




Gabby (third girl from the left) and the rest of the 2012 Olympic Gymnastics Team meet President Barack Obama.


After reading, students type their answers in the text boxes using text evidence.


Color-coded highlighting supports student comprehension. In Google Slides, students can highlight as they read!

Context Clues

5. What does the word *attended* mean as it is used in the passage? 

- a. left
- b. worked
- c. traveled
- d. went to

6. Paragraph 1 on page 2 states, "Gabby has been focusing on **promotions** for companies such as Post-It." Explain what the word *promotions* means as it is used in the passage. Support your definition with **one** context clue from the passage. 

7. Read this sentence from the last paragraph of the text. 

She is also **pursuing** acting.

In your own words, write a definition of the word *pursuing*. Then list words or phrases that helped you define the word.

Students type their answers right in the text box.

# ASSESSMENTS

790L Context Clues Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
**TEST: The Sunshine State**  
Florida is located in the Southeastern United States. Florida is the third most

880L Context Clues Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
**TEST: Piranhas**

Piranhas have a fearsome **reputation** due to their sharp teeth. Piranha actually means "tooth fish" in the Brazilian language of Tupi.


There are between 30 to 60 species of piranhas. They live in rivers in South America and have been around for millions of years. Many **inhabit** the Amazon basin, the Orinoco River, and rivers of the Guianas.

Piranhas vary from about 5 to 10 inches long. They have a single row of tightly packed, sharp teeth that interlock. Their teeth are used for puncturing and shearing prey. Piranhas have one of the strongest bites of any bony fish. The black piranha has one of the most powerful bites of any vertebrate. Piranhas lose their teeth, and they are replaced throughout their lives. Black piranhas can bite with a force of 72 pounds!

The piranha's predators include **cormorants**, which are medium to large seabirds, caimans, and dolphins. People are also predators of piranhas since people eat them. Piranhas are often sought after as pets; however, having a piranha is illegal in most of the United States and other parts of the world. South American natives catch piranhas and use their teeth to make tools and weapons.

Piranhas are **omnivorous**. Some species of piranhas consume plant matter in the rivers they inhabit. They also eat other fish. Piranhas tend to travel in **shoals** of 20 fish. They have even been known to attack each other when food is **scarce**. Red-bellied piranhas are the species of piranha that have a reputation for being the most aggressive.


Piranhas have a feared reputation due to popular movies and myths. While piranhas have attacked humans, humans are not their choice of prey. Many rivers in South America have warning signs about the dangers of piranhas. Piranhas are more **prone** to attack in the dry season since food is scarce and water levels are lower. Most attacks result in bites to feet and hands, but sometimes piranha attacks are fatal.



Red-bellied Piranha

Color coded highlighting can also be done on the assessments!

Context Clues  
Answer the following questions. Underline the text evidence in the color indicated.

8. Read this sentence from paragraph 1 of the text. 

Piranhas have a fearsome **reputation** due to their sharp teeth.


What is the meaning of *reputation* as it is used in the text?

a. jaws

b. teeth

c. scary

d. opinions people have


9. What does the word *inhabit* mean as it is used in the passage? 

a. live in

b. bite in

c. hunt in

d. scare in


10. Paragraph 4 says, "The piranha's predators include **cormorants**." What is the meaning of *cormorants* as it is used in the text? 

a. caimans

b. dolphins

c. seabirds

d. alligators

11. What does the word *omnivorous* mean as it is used in the passage? 

a. fish-eating

b. plant-eating

c. animal-eating

d. plant- and animal-eating



This resource also includes THREE tests with different Lexile Levels for student assessment.

Context Clues

5. Paragraph 4 states, "This also keeps them away from herbivores that may eat them."

Explain what the word *herbivores* means using the definition with one context clue from the text.

Herbivores are animals that eat plants. I know this because the text says that herbivores are animals that eat plants.

6. What does the word *toxicity* mean?

- a. tails
- b. size
- c. brightness
- d. poisonousness

7. Read this sentence from the last paragraph.

This amazing fungi is *bioluminescent*.

In your own words, write a definition for the word *bioluminescent* using the phrases that helped you define the word.

Bioluminescent means glowing in the dark because the photograph states, "This light attracts insects and ants."

Context Clues

Answer the following questions. Underline the text evidence in the color indicated.

1. Read this sentence from paragraph 1 of the text.



Plants and animals **adapt** to their environments to survive.

What is the meaning of *adapt* as it is used in the text?

- a. eat
- b. live
- c. change
- d. survive

2. What does the word *anatomical* mean as it is used in the passage?

- a. learn
- b. physical
- c. inherit
- d. behavior

3. What does the word *camouflage* mean as it is used in the passage?

- a. prepare
- b. evaluate
- c. excite
- d. hide

Praying Mantis

Praying mantises have triangle-shaped heads that can turn 180 degrees. This, along with their multiple eyes, allows them to see everything in their surroundings. Praying mantises are usually green or brown, which camouflages them to the surroundings.



Salamanders

A salamander is able to drop its tail when it is caught by a predator. The detached tail continues to wriggle, distracting the predator while the salamander flees. Some species of salamanders are able to regenerate their lost tails in a period of a few weeks. In addition, some salamanders have poisonous skin. Some are brightly colored to warn predators of their toxicity.



Panelus Stipticus

The *Panelus stipticus* is a fungi that grows in clumps on trees. This amazing fungi is *bioluminescent*. This light attracts insects like beetles, flies, and ants. These insects then carry the *Panelus stipticus*' spores away and spreads them. In addition to being bioluminescent, the *Panelus stipticus* also has a circadian clock which helps it know when it is dark enough to turn on its bioluminescence.



Plant and animal adaptations are necessary for many species' survival. It is fascinating for scientists to study how living things have developed their adaptations throughout time.

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Context Clues

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Plant and Animal Adaptations

Plants and animals **adapt** to their environments to survive. These changes can be **inherited** or **learned**. Adaptations can also be earned.



Vervet Monkeys

Vervet monkeys have developed a more **complex** language than many animals. They are able to communicate different signs of danger. They have different calls for warnings about snakes, eagles, and leopards. Dolphins, apes, and parrots also have similarly complex languages.



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**Air Plants**

Air plants, or epiphytes, stay attached to other plants rather than rooting in soil. Attaching to plants above ground gives them more light than ground plants. This also keeps them from being eaten by herbivores that may eat them. Water and nutrients from the air are used for growth.

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**Context Clues**

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**Plant and Animal Adaptations**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Cacti**

Cacti have adapted to live in extreme, dry conditions. They are able to store water in their stems and roots. In addition, cacti have spines instead of leaves. Regular plant leaves have large surface areas for evaporation to occur. Cacti's spines minimize water loss. Some cacti can survive years of drought due to their ability to retain water!



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Context Clues

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Shoals means groups. Piranhas tend to travel in groups of 20 fish.

13. What does the word *scarce* mean?

- a. limited
- b. fearful
- c. plentiful
- d. aggressive

14. Read this sentence from the text:

Piranhas are more prone to attack when food levels are lower.

In your own words, write a definition for the word that helped you define the word.

Prone means likely to attack in the day.

Context Clues

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Red-bellied Piranha

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Context Clues

5. Paragraph 3 says, "They  
throughout Europe." What

- a rare
- b healthy
- c uncommon
- d widespread

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Context Clues

Answer the following questions. Underline the text evidence in the color indicated.

1. What does the word *preserved* mean as it is used in the passage?

- a rotted
- b placed
- c spoiled
- d treated to stay good

2. Read this sentence from paragraph 1 of

Over five million pounds of pickles

What is the meaning of *consumed* as it is

- a spent
- b eaten
- c grown
- d pickled

3. What does the word *ancient* mean as it

- a recent
- b modern
- c long ago
- d 100 years ago

4. What does the word *nourishment* mean

- a food
- b drink
- c vitamins
- d nutrition

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Context Clues

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## All About Pickles

Pickles are cucumbers that are preserved in vinegar, salt, and other flavors. Because they are preserved, they do not spoil easily. People in the United Kingdom, Ireland, and Australia call pickles gherkins. The name "pickle" comes from the Dutch word "pekel" or the German word "pökel", both which mean salt or brine. Over five million pounds of pickles are consumed every day. More than half of the cucumbers grown in the United States become pickles.

Pickles have been around since ancient times. The first pickles were made about 4,000 years ago. Ancient Egyptians and Greeks wrote about using pickles for nourishment and healing. They were prevalent during the Roman Empire and spread throughout Europe. The first people who journeyed to America brought pickles because they did not spoil. Pickles began to be made for commercial sales in 1820. Nicholas Appert was the first person to sell pickles in jars.

Famous people throughout history have had a love of pickles. Pickles are mentioned in the Bible and Shakespeare's writings. Aristotle thought that pickles had healing properties. Julius Caesar gave pickles to his troops because he thought that they gave people physical and spiritual strength. Cleopatra believed that her beauty came from eating pickles. Napoleon Bonaparte offered to pay 12,000 francs (or \$250,000) to the person who could invent the best way to pickle food. French chef Nicolas Appert won the competition. He discovered a way to remove air from the jars before sealing them.

There are many different varieties of pickles. Dill pickles are the most common. Dill pickles are made by adding dill weed. Sweet pickles are made by adding sugar. Other vegetables and fruits can also be pickled. Popular pickling vegetables include onions, radishes, and asparagus. Fermented cabbage is called sauerkraut. In the Middle East, pickled fruits or vegetables, such as peppers, olives, or lemons, are eaten with each meal. A popular dish in Korea is kimchi. Kimchi is pickled cabbage, radishes, and other vegetables and spices. In Japan, pickled plums are popular. Italians make pickled eggplants and peppers.

Pickles are a delicious and low-calorie snack. Next time you crave a crunchy and salty treat, pickles are sure to satisfy your craving.



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# CONTEXT CLUES

## task cards

4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE



# Context Clues



## 1. Context Clues

Jimmy Carter was elected president of the United States in 1976. He was the 39<sup>th</sup> president in our history. As a boy, his mother had taught him to respect people of all backgrounds and colors. This was a legacy that Carter wanted to promote in his presidency. He fought for human rights and peace around the world. Today, he continues to fight for peace and equality. Even though he is now old and frail, he helps to build houses for the poor.

Which word from the text is a synonym for the word "encourage"?

- a Legacy
- b Promote
- c History
- d Rights



# Context Clues



## I. Context Clues

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What does the phrase "beloved figure" mean?

Talk show  
host

Loved  
figurine

Treasured  
person

Important  
person