CONTEXT CLUES
INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

Objective: 

Essential Questions:
CONTEXT CLUE RIDDLE
HOW TO PLAY:

1. Read each sentence silently.
2. Think about what the highlighted word means.
3. You will have 30 seconds to solve!
RIDDLE 1

Since it was raining outside, I used my bumbershoot to keep from getting wet.
RIDDLE 1: ANSWER

Bumbershoot is an umbrella

*Context clue: Inference
Unlike Kyle, who is a conformer and a follower, Jeremy is a maverick.
RIDDLE 2: ANSWER

Maverick is a loner, someone who is independent of the group.

*Context clue: antonym
RIDDLE 3

The ranivorous hawk, an animal that eats frogs, is found in central and eastern Africa.
Riddle 3: Answer

Ranivorous means frog-eating

*Context clue: definition
In class, Julia was so cantankerous that her grumpy behavior negatively affected everyone.
Cantankerous means grouchy, or ill-tempered.

*Context clue: synonym*
WHAT STRATEGIES DID YOU NOTICE?
What are context clues?

- They help us define unfamiliar, difficult words in text.
- Help us become better readers and are handy to use during tests.
- It's like being a reading detective!
WHERE ARE CONTEXT CLUES FOUND?

→ In the same sentence as the difficult, unfamiliar word.
→ In the same paragraph or passage as the unknown word. Context clues can be in the sentences following the word, for example.
→ They are called context clues, because they are found in “context” of the sentence or passage.
TYPES OF CONTEXT CLUES:

1. **SYNONYM OR**
   **RESTATEMENT**

2. **ANTONYM**

3. **INFERENC**

4. **DEFINITION**
**SYNONYM/RESTATEMENT**

**Definition:**
Words with similar meanings are used within the same sentence, or around the unfamiliar word.

**Example:**
Santa Clause was so portly that his doctor declared him overweight.

**On your own:**
Write a sentence using the word ______, which means ________________.

Portly means...
**Definition:**
Words with similar meanings are used within the opposite sentence, or around the unfamiliar word. Uses words like: whereas, unlike, as opposed to, however, in contrast to, but, on the other hand.

**Example:**
Unlike Jen, who was easygoing, Jackie was fastidious

**On your own:**
Write a sentence using the word _____, which means _______________.

Fastidious means...
**Inference**

**Definition:**
Words are not directly stated in the text, but definitions of unfamiliar words can be assumed by what you know + what you read.

**Example:**
She was so **famished** that people felt sorry for her, and gave her food to eat.

**On your own:**
Write a sentence using the word ________, which means ________________.

famished means...
Definition:
The unfamiliar word is directly defined in the sentence in which it appears.

Definitions are usually set off by commas or dashes. Includes the words: as, or, that is, and in other words.

Example:
Apples, red fruits that grow on trees, are my teacher’s favorite snack.

apple means...

On your own:
Write a sentence using the word _____, which means _____________.
FIND THE MEANING

FIGURE OUT THE MEANING AND BE READY TO SHARE YOUR STRATEGY!
Sarah's friend accused her of cheating on the test.
Blamed
(Synonym)
He tried to categorize the information from multiple sources before taking his notes.
Sort
(Antonym)
Even though he didn’t want to talk to anyone, he had to collaborate with a few people to find the right answer.
Work with; cooperate
(inference)
Their affluent neighbors, not lacking financial resources, have their own private jet.
Rich
(Definition)
How did you do? ___/4
How can you remember the different strategies?

S-ynonym
A-ntonym
I-nference
D-efinition