

Clue Word Detectives

Students use sentence clues to choose word meanings.

1.L.V.3.a "Use context within and beyond a sentence to determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases. (I)"

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Teacher: this page is run aloud. The script and answers are on the guide page.

1 NEW WORD CLUES

a	ready	sleepy	quiet
b	cold	hot	crunchy
c	above	beside	under

2 MEANING CLUES

a	water	sleep	hello
b	furniture	chart	eat
c	game	show	rest

HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Read each sentence and each choice aloud, then have students circle one large word in every row. Students listen to nearby words for clues about a new word or a word that can have more than one meaning.

Students never read directions on this sheet. Read each part's script aloud, then each prompt, giving think time before students mark.

PART 1 • NEW WORD CLUES

SAY “Listen to the whole sentence for clues about the new word. I will read the sentence and the three choices, then you will circle your answer.”

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	Listen: “At recess, Mia was eager to play. She ran to the swings.” Eager means which word: ready, sleepy, or quiet? Circle the word that means eager.	ready
b	Listen: “The soup was steaming, so Dad waited before eating it.” Steaming means which word: cold, hot, or crunchy? Circle the word that means steaming.	hot
c	Listen: “The kitten hid beneath the chair.” Beneath means which word: above, beside, or under? Circle the word that means beneath.	under

PART 2 • MEANING CLUES

SAY “Some words can mean different things. Listen to the sentence to find which meaning fits, then circle the matching word.”

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	Listen: “Sam lifted his hand and gave a wave to his friend.” Wave means which word: water, sleep, or hello? Circle the word that means wave here.	hello
b	Listen: “Put the book on the table. It is next to your chair.” Table means which word: furniture, chart, or eat? Circle the word that means table here.	furniture
c	Listen: “The class will watch a play on Friday. Actors will speak on a stage.” Play means which word: game, show, or rest? Circle the word that means play here.	show

WHAT TO ACCEPT

New Word Clues answers are ready, hot, and under. Meaning Clues answers are hello, furniture, and show; accept a clearly circled intended choice.