

Word Clue Detectives

Students use sentence clues and word beginnings to find meaning.

K.P.EICC.3.g "Determine the meanings of unfamiliar words and concepts by applying knowledge of context and of academic vocabulary and word parts. (l)"

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

1 SENTENCE CLUES

a	small	wet	loud
b	noisy	quiet	bright
c	round	little	huge

2 WORD BEGINNINGS

a	under	again	away
b	with	very	not

HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Read each sentence and its choices aloud, then give students time to mark one answer. Students use clues in a sentence to choose a word meaning, then use a beginning word part to help with 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 • SENTENCE CLUES

SAY "I will read a sentence and the three words in each row. Listen for clues that help you know what the new word means. Circle the word that matches the new word you hear."

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	Listen: "Mia put the tiny seed in her hand. It fit easily." Which word means tiny: small, wet, or loud? Circle your answer.	small
b	Listen: "The room was silent during nap time. No one made a sound." Which word means silent: noisy, quiet, or bright? Circle your answer.	quiet
c	Listen: "The enormous box was too big for the shelf." Which word means enormous: round, little, or huge? Circle your answer.	huge

PART 2 • WORD BEGINNINGS

SAY "A word part at the beginning can help tell what a word means. For example, redo means do again. Listen to each sentence and circle the word that tells what the beginning part means."

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	Listen: "The paper tore, so Max will re-tape it." The word re-tape begins with re. Which word tells what re means: under, again, or away? Circle your answer.	again
b	Listen: "The dog was unkind when it barked at the baby." The word unkind begins with un. Which word tells what un means: with, very, or not? Circle your answer.	not

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Sentence Clues answers are small, quiet, and huge. Word Beginnings answers are again for re and not for un.