

Types of Context Clues

It's easy to determine the meaning of an unfamiliar word in a text. Below are the examples of four types of context clues that can be found in the text to help you figure out the meaning of the word.

Synonyms	Jillian felt remorse , or shame , for her bad behavior with Kenya in the school bus.
Antonyms	Gary had a lot of anxiety about the test results, but I was totally relaxed about it.
Examples	Eating nutritious foods, such as vegetables and fresh fruits , is an important part of looking after your health.
Explanations	Martha winc ed in pain when she bumped her head against the wall .

Read each sentence below. Use clues in the text to determine the meaning of an underlined word. Circle the correct answer.

- The strong, putrid odor compelled me to clean up the fridge, as I couldn't stand the rotten smell of meat.
a. stinky b. pleasant c. rotten/decaying
- James is gregarious, unlike his younger brother, who totally shies away from the crowd sitting quietly in a corner.
a. social b. mature c. nice
- In order to keep our vital organs, like the heart, healthy, it is essential to exercise daily.
a. itchy b. important c. internal
- All forms of public transportation, such as a bus, a train, or a shuttle, are on strike today.
a. pool b. vessel c. system of moving people or things
- The woman abhors people who hunt wild animals, but she loves her expensive collection of leather purses and jackets.
a. hates b. mistreat c. likes