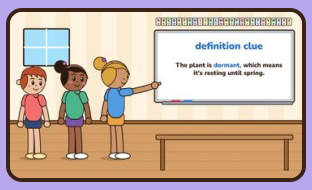
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Context Clues and Academic Words



VIRGINIA SOL (2024)
8.RV.1.A, 8.RV.1.B, 8.RV.1.H

VIDEO LENGTH
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8.RV.1.A Develop and accurately use general and academic language and content-specific vocabulary by listening to, reading, and discussing a variety of grade-eight texts and topics.

8.RV.1.B Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) to determine the meaning of words or phrases.

8.RV.1.H Use newly learned words and phrases in multiple contexts, including in students' discussions and speaking and writing activities.

Materials: Passages with unfamiliar words, a clue-type chart.

Students will

- Identify definition, contrast and example clues.
- Use signal words (which means, unlike, such as) to find meaning.
- Know the academic words evaluate, justify and synthesize.

Key words

definition clue	gives the meaning in the sentence (which means)
contrast clue	shows the opposite (unlike)
example clue	gives examples (such as)
evaluate, justify, synthesize	judge quality; give reasons; combine ideas into something new

Before the video 2 minutes

Write: "Unlike her gregarious brother, Ana is quiet and shy." Ask: "What could gregarious mean? What told you?"

What happens in the video

0:00	Welcome and today's goal: context clues and academic words
0:20	Definition clues: dormant
0:38	Contrast clues: gregarious
0:57	Example clues: reptiles
1:14	Academic words: evaluate, justify, synthesize
1:33	Spot the mistake: unlike means opposite
1:55	Your turn! Students answer during each pause (see below)
3:31	Recap and goodbye

Spot the mistake at 1:33

> **Sam:** Unlike the timid kitten, the puppy was bold. So bold must mean scared!
> **Ivy:** Hmm... what does unlike signal?
> **Mia:** The opposite! The kitten is timid, so the puppy is the opposite. Bold means brave.
> **Sam:** Oops! Unlike means opposite.

- Ask: “What does unlike signal?” (The opposite.)
- Ask: “If the kitten is timid, what is the puppy?” (Brave.)
- Students write their own contrast-clue sentence.

Your-turn pauses students answer out loud, then the characters give the answer

TIME	QUESTION	ANSWER IN THE VIDEO
1:56	The trip was arduous, which means very difficult and tiring. What clue type is that? Definition, or contrast?	Definition! Which means gives the meaning.
2:14	Unlike the chaotic morning, the evening was serene. Does serene mean calm, or wild?	Calm! Unlike signals the opposite of chaotic.
2:30	Citrus fruits, such as lemons, limes, and oranges, are sour. What clue type? Example, or definition?	Example! Such as gives examples.
2:49	Which word means give reasons for a decision? Justify, or ignore?	Justify!
3:02	Evaluate the website before you use it. Does evaluate mean judge its quality, or print it?	Judge its quality!
3:18	Which signal words often introduce a contrast clue? Unlike, or such as?	Unlike!

Tip: pause the video a little longer on any question your class finds hard, and ask a student to explain how they know.

After the video: talk about it

1. Which signal words point to each clue type?
2. When would you need to justify an answer in math or science?
3. What does it mean to synthesize two sources?

Go further

Clue collectors: students find each clue type in a science or history textbook and share them.

Answer key for the practice page

1. Definition clue
2. Calm
3. Example clue
4. justify
5. unlike
6. Three sentences with definition, contrast and example clues.

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Name: _____ **Date:** _____

1. **The trip was arduous, which means very difficult and tiring. Which clue type is that?**

   Answer: _____

2. **Unlike the chaotic morning, the evening was serene. What does serene mean?**

   Answer: _____

3. **Citrus fruits, such as lemons, limes and oranges, are sour. Which clue type?**

   Answer: _____

4. **Which word means give reasons for a decision: justify or ignore?**

   Answer: _____

5. **Which signal word often introduces a contrast clue: unlike or such as?**

   Answer: _____

6. **Write one sentence for each clue type using a new word. Underline the signal words.**

   Answer: _____

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