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What is Context Clues

Unlocking Meanings with Context Clues!

DEFINITION

Context clues are hints in a sentence that help you understand unknown words. They can be found in the surrounding text and provide clues about a word's meaning.

KEY CONCEPTS

Types of Context Clues

There are several types of context clues, including synonyms, antonyms, examples, and explanations.

Synonyms

A synonym is a word that has a similar meaning, which can help clarify an unknown word.

Antonyms

An antonym is a word with the opposite meaning, providing contrast that can help infer meaning.

Examples

Examples in a sentence can illustrate what an unknown word means, offering clarity.

Punctuation Hints

Punctuation marks like commas and dashes can signal important information that aids in understanding.

EXAMPLES

- The weather was so frigid, I could see my breath.
- He was very benevolent, always helping those in need.
- The cake was so delectable, everyone wanted a second slice.

MEMORY TIPS

- ★ Remember 'C' for Context: Clue, Contrast, and Clarification.
- ★ Use the acronym S.A.E. for Synonyms, Antonyms, and Examples.
- ★ Visualize a detective finding clues in a story.

COMMON MISTAKES

- ✗ Ignoring surrounding sentences that provide hints.
- ✗ Assuming a word's meaning without checking context.
- ✗ Focusing only on the unknown word without considering the whole sentence.

QUICK RECAP

Context clues are essential for understanding unfamiliar words. Look for synonyms, antonyms, and examples in the text to help you infer meanings. Practice identifying these clues to enhance your vocabulary skills.