

Context Clues

The words around a new word are clues to what it means.

What to do when you meet a new word

- 1 **Stop at the new word.** Do not skip it.
- 2 **Read around it.** Look at the sentence before it and the sentence after it.
- 3 **Try out your idea.** Put your meaning in place of the word. Does the sentence still make sense?

Four kinds of clues

IT TELLS YOU

The text says what the word means.

A **burrow** is a hole that an animal digs.

SAME MEANING

A word you know means the same thing.

The pup was **drowsy**. He was so sleepy that he yawned.

OPPOSITE

A word you know means the opposite.

Mia was **glum**, but her brother was happy.

EXAMPLE

The text gives examples of the word.

Citrus fruits, like lemons and oranges, are sour.

Remember: the new word is in **bold**. The clue is underlined. On your worksheet, you find the clue and underline it yourself.