



# Context Clues

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Grade: Grade 4

## Part A: Fix the Sentence

Each sentence has an error. Rewrite it correctly on the line.

1. Fix the sentence: The slender tree trunk was wide and thick.

Rewrite: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Fix the sentence: She was furious, or calm, when her project was ruined.

Rewrite: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Fix the sentence: Habitats, such as deserts and forests, are types of food that animals eat.

Rewrite: \_\_\_\_\_

## Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. The phrase "which means" in a sentence signals a \_\_\_\_\_ clue.
2. In "The torrential rain flooded every street," torrential means very \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. When a writer uses "in other words," the next phrase will \_\_\_\_\_ the meaning.
4. A synonym clue gives a word with a \_\_\_\_\_ meaning as the unknown word.

## Part C: Short Answer

Answer each question in one or two complete sentences.

1. Name two signal words or phrases that tell you a definition clue is coming.

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2. In the sentence "The tranquil lake was calm and still, unlike the roaring river," what two types of context clues help you understand tranquil?

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### Part A: Fix the Sentence

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1. Fix the sentence: The slender tree trunk was wide and thick.

Rewrite: The slender tree trunk was thin and narrow.

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2. Fix the sentence: She was furious, or calm, when her project was ruined.

Rewrite: She was furious, or very angry, when her project was ruined.

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3. Fix the sentence: Habitats, such as deserts and forests, are types of food that animals eat.

Rewrite: Habitats, such as deserts and forests, are types of places where animals live.

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### Part B: Fill in the Blank

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Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. The phrase "which means" in a sentence signals a definition clue.
2. In "The torrential rain flooded every street," torrential means very heavy .
3. When a writer uses "in other words," the next phrase will restate the meaning.
4. A synonym clue gives a word with a similar meaning as the unknown word.

### Part C: Short Answer

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Answer each question in one or two complete sentences.

1. Name two signal words or phrases that tell you a definition clue is coming.

*Two signal phrases for definition clues are "which means" and "in other words," because they tell the reader that the meaning of the unknown word will follow.*

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2. In the sentence "The tranquil lake was calm and still, unlike the roaring river," what two types of context clues help you understand tranquil?

*A synonym clue ("calm and still") and an antonym clue ("unlike the roaring river") both help show that tranquil means peaceful and quiet.*

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