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# I Can Use Context Clues!



**Context clues** are hints the author gives to help a reader understand a difficult or unusual word.

**Directions:** Check the box that demonstrates your understanding of each word below.

Word	I know the meaning of this word. <i>Write the meaning in your own words.</i>	I have seen this word, but I don't know the meaning.	I have never seen this word.
1. annual			
2. frigid			
3. beverage			
4. pasture			
5. vacant			

**Directions:** Circle the word(s) in each sentence that are clues about the meaning of the underlined word. Then, answer the question that follows.

1. The annual city parade happens each year on June 10.

What do you think *annual* means? \_\_\_\_\_

2. It is frigid in the North Pole, so scientists must wear warm gloves to keep from freezing.

What do you think *frigid* means? \_\_\_\_\_

3. "Would anyone else like a beverage?" Mom asked, as she poured lemonade in her cup.

What do you think *beverage* means? \_\_\_\_\_

4. The cows and horses spend all day eating grass in the pasture.

What do you think *pasture* means? \_\_\_\_\_

5. The vacant house down the street has been empty since Mr. Vo moved out 10 years ago.

What do you think *vacant* means? \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** Choose one word from the list above to complete the paragraph.

At first, when I saw the word \_\_\_\_\_, I didn't know what it meant. But, when I read it in a sentence, I saw the clues \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. So, I came to the conclusion that (*word*) \_\_\_\_\_ means (*your meaning*) \_\_\_\_\_.