

Topic: Using Context Clues

**Good Morning!**

**Class will  
begin shortly.**

**Please prepare to take  
notes on the types of  
context clues..**

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**Power Standard!!!**

**ELAGSE7L4: Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.**



**(This also aligns with RL4 & RI4)**

a. Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

b. Use common, grade-appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., belligerent, bellicose, rebel).



# Learning Target

**Students will determine or clarify the meaning of unknown words and phrases through the use of context.**





What Are Context Clues?

A hand holding a magnifying glass over the text "CONTEXT CLUES".

**CONTEXT  
CLUES**



# The Context Clues Riddle Game

- **Read each sentence silently.**

- **Think about what the highlighted word means, and the type of context clue you used to arrive at your answer. You do not have to write anything down.**

- **You will have thirty seconds to answer each riddle.**



# Riddle Number 1

○ Since it was raining outside, I used my **bumbershoot** to keep from getting wet.



## Riddle Number 1: Answer

- *A bumbershoot is an umbrella.*
- *Context clue: inference*







## Riddle Number 2

○ Unlike Kyle, who is a conformer and a follower, Jeremy is a **maverick.**





## Riddle Number 2: Answer

- ***A maverick is a loner, someone who is independent of the group.***
- ***Context clue: antonym or contrast***





## Riddle Number 3

○ The **ranivorous** hawk, an animal that eats frogs, is found in central and eastern Africa.



## Riddle Number 3: Answer

○ *Ranivorous means frog-eating.*

○ *Context clue: definition*





## Riddle Number 4

- In class, Julia was so **cantankerous** that her grumpy behavior negatively affected everyone.





## Riddle Number 4: Answer

- ***Cantankerous means grouchy, or ill-tempered.***
- ***Context clue: synonym or restatement***





# Why are context clues important?

- They help us define unfamiliar, difficult words in texts.
- They help us to become better, perceptive readers.
- They come in handy during tests when a dictionary or the internet is not available to us.





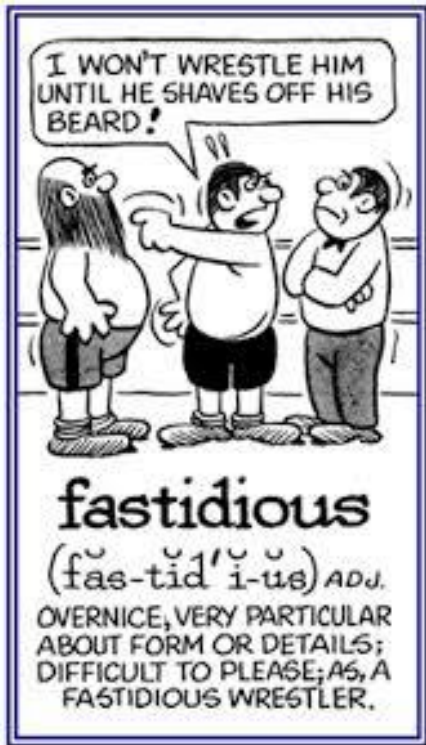


## Context Clue Number 1: Definition

- **The unfamiliar word is directly defined in the sentence in which it appears.**
- **Definitions are usually set off by commas or dashes, and may include the use of the words, as, or, that is, and in other words.**

Example: Apples, red fruit that grow on trees, are my teacher's favorite.





## Context Clue Number 2: Antonym or Contrast

- The unfamiliar word is defined by using the word's opposite or contrasting meaning.
- This type of context clue usually includes the words: **whereas, unlike, as opposed to, however, in contrast to, but, on the other hand.**



Example: **Unlike** Jen, **who was easygoing,** Jackie was **fastidious.**

Example: Santa Claus was so **portly** that his doctor declared him **overweight**.



## Context Clue Number 3: Synonym or Restatement

- Words with similar meanings are used within the same sentence, or around the unfamiliar word





## Context Clue Number 4: Inference

- Word meanings are not directly stated in the text, but definitions of unfamiliar words can be assumed by both prior knowledge and the context in which the word sits.

**Example:** She was so **famished** that people felt sorry for her, and gave her food to eat.



## Types of Context Clues

Any of these can help you understand the meaning of a new word.

- Definition
- Explanation
- Restatement
- Synonym
- Contrast
- Antonym
- Inference
- Prefix/Suffix
- Illustration

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### TYPES OF Context Clues:

**L**ogic What makes sense?  
I know Miss Hart will want to help with the food drive. She is very compassionate.

**E**xamples Includes an example  
Miss Hart is a compassionate person, and volunteers at the food bank.

**A**ntonyms Unlike words  
Miss Hart is compassionate, but her sister is uncaring.

**D**efinitions Explains the word  
You can tell Miss Hart is compassionate by the way she treats everyone kindly.

**S**ynonyms Similar words  
Miss Hart is compassionate and is caring to others.

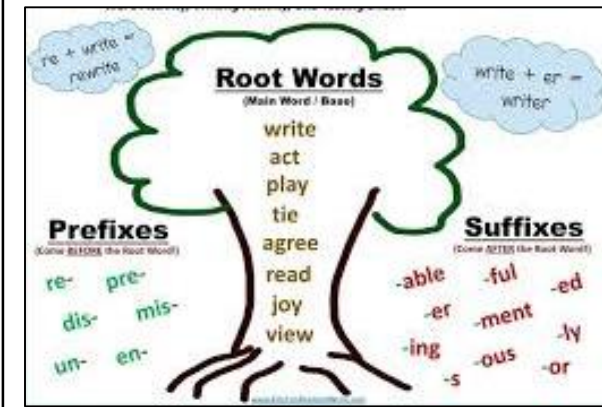
### Hey, Context Clue! I remember you!

By using the acronym, SAID, you can remember the four types of context clues.

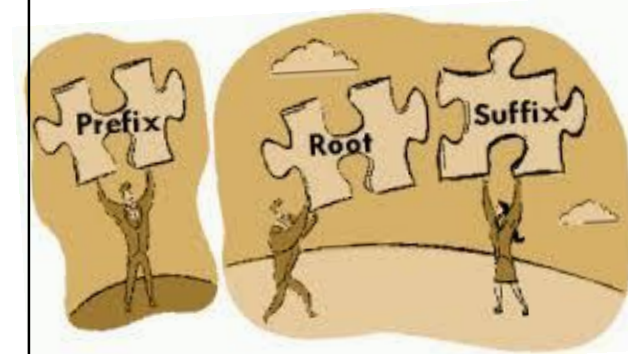
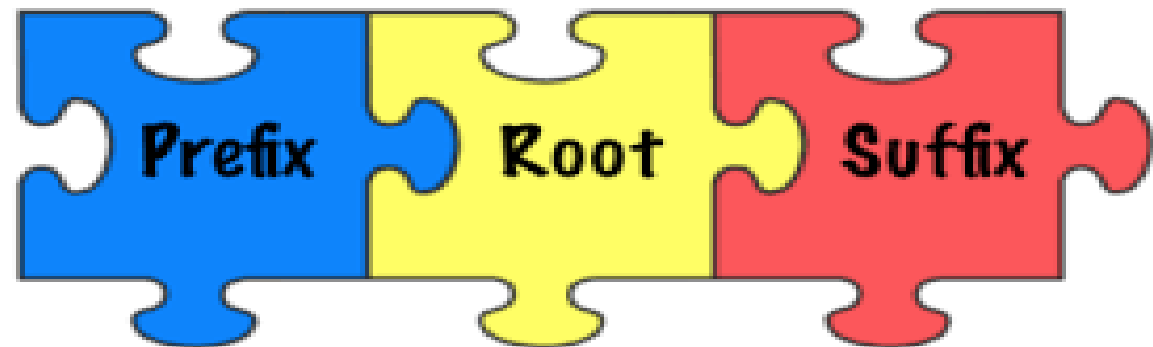
- Synonym
- Antonym
- Inference
- Definition



# Take a moment to examine the graphics on this slide.



-able	-en	-ful	-less
can be done	made of	full of	without
-ed	-er	-ment	-s, -es
past tense verb	comparative or one who	action or process	more than one



In addition to context clues, you can also look **inside of the word itself** to find clues.

The next slides are examples of words from your novels that can be broken down using root words and affixes (prefixes and suffixes)...



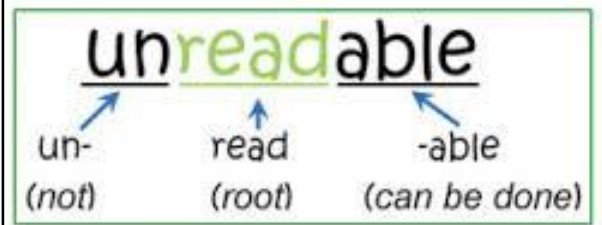
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**runner**



**recorder**



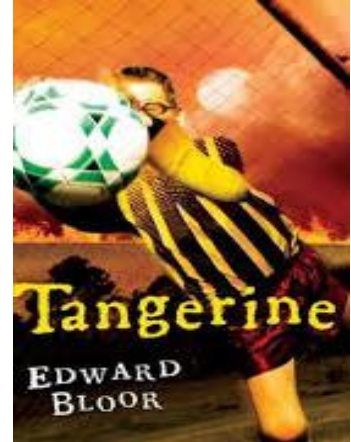
# Incapable

- Meaning: lacking ability

- Text: So there I sat on that yellow school bus—Erik Fisher's younger brother, Eclipse Boy, visually impaired and totally **incapable** of following in his brother's footsteps.

With this word, you can look at the prefix, suffix, and infer based on the author mentioning the character's disability and "following in his brother's footsteps".

- Context Clue: INFERENCE
- The prefix **IN** means "not"
- The suffix **ABLE** means "having the ability"

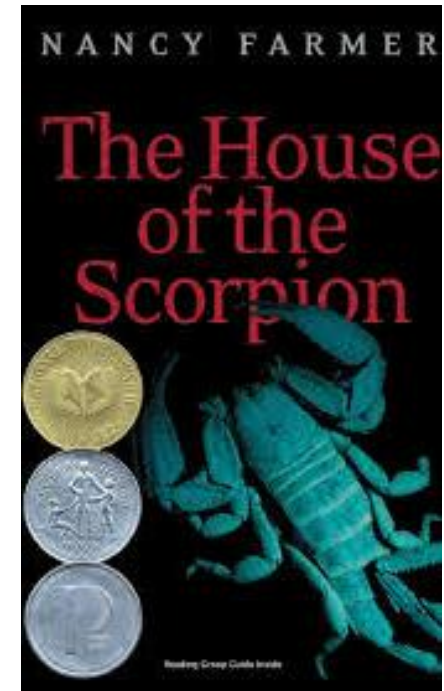


# Disconsolate

- Meaning: sad beyond comforting; incapable of being soothed
- Text: He pulled on the window bars. They were as firmly attached as ever. He sat **disconsolately** on the floor.

With this word, you can look at the prefix, suffix, and root word. You can also infer based on the character's behavior.

- Context Clue: INFERENCE
- The prefix **DIS** means “not”
- The root word **CONSOLE** means “comfort (someone) at a time of grief or disappointment.”
- The suffix **-ly** turns a word into an adjective





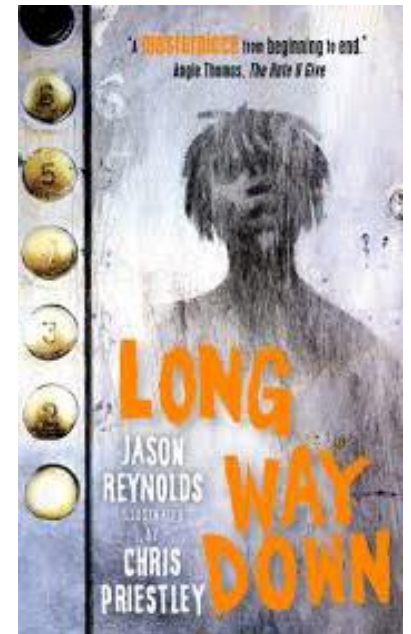
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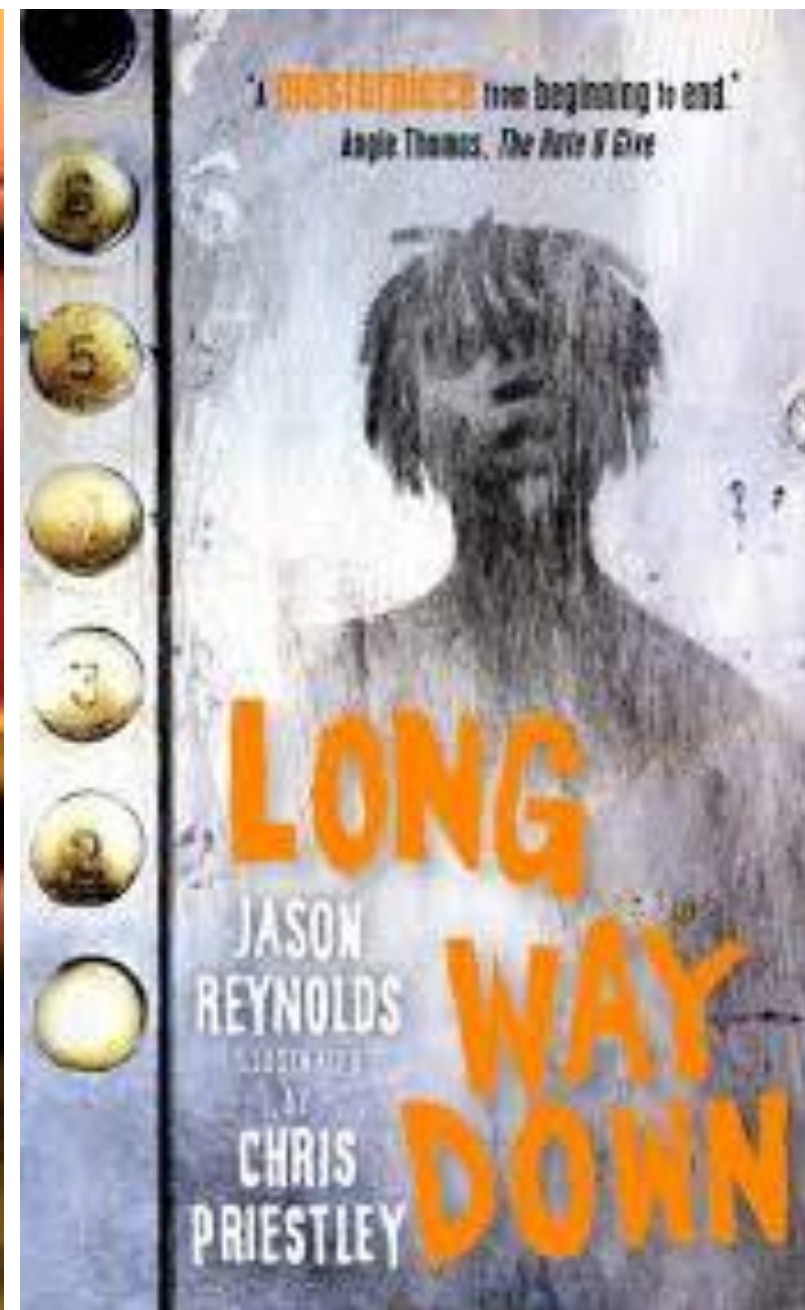
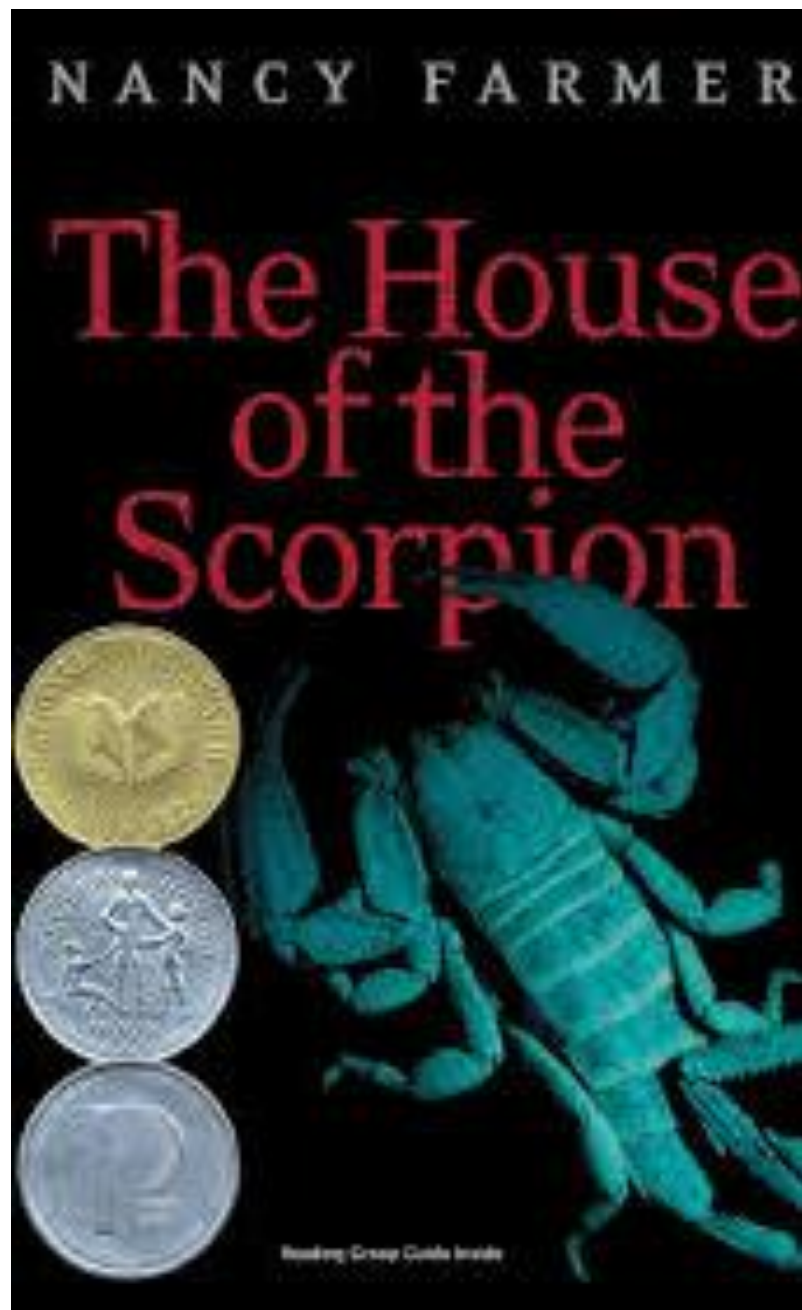
## Type of Clue: Inference

- Meaning: deaden (a sound or noise), especially by wrapping
- Text: I locked myself in my room and put a pillow over my head to muffle the sound of my mom's mourning.

### Clues:

- Locked self in room
- Put pillow over head
- The sound of mom's mourning



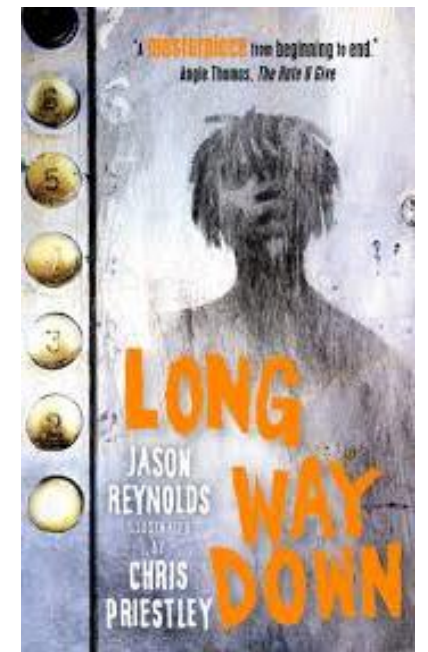
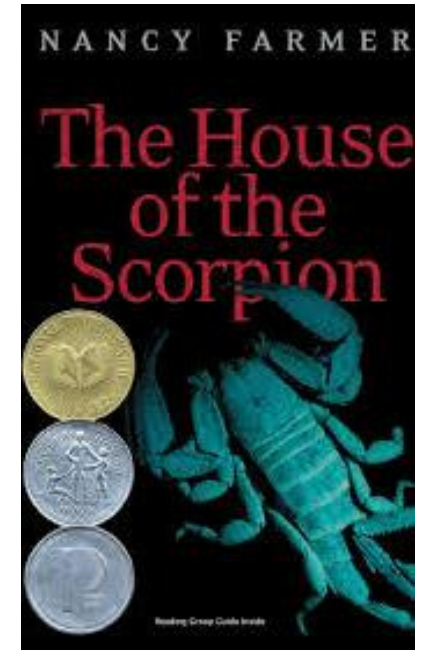
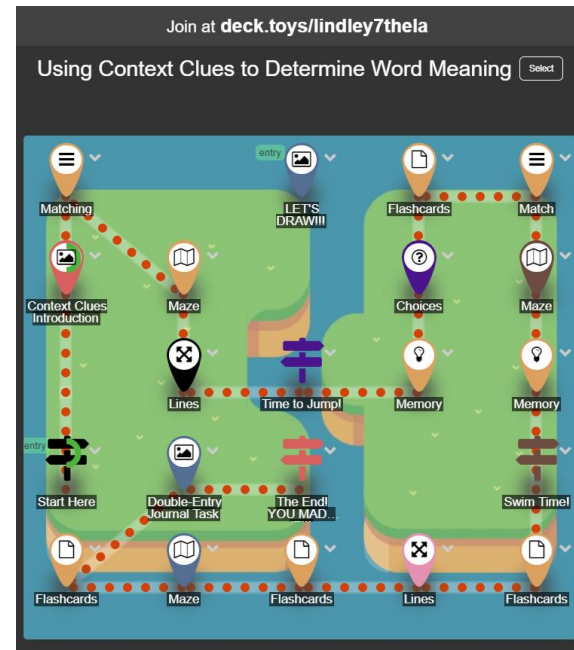




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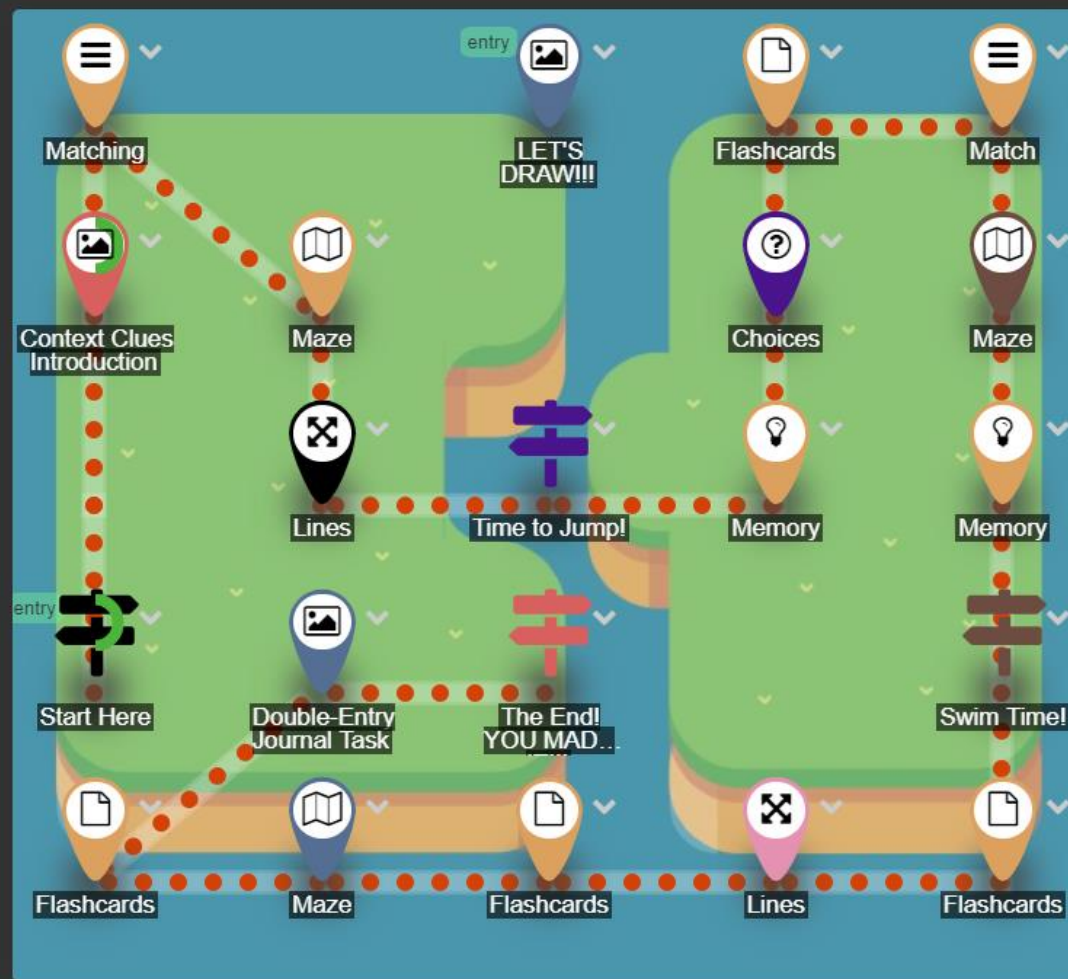




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## Using Context Clues to Determine Word Meaning

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