

Topic: ____Context Clues_____

How It Makes Sense to Me

Key Terms:	Example	Contrast
	Definition	Compare

My Definition:

Approved Definition:

Context Clues are hints an author gives in the sentence or surrounding sentences to help the reader
understand an unusual or unfamiliar word.

Example:

Example: Toads, frogs, and some birds are **predators** that hunt and eat spiders.

Definition: Some spiders spin silk with tiny organs called **spinnerets**.

Contrast: Most spiders live for about a year, but **tarantulas** live for 20 years or more!

Compare: The bullfighter walked with a sense of **bravado** as if he were bragging about himself.

On Your Own

Using one of the strategies above, write a sentence using one of our novel vocab words in context

Example: an illustration
is given to understand
the unknown word.

Clue words: items in a series

Definition: used in the
sentence to understand
the unknown word

Clue words: is, are

Contrast: unknown word is
contrasted (opposite,
different) with another
word in the sentence

Clue words: yet, nevertheless,
on the other hand, although

Compare: similar words to
Unknown word are in the
sentence

Clue Words: similarly, also,
likewise, compared to

