



Unit 1

Context Clues?

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Objectives of the unit 1

After the lesson, students are expected to:

1. identify the meanings of essential vocabulary;
2. explain key details for reading comprehension;
3. identify the context clues of a text;
4. complete reading exercises and post-reading activities.



Pre-reading activity



Pre-reading activity

Instructions: Look at the photos below and answer the questions.

What is this place?
Who are they?



[<https://housing.berkeley.edu/explore-housing-options/residence-halls/stern-unit-4>. 2/01/26]



Pre-reading activity

Instructions: Look at the photos below and answer the questions.

Have you ever lived away from your family?
How did you feel?



[https://www.google.com/search?sca_es.2/01/26]



Essential Vocabulary



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1. dormitory
2. challenge
3. discover
4. explore
5. common
6. brand-name



Crossword Game

Directions: Read the definitions below and complete the crossword puzzle.

1. A building where students live and sleep at a university.
2. To find something new for the first time.
3. Well-known clothes, shoes, or things made by a famous company.
4. To travel around a new place to learn about it.
5. Something you can see or find easily in many places.
6. Something new and difficult, but exciting to do.

Source: <https://gemini.google.com/app/ea4ee62bfa9315e9?hl=th>



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Let's check the answers.

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			3				5		
	2		b				c		
1	d	o	r	m	i	t	o	r	y
	i		a				m		
	s		n				m		
	c		d				o		
	o		n				n		
	v		a						
	e		m						
	r	4	e	x	p	l	o	r	e
6	c	h	a	l	l	e	n	g	e



While-reading activity



While-reading activity

Anna's new life in a university dormitory

Last month, I moved into a new dormitory as a first-year university student. It was my first time living away from my family, so everything felt new and challenging. On the first day, I felt **frustrated**, which *means* feeling upset or unhappy because I could not find my room and did not understand the dorm rules. However, my **curiosity**, *on the other word*, my strong desire to learn and discover new things, pushed me to explore the building and talk to other students.

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While-reading activity

Paragraph 2

I met new friends in common areas *such as* the study room, laundry area, and cafeteria. Some students lived an **extravagant** lifestyle, *is called* spending a lot of money on unnecessary things like brand-name clothes and expensive snacks. At first, I felt a little uncomfortable, but later I learned to accept different lifestyles.

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While-reading activity

paragraph3

Over time, I became more confident. I felt **pride**, which *means* a positive feeling about my own achievements, because I learned to manage my time, clean my room, and live independently. Moving into a new dormitory was not easy, but it helped me grow emotionally and socially.

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After reading exercise

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 - b). The writer who is the first-year university student.
 - c). The writer’s family that lives in town.
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After reading exercise

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- a) Feeling excited to do something dangerous.
- b) Feeling confused but happy to start new life.
- c) Feeling upset because something is difficult.
- d) Feeling proud of living alone independently.



After reading exercise.

3. What does the word, “**curiosity**” refers to in the sentence, “*on the other word, my strong desire to learn and discover new things*”?

- a). Fear of meeting new people or strangers.
- b). Desire to learn and discover new things.
- c). Feeling uncomfortable with others.
- d). Interest in spending money and travelling.



After reading exercise :

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 - b) She could not find her room and understand the dorm rules
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After reading exercise

5. Where did Anna meet new friends?

- a) Only in the classroom where she studies.
- b) In the library building near the dormitory.
- c) In common areas such as the study room and cafeteria
- d) At the department store outside the university.



After reading exercise

6. What skills did Anna learn after moving into the dorm?

- a) Playing sports with their friends.
- b) Traveling alone and make new friends.
- c) Cooking expensive food for herself.
- d) Managing time and cleaning the room.



After reading exercise

7. Why did the writer eventually learn to accept different lifestyles?

- a). Because all students followed the same rules strictly.
- b). Because extravagant students shared their belongings happily.
- c). Because brand-name clothes made life easier at the university.
- d). Because living in a dormitory required understanding and adjustment.



After reading exercise

8. What is the suitable main idea of the passage?

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Post-reading activity



Do you live in a dormitory?

Let's interview your friends how do they feel when moving to the new dormitory.

- What is the name of your dormitory?
- How did you feel when you first moved in?
- How did you adjust yourself after that?



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Let's check your friends' answers after the interview.

-What is the name of your dormitory?

=The name of my dormitory is Green Residence, which is located near the university campus.

-How did you feel when you first moved in?

=When I first moved in, I felt frustrated and nervous because everything was new and unfamiliar to me.

-How did you adjust yourself after that?

=After a few days, I adjusted myself by exploring the building, learning the dorm rules, and talking to other students.



Reading Strategy Practice: a Context Clue



What is a context clue?

- A **context clue** is a direct statement of the meaning of an unknown word. It may be a formal definition of the word or its description in simpler terms. Words or phrases used as signals to introduce the definition can be, “is”, “are”, “means”, and “refer to”. (Pookcharoen, 2017, p.1)
- Using context clues to give readers definitions of the new words can appear in a sentence, or a phrase. In stead of looking up words in the dictionary, readers should learn how to get the meaning of the difficulty words by figuring out the ‘context clues’.



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The definition clues: or / in the other word / it is also called



Practice about the context clues.



Instructions: Read the statements and find out the context clues and meanings of the difficulty words correctly.

1. Nutrients are substances that help the body grow.
2. The influenza is also known as flu.
3. Feeling proud of the achievements is called pride, especially after years of hard work.
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Passage 2.

A volunteer is called a person who helps others without payment. This person works for free or gives time and effort to help the community. In other words, a volunteer helps because they want to help.

Volunteering is important because it supports society and helps people learn new skills and feel proud of themselves. Volunteers are generous people, not selfish ones. A generous person is someone who likes to share time, money, or help with others. A selfish person, or someone who only thinks about themselves, does not like to share. Volunteering helps people develop, which means to grow and improve skills over time. These qualities show how helping others can change people in positive ways.

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Let's do the post-test!



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