

Context Clues- Grade level: 3-5th

Say, **Do you know what the word _____ means?**

If the student does not know the word provide it to them in the given sentence to determine if they are able to use the clues to help them define it. If they know what the word means even without context, make a note in the comments section.

1. salivate: The smell of the baking chocolate chip cookies made me salivate, which means they made my mouth water. What does “salivate” mean?
2. reminisce: My mom and her best friend from high school met up to reminisce about old times. They thought back and remembered some of the funny times they had. What does the word “reminisce” mean?
3. illusion: The man walking in the desert had an illusion that there was a waterfall, but in reality there was just more sand. What does the word “illusion” mean?
4. portray: My cousin will portray Maria in her high school’s version of West Side Story. She tried out and got the part over 10 other people. What does “portray” mean?
5. Ember: The ember on the fire was glowing as brightly as a candle on a birthday cake. What does the word “ember” mean?
6. quartet: My uncle is in a barber-shop quartet, which means he and three other men are in a singing group. What does the word “quartet” mean?
7. Vinyl: The d.j. was spinning vinyls at the wedding reception. He had many records to choose from. What does the word “vinyl” mean?
8. Diverse: There was a diverse selection of food at the buffet, unlike at the hot dog stand, where you can only order hot dogs, chips, and soda. What does the word “diverse” mean?
9. Palette: My uncle has a palette like a 3 year old. When we go out to eat, he only orders macaroni and cheese or a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. What does the word “palette” mean?
10. Monologue: When it was time for the actor’s monologue, all of the other cast members left the stage. The spotlight shined on him, and he began to speak. What does the word “monologue” mean?