
Vocabulary Lesson #3

Let's practice how to use context clues



Technique:

A skillful or efficient way of doing or completing something.

Techniques

We've learned a couple ways to learn and find out the meanings of new words, but now we will put one of them into practice specifically **context**.

Let's Practice our context clues by breaking down this paragraph.

The smart and caring scientist made a discovery in medicine. The scientist was very **generous**. She often helped students, who thought she was **brilliant**. The scientist paid attention to make results accurate and **trustworthy**.

Let's dive into this paragraph together

First we need to understand who or what the paragraph is talking about.

- **The smart and caring scientist** made a discovery in medicine.

Now we know we are discussing the “The smart and caring scientist” this will be useful for later.

— Generous:

shows
willingness to
give time,
money, or
resources
freely..

Let's dive into this paragraph together

Now let's try to find out what generous means

- The scientist was very **generous**. She often helped students, who thought she was brilliant.

Since we know the scientist was caring we can assume that “generous” is related to being caring. Also she is shown to be caring towards the students letting us guess that a generous person gives their time to help others.

— Brilliant:

Someone very
smart, talented,
or impressive.

Let's dive into this paragraph together

Now let's try to find out what the brilliant means.

- She often helped students, who thought she was **brilliant**.

Since we can assume that the students liked the scientist and we already know she is smart gives us enough information to conclude that brilliant can mean someone smart to look upto

Now You Try

Find the meaning of the bolded word

The scientist paid attention to make results accurate and **trustworthy**.

Hint: match the word up with previous knowledge

How did you do

The meaning of **trustworthy** is something that is reliable and honest

Recap

Context clues are very important in helping you understand what a word means if you don't know it.
