

# **Context Clues**

## **Reading Module**

### **Student Booklet**

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## SB#1: Demonstrate and Practice—Context Clues

The U.S. government announced plans last week that would allow female military members to work closer to the front lines of **combat zones**, or dangerous areas where armed forces may be fighting. Women currently make up 14.5 percent of all active-duty members of the U.S. military. But until now, women have been officially **barred** from serving in any role near military units assigned to combat. Changing military policies can take years. Female forces have been seen in the military since the Revolutionary War, but women were not allowed to **enlist** and be officially registered until World War I.

Adapted from: Jones, Zach. "New Rules for Women at War." *Scholastic.com*. Scholastic, Inc., 27 Feb. 2012. Web.

### Context Clues Steps

Unfamiliar word	Possible context clue (you might need to read the sentences before or after)	Signal word? Same meaning or opposite meaning?	My guess at what the word means	Substitute your definition in the sentence—does it fit?
<i>combat zones</i>	<i>dangerous areas where armed forces may be fighting</i>	<i>or – same meaning</i>	<i>dangerous war zone</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>barred</i>				
<i>enlist</i>				

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## SB#2: Practice—Context Clues

Unfamiliar word	Possible context clue (you might need to read the sentences before or after)	Signal word? Same meaning or opposite meaning?	My guess at what the word means	Substitute your definition in the sentence—does it fit?

<b>Scoring:</b>	
	Points earned (circle one):
Six examples of signal words	0 1 2 3 4 5 6
Word 1—each part of chart	0 1 2 3 4
Word 2—each part of chart	0 1 2 3 4
Total points (out of 14):	

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## SB#3: Independent Practice

### Part 1: Review the Strategy

List three signal words or phrases that show the **SAME** meaning:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

List three signal words or phrases that show the **OPPOSITE** meaning:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

### Part 2: Apply the Strategy

**Directions:** Read the following story introduction and complete the *Context Clues Steps* worksheet that follows.

Whenever I visit my uncle in a remote area of Michigan, far from the activity of my city life, I like to go for long walks in the wilderness. My mother cautions me that such solo explorations are at best risky and at worst downright stupid, but I have always ignored her warnings and headed off to find peace and quiet. I finally ran into trouble last hunting season. On one particularly long walk I suddenly heard, in contrast to the silence around me, the sharp baying of dogs and the loud “pop” of a gun nearby.

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## SB#3: Independent Practice (cont.)

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Unfamiliar word	Possible context clue (you might need to read the sentences before or after)	Signal word? Same meaning or opposite meaning?	My guess at what the word means	Substitute your definition in the sentence—does it fit?
<i>remote</i>				
<i>baying</i>				