

Vocabulary in Context

Crazy for California - Grade 2 - Short lesson

TIME	OBJECTIVE
10 minutes	Use contrast and context to determine the intended meaning of a multiple-meaning word.

PRODUCT

A definition of chips followed by two context clues.

Essential question: What does the word chips mean in the computer passage, and which clues show that meaning?

Materials	Text to mark
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- The book
- Prepared passages: Passage 11
- Passage 11 - computer passage - chips contrasted with food and linked to computer games
- Student response materials

Lesson sequence

1 Find the meaning in context - 2 min What does the word chips mean in the computer passage, and which clues show that meaning?

Prepared text:	Passage 11 2 Work the evidence - 5 min The word refers to computer components because the passage rules out food and connects the items to computer games.
Prepared text:	Passage 11 3 Make the student product - 3 min Have students state a definition of chips and cite two context clues that establish the computer meaning.
Prepared text:	Passage 11

Teacher key

Here, chips means electronic parts used by computers, not food.

Support & extension

Above: Write a new sentence using chips with its food meaning, then explain the difference.

Below: Offer two meanings of chips and have students underline the words that identify the correct one.

Assessment

- Defines chips according to the passage
- Identifies both the food contrast and the computer clue