

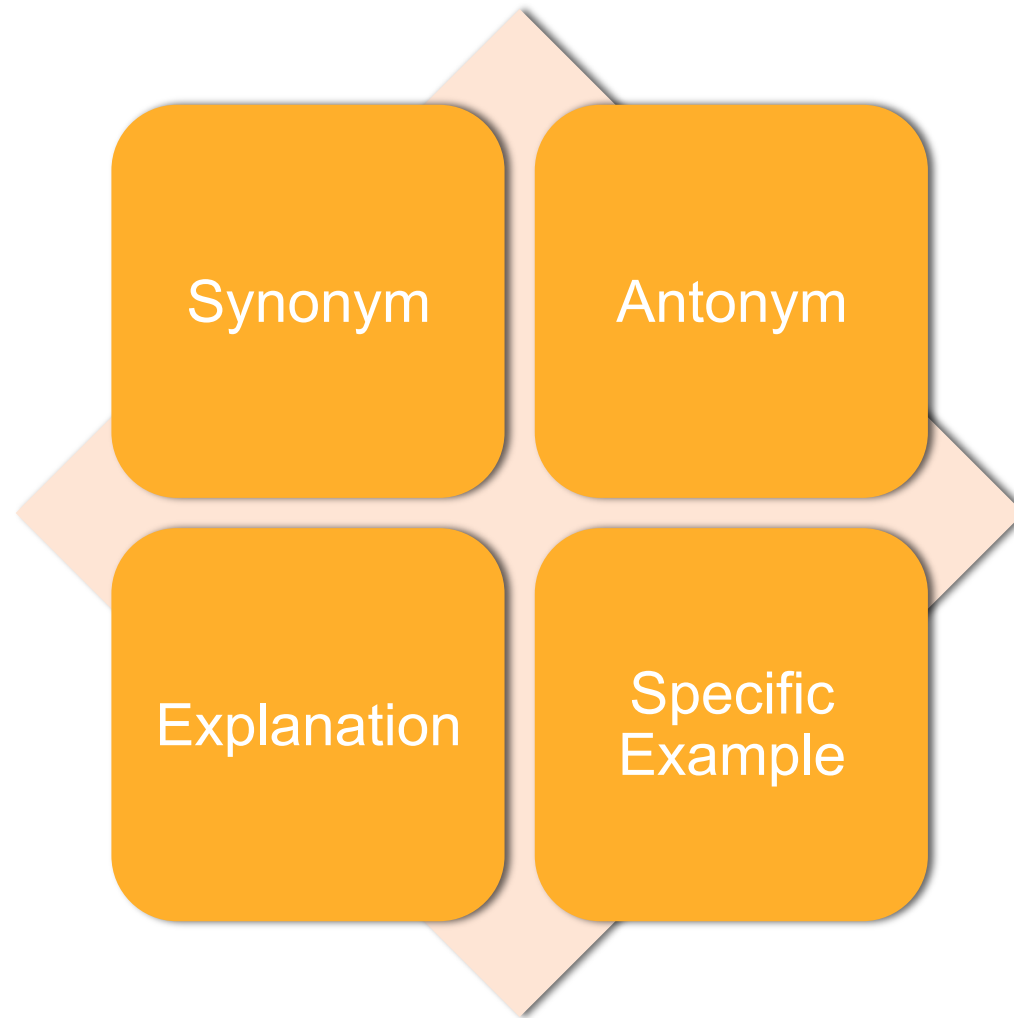
# Context Clues

Its beyond test-taking skills... Test taking skills are likewise needed but they will not sustain you to get high scores.

# What are context clues?

- They are hints that an author gives to help define a difficult or unusual word.
- The clue may appear within the same sentence as the word to which it refers, or it may follow in a preceding sentence.
- Because most of one's vocabulary is gained through reading, it is important that you be able to recognize and take advantage of context clues.

# 4 Common Context Clues



# Synonym

Repeat context clue which appears on the same sentence or close to it.

Examples:

1. It was an idyllic day; sunny, warm and perfect for a walk in the park.
2. Her animosity or hatred of her sister had divided the family.

# Antonym

Another term for **contrast context clue** that has the opposite meaning, which can reveal the meaning of an unknown term;

Examples:

1. Marty is gregarious, not like his brother who is quiet and shy.
2. I am willing to climb the mountains but he is reluctant because it gets so cold walking up and down the trails.

# Explanation

An explanation for an unknown word is given (a **definition context clue**) within the sentence or in the sentence immediately preceding.

Examples:

1. During the demonstration, a squirmish broke out and the police were called to order.
2. Something in the refrigerator has a putrid odor; the smell was rotten when we opened the door.

# Specific Example

An explanation for an unknown word is given (a **definition context clue**) within the sentence or in the sentence immediately preceding.

Examples:

1. Some celestial bodies, such as the planets and stars can be seen with the naked eye.
2. There was a lot of tangible evidence, including fingerprints and DNA, to prove them guilty.

# Word Part Context Clues

Picture  
Graph

Syntactic or Word Order  
Clues

Semantic or Meaning Clues



# General Strategies for Word Parts

1. Look for CONTEXT CLUES. Reread the sentence and the surrounding sentences.
2. Can you break the WORD into PARTS? (If not, go to Step 3).
  - Is there a PREFIX? What does it mean?
  - Is there a SUFFIX? What does it mean?
  - Is there a ROOT WORD? What does it mean?
  - Put the meaning of the word parts together. What is the meaning of the whole word?
3. GUESS what the word means.
4. INSERT your meaning into the original sentence to see whether it makes sense.

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Lets do it together! You continue reading the rest of the passage.

