ELA Virtual Learning

7th Grade ELA

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Objective/Learning Target:

7.RI.1.B: Determine the meaning of words and phrases, as there are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, or content specific meanings using context, affixes, or reference materials.

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Learning Target(s)

Students will:

- Be able to find and define connotative and denotative language used in a reading passage using context clues.
- Write responses using complete sentences with standard spelling, punctuation, and grammar.

Warm Up Part 1:

Let's talk about Word Choice! Read the advertisement below about Togo. What is the ad telling you about him? Why are certain words and phrases used? Is Togo presented in a negative or positive way? Why do you think?

NAME:

Togo

ANIMAL ID	21751522
SPECIES	Dog
BREED	Terrier, Pit Bull/Great Dane
AGE	8 months 25 days
SEX	Male
SIZE	Medium
COLOR	Brown
SPAYED/NEUTERED	✔
DECLAWED	No
SITE	Lollypop Farm
LOCATION	Dog Adopt Suite 3

Warm Up Part 2:

Togo is an active, handsome Pit Bull/Great Dane mix. Togo was brought to Lollypop Farm because his family could no longer care for him. Being just about 8 months old Togo has quite a bit of energy to spare-long walks would be best; time in the yard by himself just isn't going to be enough for this young man. Togo has started learning his basic doggie manners so a family committed to continuing his training is going to be best. Luckily, he does not lack enthusiasm and stamina-he is eager and ready to learn! We have no history of Togo living with any other animals or children. Togo would do best in a home without young children. If you are looking for someone to hit the hiking trails with this spring, come meet Togo, he may just be the buddy you are looking for.

Warm Up Part 3:

Now, read again but look at the words or phrases in **bold print**. Think about what the advertisement isn't exactly saying!

Togo is an **active**, handsome Pit Bull/Great Dane mix. Togo was brought to Lollypop Farm because **his family could no longer care for him**. Being just about 8 months old Togo has **quite a bit of energy** to spare-**long walks would be best**; time in the yard by himself just isn't going to be enough for this young man. Togo has started learning his basic doggie manners so a family committed to continuing his training is going to be best. Luckily, **he does not lack enthusiasm and stamina**-he is eager and ready to learn! We have no history of Togo living with any other animals or children. Togo would **do best in a home without young children**. If you are looking for someone to hit the hiking trails with this spring, come meet Togo, he may just be the buddy you are looking for.

On a piece of paper:

1. **Make an inference about Togo based on what you know and clues from the advertisement.**

2. **Rewrite the advertisement using different words. Let's say what Togo is REALLY like! Let's elaborate. (Remember, we don't know, we are just making inferences based on what we know and clues from the advertisement)**

Learn: Using Context Clues

One important part of understanding Word Choice is knowing the different types of Context Clues. When we use Context Clues, we look at other words in a sentence or paragraph to help understand the meaning of an unfamiliar word.

There are 5 main types of Context Clues described on the chart on the right...

5 Types of Context Clues

Definition Clues
The word's meaning is explained in the sentence.

Example Clues
An example of the word is given following the sentence or within the sentence.

Inference Clues
A word's definition is not explained.
You need to look for clues before or after the sentences.

Synonym Clues
Other words are used in the sentence that have similar meaning.

Antonym Clues
The word is clarified by giving the opposite meaning.
Signaled by words: whereas, unlike, as apposed to

Teacher's Take-Out

Learn (continued):

Here are some sentences using the different types of Context Clues.

This video will also help you remember the different types of Context Clues and how we use them to figure out the meanings of unknown words.

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It is also important to know that words can mean something different than their "definition" meaning.

We use words in different ways. Sometimes we use a word for the "official definition." This is the **denotative** meaning. Other times we use a word for the emotion or reaction that the word creates. This is the implied or **connotative** meaning of the word.

Connotative meanings can be positive or negative.

Denotation	Connotation
Direct **D**ictionary **D**efinition	The implied meaning. Creates an emotion or reaction from the reader.

Gray	
Denotative	Connotative
A mixture of black and white	Cold, cloudy, gloomy

Miami Dolphins	New England Patriots
Kansas City Chiefs	Minnesota Vikings
Philadelphia Eagles	Denver Broncos
Nowlin Panthers	Baltimore Ravens
Van Horn Falcons	Carolina Panthers
Dallas Cowboys	Detroit Lions

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Why do you think the team names on the previous slide were chosen?

What are their denotative vs. their connotative meanings?

Does the team name make you think the team is weak or strong? Are they easy to beat or a tough team?

Example: Denver Broncos
Denotative definition: a range pony or mustang of the western U.S., especially one that is not broken or is imperfectly broken

Connotative definition: fast, unbeatable, tough; the Denver Broncos are an unbeatable team (ok, here is KC we know that isn't true!)

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On a piece of paper make a 3-column chart. Choose five of the teams from the slide. In the first column write the teams you chose. In the second write the dictionary definition (you can use dictionary.com. In the last column write the connotative definition.

Team Name	Denotative Definition	Connotative Definition

Practice:

1. Read this article, [Safe Travels](#), and pay attention to the highlighted words.

2. Answer the following multiple choice questions:
    - In paragraph 3, select the word or phrase that is the best context clue for determining the meaning of the word bisects.
      a. Underpass, overpass or bridge
      b. Trans Canada Highway
      c. Crossing system
      d. Collisions with wildlife

Practice:

- **Select the best synonym to replace the word "proactive"**
  a. Easy
  b. Lazy
  c. Refreshed
  d. Enthusiastic

- Write a summary of the article "Safe Travels" using two out of the three power words: bisects, monsoon, or proactive. Use this graphic to help write your summary:

Topic Sentence: What is the subject of the text?

Main Ideas: What are the main ideas for each section? (Use headings to help determine main idea and important details)

*Use your own words and key words from the text.

Practice Answer Key:
(Answers will Vary)

● Check your answers to make sure it meets the following criteria:
   → Did you write in complete sentences?
   → Did you use standard conventions (spelling, punctuation, grammar)?
   → Did you answer the question?
   → Did you support and explain your answer using details from the article

Sample Proficient Answers:
1. *C*
2. *D*
3. *In the article, "Safe Travels," People are building roadway crossings to protect animals from vehicles. These animals crossing will go over highways that bisect, or divide, national parks. It is important to be proactive in saving these animals lives so no animal species become endangered or extinct.*

If you want to learn more…Additional Resource:

Watch this video of Robert Irwin's Zoo Tour.

Read this Article titled Animals Need Infrastructure Too