



### A Few Common Types of Context Clues

Type of Context Clue	Description	Example
Direct Definition/Explanation	The meaning of the word is explained in the same sentence.	<b>Carnivores</b> are <u>animals that eat meat</u> .
Synonym	An easier word or phrase with a similar meaning is used to help explain the more difficult word.	The beaver uses its <u>large front teeth</u> to gnaw trees. These <b>incisors</b> continue to grow as they are worn down.
Antonym	A word or phrase with an opposite meaning is used to clarify the definition.	<u>Unlike nocturnal</u> animals, diurnal animals <u>hunt and eat during the day</u> .