

TODAY:

- 1 Guessing from Context – Review
- 2 Groups – practice guessing from context
- 3 Answers – definitions for words / Q&A

What is Guessing from Context?

We can obtain the meaning from other things in the text:

Example:

I want a bsuysiouhdshdwkbidsk

How can we guess meaning?

- Words in the sentence
- Word type (e.g. noun, verb)
- Other sentences in the paragraph
- Prefix / Suffix
- Good / Bad / Neutral

In OET reading, is there a TYPE of question where we need to guess the meaning from context:

- Lexical Question

Usually, there are 2 in Reading C

CONTEXT	FORM	MEANING
It's a hard knock life sometimes. It's very sad.	Adjective	Difficult / problematic / challenging
This account is very plausible . I think we should go ahead	Adjective	Believable / it is possible that is true / it is reasonable that is true
There are lots of things we can derive from this set of results.	Verb	Taken from / extract from / obtain from / gathered from / come from / originate from
The subtlety of the theory is quite beautiful	Noun	A <u>small difference</u> or thing that it easy not to notice Usually only smart people can see the difference.
He is a very tactile person, and I don't feel comfortable around him.	Adjective	Relating to touch He likes to touch people
The report depicts a hospital in crisis	Verb	Show / paint a picture / describe / draw
We have reached the threshold for patients	Noun	The maximum point of something and if you go higher maybe there will be problem
This point goes to the crux of the medical debate	Noun	The core point / The centre of point / The most essential point / <i>The heart of the matter</i>
If he can somehow curb the smoking, then he might feel better	Verb	To reduce / To cut down / To decrease
This idea is so unpopular it has become a pejorative term. We use it as an insult now.	Adjective	A word that ALWAYS has a bad meaning. = Kill Murder = bad killing
We can trace it back to the beginning	Verb	Follow / track
He is always so saccharine , it's annoying!	Adj.	1 Very sugary emotions / fake emotions 2 Sugary
We need to capitalise on this moment. There must some way we can benefit.	Verb	Take advantage of / Obtain some benefit