

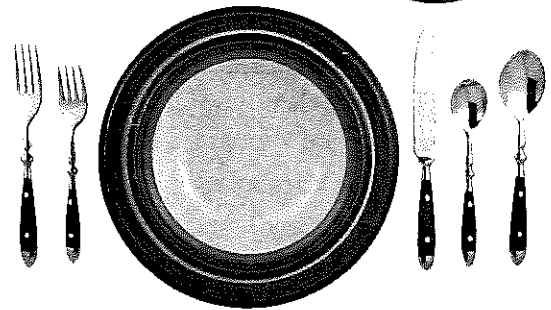
Context Clues

For
Word
Wisdom

A Restaurant Review:

Aunt Edna's Kitchen

Eating well sometimes means dining in a restaurant. How do diners choose a restaurant? One way is by reading about the experience of an expert who has visited the restaurant.



Downtown Springwood has a new restaurant, Aunt Edna's Kitchen, and it's already a popular spot. I visited on a Saturday evening, and the place was filled with diners of all ages. The space is large and airy, and dividers with plantings keep the noise level under control. The menu includes fish, meat, and poultry dishes. There are also **vegetarian** dishes prepared with products grown on local farms. The salad greens tasted so fresh that I could almost believe I had just plucked them from a garden. The dressing was light and not oily, and I sniffed a pleasant ginger **aroma**.

There were many **appetizers** to choose from, but I sampled two. The fried shrimp was crunchy and moist. I nibbled, trying not to **devour** them all. The potato rolls arrived still steaming and tasted heavenly. I limited myself to one so that I would still have room for the main dish.

For the **entrée**, I selected grilled chicken and pasta. The **abundant** serving was more than enough for one person. I **savored** the lemon and pepper flavors in the chicken. The pasta was wide, **flavorful** noodles that were neither too soft nor too firm, but cooked just right.

The dessert offerings included thick chocolate cake, homemade ice cream and pudding, and a **nutritious** fruit plate for those who prefer healthful fare.

The **chef** is Roland Miller. He explained that he is also the owner of Aunt Edna's Kitchen and has been a baker and a restaurant manager. His restaurant is named after his aunt, an imaginative cook, whose recipes he still uses.

With its reasonable prices and polite and fast service, Aunt Edna's Kitchen is sure to become a Springwood favorite.


Context Clues Strategy

Look for What Kind of Thing the Word Is


EXAMPLE: You may add flavor with mustard, sauce, relish, or another *condiment*.

CLUE: The words *mustard*, *sauce*, and *relish* all tell what kind of thing a *condiment* is.


Using the context is a good way to understand the meaning of a new word. Here is one strategy for using context clues.

 **Read** the sentence with the unknown word and some of the sentences around it.


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The chef is Roland Miller. He explained that he is also the owner of Aunt Edna's Kitchen and has been a baker and a restaurant manager.

 **Look** for context clues. What Kind of Thing seems to be named?


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The words *owner*, *baker*, *restaurant manager*, and *cook* are clues that tell what kind of thing, or person, a *chef* is.

 **Think** about the context clues and other information you may already know.

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The owner of a restaurant is sometimes the chief cook.

 **Predict** a meaning for the word.

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The word *chef* probably means "the chief cook in a restaurant."

 **Check** the Word Wisdom Dictionary to be sure of the meaning.

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A *chef* is "the head cook in a place that serves food."



Unlock the Meanings

Practice the Strategy One of the boldfaced words from the restaurant review on page 6 appears below. Use the context clues strategy on page 7 to figure out the meaning of the word.

appetizers



Read the sentence that includes the word *appetizers* and some of the sentences around it.



Look for context clues to the word's meaning. Do any words and phrases point to **What Kind of Thing** *appetizers* are?



Think about the context clues. What other helpful information do you know?



Predict a meaning for the word *appetizers*.



Check the Word Wisdom Dictionary to be sure of the meaning of *appetizer*.

WORD LIST

vegetarian

aroma

✓ appetizer

devour

entrée

abundant

savor

flavorful

nutritious

✓ chef

Use Context Clues You have been introduced to two vocabulary words from the restaurant review on page 6. Those words are checked off in the Word List on this page. Under “Vocabulary Word” below, write the other eight words from the Word List. Predict a meaning for each word under “Your Prediction.” Then check the words in the Word Wisdom Dictionary. Write the definition under “Dictionary Says.”

Vocabulary Word

Your Prediction

Dictionary Says

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Process the Meanings

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Use the Words Correctly in Writing Rewrite each sentence in your own words. Include the word in parentheses.

1 Some sandwiches have vegetables but no meat. (vegetarian)

2 People passing by the bakery can breathe in the smell. (aroma)

3 The guests enjoyed the dip before the meal. (appetizer)

4 Chew slowly, and don't gobble up your food. (devour)

5 A large salad can serve as a whole, filling meal. (entrée)

6 People can celebrate a harvest with a feast. (abundant)

7 "I enjoy every bite," said the diner. (savor)

8 Spices can make a dish very tasty. (flavorful)

9 Junk food tastes good, but it's bad for you. (nutritious)

10 The pastry baker was trained in France. (chef)



Apply What You've Learned

Understand Word Meanings Answer each question **Yes** or **No**. Then write a brief reason for your choice. Include both boldfaced words in your answer.

1 Is **flavorful** food always **abundant**?

2 Can a **vegetarian** soup be **nutritious**?

3 Is it possible to **savor** an **entrée**?

4 Can a **devour** be an **appetizer**?

Give Examples List one or two examples for each item.

5 things that a **chef** does

7 things that have an **aroma**

6 **appetizers** you have eaten

8 **nutritious** snacks



Write It! Write a paragraph describing your favorite food. Use as many of the words from the Word List on page 10 as you can.