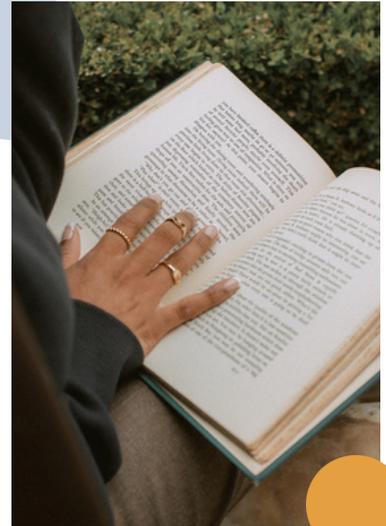




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Reading in context refers to the practice of understanding words, phrases or sentences within the surrounding text to grasp their intended meaning. Context provides the information or circumstances that help clarify the significance of specific words or expressions within a given passage or written material. This approach to reading involves considering the broader content, including the sentences and paragraphs preceding and following a particular word or phrase.



## Key aspects of reading in context include:

- 1. Understanding Relationships:** examining how words relate to each other within a sentence or paragraph helps to uncover their meanings. Context provides clues about whether a word is used in a literal or figurative sense.
- 2. Interpreting Ambiguity:** when a word has multiple meanings, context aids in determining the intended meaning. The context helps readers choose the interpretation that fits the overall message of the text.



- **Grasping Nuances:** context is crucial for understanding nuanced expressions, idioms or culturally specific language. The overall context provides the necessary information to interpret these elements correctly.
- **Extracting Information:** in technical or informational texts, understanding the context helps readers extract the relevant information and comprehend the author's intended message.

For example, consider the word "bank"; without context, it could refer to a financial institution, the side of a river or an aircraft maneuver. The surrounding text clarifies the meaning of "bank" in a particular instance.

