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Reading in context refers to the practice of understanding and interpreting a specific word, phrase, or passage based on the surrounding information or text. Instead of isolating individual words or sentences, reading in context involves considering the broader content and the relationships between different elements within a given text. This approach allows readers to grasp the meaning, nuance, and intended message more accurately.



Context in reading can be multi-faceted:



Reading in context is crucial for accurate comprehension and interpretation. It helps readers avoid misunderstandings, identify subtleties, and appreciate the nuances of language. Whether reading literature, technical documents, or any other form of written communication, understanding context is a key skill that enhances overall reading comprehension.



Pragmatic Context

- Recognizing the social and communicative context, including the speaker or author's intentions, tone, and the likely response or action expected from the audience.



Discourse Context

- Considering the larger conversation or discourse in which a piece of writing is situated. This involves understanding the genre, purpose, and audience of the text.



Historical or Cultural Context

- Taking into account the historical or cultural background of the text to better understand references, allusions, or expressions that may be specific to a certain time or place.



Sentence-level context

- Analyzing the words and phrases within the same sentence to derive meaning and clarify any ambiguities.



Textual Context

- Examining the sentences or paragraphs surrounding a particular word or phrase to understand how it fits into the overall narrative or argument.



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