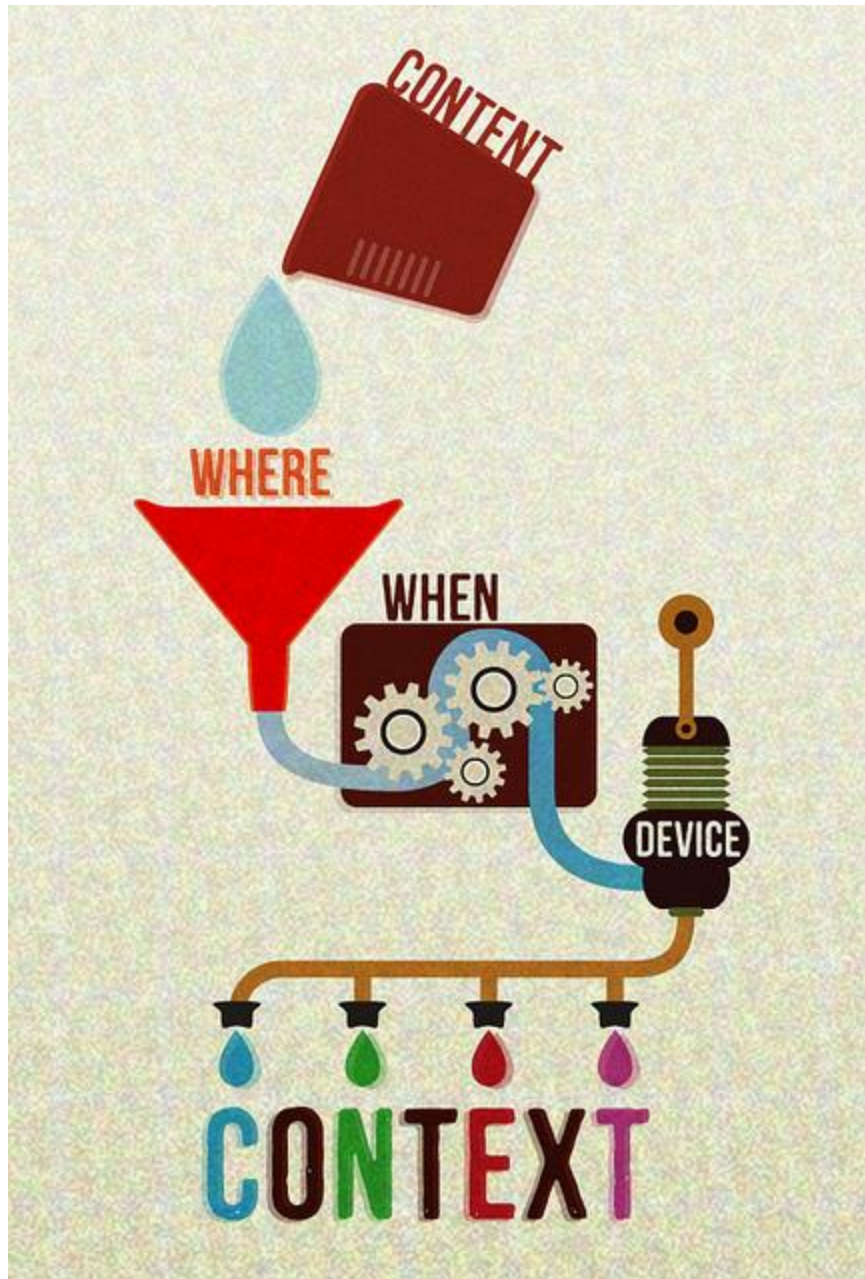


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Stuck on a Word? Get Clues ... Context Clues!



Sometimes we

misunderstand a sentence because it contains a key word that we don't know. When that happens, we can try using the context clues, or words around the unfamiliar word, to help us figure out the meaning. How do we do that? Read the boxes below slowly.

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Do you know what the words **daunting** and **enlightening** mean? If not, how could you figure them out? Try looking at the **context clues** — the surrounding words or phrases that give hints about the meaning of an unfamiliar word. Check the explanation below.

For busy adults, learning new words may seem *daunting*, or discouraging. However, many people find that learning the meaning of new words and expanding what they know are *enlightening* experiences that make them more aware of the world's ideas.
In the first sentence, the phrase “or discouraging” comes right after *daunting* to explain its meaning. Another word for *daunting* is *discouraging*.

How do you figure out what *enlightening* means? The context clues “expanding what they know” and “more aware of the world's ideas” can help you. Based on those surrounding phrases, *enlightening* must mean adding new knowledge to your life.

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