Searching for Context Clues

When I don’t know the meaning of a word...

I search for a context clue!

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When Sara’s dog died, she was filled with grief.

Mrs. Smith told Ben to avoid trite, overused expressions in his writing.

Mrs. Smith told Ben to avoid trite expressions in his writing. Instead, he should be creative and think of his own words.

Please bring some utensils to the picnic. You’ll need a fork, spoon, and knife.

The Humane Society is the largest animal protection organization in the United States. Humane means to act kindly to people and animals, especially those that are suffering.
Teacher Directions:

Preparation:

1. Copy pages 1-3 for each of your students.
2. Get a piece of construction paper for each student.
3. Teach the five types of context clues listed here (synonyms, antonyms, examples, inferences, and definitions).

Activity

1. Cut out the circles and the sentence boxes.
2. Read a sentence and determine which context clue is being used. Glue the sentence on the corresponding circle.
   a. **Highlight definition** - The Humane Society...
      (highlight the second sentence that tells the definition)
   b. **Highlight synonym** - Mrs. Smith told Ben to avoid trite, overused expressions in his writing.
      (highlight trite and overused because they are synonyms)
   c. **Highlight antonym** - Mrs. Smith told Ben to avoid trite expressions in his writing. Instead, he needs to be creative...
      (highlight trite and creative because they are antonyms)
   d. **Highlight example** - Please bring some utensils to the picnic. You'll need a fork, spoon, and knife.
      (highlight utensils and fork, spoon, and knife)
   e. **Highlight inference** - When Sara's dog died, she was filled with grief.
      (highlight grief, and write a sentence in pencil about how they used inference: “I know that when pets die, people are usually sad)
3. Color the magnifying glass. Cut around the outside.
4. Staple the circles on top of the glass part so that it resembles a small booklet.
5. Glue the magnifying glass to a piece of construction paper.
6. Copy the words on the construction paper in large letters.

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