

Word Wizard

The words a writer chooses are an important ingredient of the author's craft. Your job is to be on the lookout for words that may be unusual, puzzling or unfamiliar while you are reading. Try to figure out their meaning from the context clues around the words (i.e. the sentence and surrounding text that the word is in). Look up the words in the dictionary and discuss them with an adult. Write a definition in your own words. Make sure that you understand the words before you meet with your group! Set your work out in the table as follows:

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WORD IN CONTEXT	LOCATION	BEST GUESS	DICTIONARY DEFINITION
There are a few things I won't <u>tolerate</u>	Page 10, Paragraph 2	Things someone won't put up with	permit
Eating chocolate in class is not only <u>desirable</u> , it is compulsory.	Page 11, Paragraph 2	(it comes from the word 'desire') things people like to do	Worth having or wanting
Other things that are <u>compulsory</u> are laughing at the teacher's jokes, day dreaming, and watching Neighbours on TV	Page 11, Paragraph 2	Things you have to do.	Required; mandatory
As soon as we were in our room he got us to sit under our desks, on the floor, with a pen and <u>module</u> in our hands.	Page 16, Paragraph 1	Some kind of hard surface to lean on	A part of something

In your Literacy Circles meeting session:

- Have your group members go to the location of each word
- Read the word in context (in the sentence that it is in)
- Lead your group through a discussion of the word and its possible meaning. Remember to use the text and examine the word in context. What clues around the word help to tell us the meaning? Does the word derive from another word that's meaning is already known?