

Steps for using Context Clues to Determine the Meanings of Unknown Words

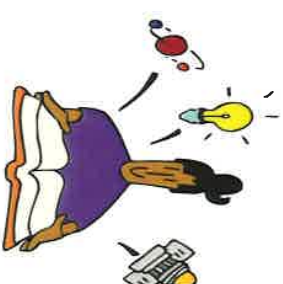
Re-read the sentences before & after the unknown word.



- **Examine** or **look** at the pictures
- **Examine** the context clues (Key & signal words)
- **Examine** word parts (prefixes, suffixes, root words) that can help you to figure out (infer) the meaning of the unknown word.



Analyze or **think** about the context clues and **connect** what you know about them to what the author has written and **think** about a possible meaning for the unknown word.



Determine or **decide** if you have figured out the correct meaning by substituting (putting) your meaning in the sentence. **Determine** what type of context the word was in (synonym, compare, or description ...definition) (See FACADES)

