



- context (n.) surrounding words
- Learning vocabulary in context means that you learn new words when you are reading or listening.
 - You learn a new word by seeing how it is used in a sentence.







 Context clues are hints found within a sentence, paragraph, or passage that a reader can use to understand the meanings of new or unfamiliar words.







Four Types of Context Clues

- 1: Definition or Restatement
- 2: Synonym
- 3: Antonym / Opposite/Contrast
- 4: Example or Explanation







ASIA

'A step in the right direction': Thailand's tourism operators welcome special visa for foreigners



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'A step in the right direction': Thailand's tourism operators welcome special visa for foreigners

Under a special tourist visa scheme aimed at long-stay visitors, those going to Thailand will need to arrange for private flights and undergo a 14-day quarantine before their holiday.







- BANGKOK: **Tourism** operators and hotels in Thailand have welcomed the government's new stimulus measure that will allow **foreign tourists** to visit the country with a special long-stay visa amid the **global** COVID-19 **pandemic**.
- https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/asia/thailand-tourismoperators-welcome-special-tourist-visa-covid-19-13151644#cxrecs_s







- foreign (adj.) foreigner (n.)
- foreign languages / foreign tourists (n.)
- tourism (n.)
- tourism sector (n.)







- The special tourist visa or STV is expected to become available from October to Sep 30 next year. Its holders will be able to stay in Thailand for 90 days and to extend the visa twice at a cost of 2,000 Baht (US\$63) each time.
- https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/asia/thailand-tourismoperators-welcome-special-tourist-visa-covid-19-13151644#cxrecs_s







- The scheme was approved in principle by the Cabinet on Sep 15 as part of the government's efforts to boost the sluggish economy and tourism sector battered by the global health crisis.
- https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/asia/thailand-tourismoperators-welcome-special-tourist-visa-covid-19-13151644#cxrecs_s







- cabinet (n.) a piece of furniture
- cabinet (n.) a small group of the most important people in government





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Poorer countries to get 120 million US\$5 COVID-19 tests, WHO says

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- GENEVA/LONDON: Some 120 million rapid diagnostic tests for coronavirus will be made available to low- and middle-income countries at a maximum of US\$5 each, the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Monday (Sep 28).
- https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/world/poorer-countries-to-get-120-million-us-5-covid-19-tests-who-says-13157562







- The wider availability of quick, reliable and inexpensive testing will help 133 countries to track infections and contain the spread, closing the gap with wealthy ones, it said.
- https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/world/poorer-countriesto-get-120-million-us-5-covid-19-tests-who-says-13157562







WHAT IS THE GREENHOUSE EFFECT?

The term "greenhouse effect" is mentioned a lot when we talk about climate change. But what exactly does it mean?

In short: it is the natural process that warms the Earth's surface.

The process is called the greenhouse effect because the exchange of incoming and outgoing radiation that warms the planet works in a similar way to a greenhouse.

Dicture this: a greenhouse is so successful at growing plants year round oven





• The problem arises when greenhouse gas levels get too high because of human activities, trapping too much of the sun's energy as heat and upset the natural systems that regulate our climate.







 Things keep getting hotter and hotter and we start seeing more and more extreme weather and other impacts.







- "This is the most impactful step our state can take to fight climate change," said Newsom in the press release. "For too many decades, we have allowed cars to pollute the air that our children and families breathe.
- https://www.goodnet.org/articles/california-switching-to-all-electricby-2035



- Deforestation cutting down trees on a large scale for fuel, land, or other purposes – leads to more greenhouse gases in the atmosphere as more trees are burned and fewer are in the ground to absorb excess carbon dioxide.
- https://www.climaterealityproject.org/blog/what-greenhouse-effect



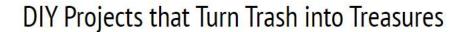




- We are seeing our world transformed by climate change and if we do nothing, that transformation will be profound. We call this transformation — the process of climate change and its many effects on our world — "the climate crisis."
- https://www.climaterealityproject.org/blog/what-greenhouse-effect







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Unique ways to turn common household items into new and exciting goods

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 As the world shifts towards more sustainable methods of consumption, upcycling household goods has gained traction, affording people the luxury of obtaining a new item without the environmental impact or cost of purchasing it brand new.







- Upcycling and DIY (do it yourself) are becoming more popular as many people are opting out of buying new industrial or factory-made goods, which are often transported long distances, break easily, and have little character to them.
- https://www.goodnet.org/articles/diy-projects-that-turn-trash-into-treasures







- Upcycling, on the other hand, saves money, fuels creativity, and reduces waste. So, whether you're looking for a new hobby, a new bedside table, or if you just don't want to throw away that lucky pair of jeans that don't fit anymore, upcycling is for you!
- https://www.goodnet.org/articles/diy-projects-that-turn-trash-into-treasures



- upcycling (n.) the activity of making new furniture, objects, etc. out of old or used things or waste material
 - Upcycling is a great way to reduce waste.







 recycling (n.) the process of collecting and changing old paper, glass, plastic, etc. so that it can be used again







DIY Projects that Turn Trash into Treasures

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Meet the Indonesian artist who turns household waste into shadow puppets









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Meet the Indonesian artist who turns household waste into shadow puppets







- household waste (n.) trash (n.)
- garbage (n.) rubbish (n.)
- shadow puppets (wayang)







 "Through my wayang, I want to convey environmental, cultural and social messages," the 55-year-old artist told CNA.







• "I want to introduce people to wayang, especially children. I also want to teach them that waste can be **transformed** into works of art and something of great value and use."







• "I want to revive interests in our cultural heritage. Wayang is becoming less and less popular among youths. They care more about Western and modern music and art," he said.







"My dream is there will be many more people who are interested in turning wastes into works of art as well as preserving our cultural heritage."

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Go green or go home: Sudan's climate opportunity

For Sudan, a green economy would bring not only climate security but also sustainable peace and economic prosperity.



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- green (adj.)
- Go green = to do more to protect nature and environment
- Green economy Circular economy
 Car manufacturers are investing in green technology.
- Economic prosperity







SINGAPORE

Singapore, Indonesia agree to launch green lane for essential business and official travellers

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By Kiki Siregar

Singapore, Indonesia agree to launch green lane for essential business and official travellers

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- SINGAPORE: Singapore and Indonesia have agreed to set up a reciprocal green lane (RGL) to enable cross-border travel for essential business and official purposes between both countries.
- https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/singapore/singapore-indonesia-reciprocal-green-lane-business-travel-13260686







 The Thai government continue to work on possible ways to open the country's tourism industry, following months of shutdown due to Covid-19.







The latest solution on the table – a so-called 'green lane' – would connect Thailand with Singapore and other regional hubs and kick start the Kingdom's business travel sector.







Inspirational Quote

"Prosperity is a way of living and thinking, and not just money or things. Poverty is a way of living and thinking, and not just lack of money or things."







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