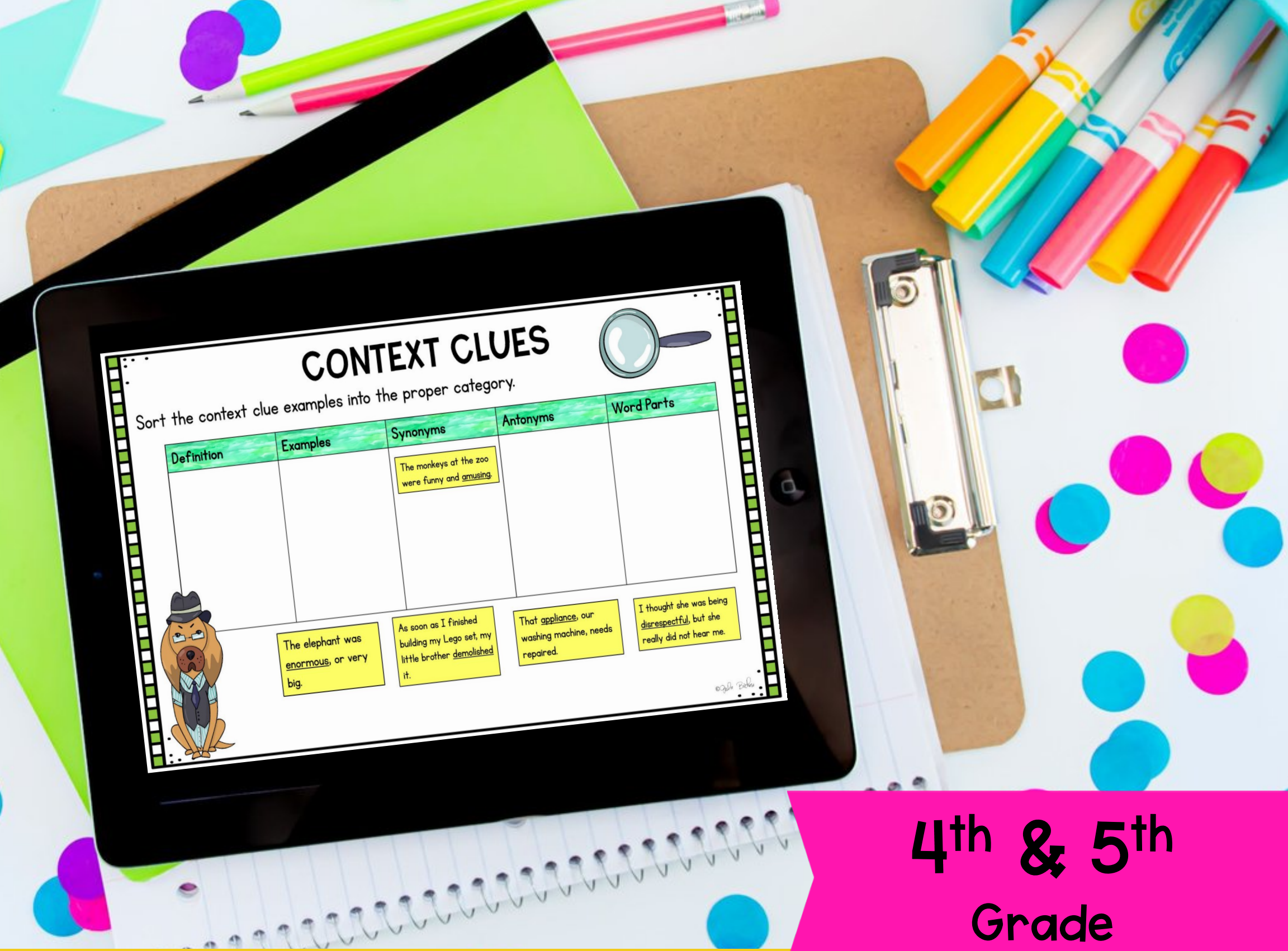


4th & 5th Grade

Context Clues in Nonfiction

DIGITAL Mini lessons

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Context Clues help you figure out UNKNOWN WORDS
Watch the video about how context clues help you figure out unknown words.
EXAMPLES
Like, Such as, for example, or
The data, such as reading level growth,
can be found in student binders.

Let's Try!

Listen to the story, "Sweet Dreams, Sarah" by Vivian Kirkfield. Take a look at the unknown words in the chart to see if you can figure out their meaning.



Word from the Text	Context Clue	What I think it Means
carpenter		someone who builds things with wood
crammed		squished together in too small of a space
afford	low-paying jobs	able to pay for something
patent		The right to exclude others from making or selling your invention
denied		told no

already patents on similar inventions

five of us

Piece of paper from the government that says no one else can make or sell your invention

hammer in his hands, he could build anything

Let's Try!

After listening to "The House That Jane Built" by Tanya Lee Stone, sort the words and context clues in the chart below.

Word from the text	Context Clue	What I think it means
elegant	lovely	fancy and expensive
wealthy		having a lot of money
horrid	find a way to fix	
ragged	begging a cart vendor to buy his leftover rotten fruits and vegetables	
immigrants	people who came from other countries	people who moved from one country to live in another country
ramshackle	no running water	
flocked		Congregate in a large group
transformed	changed a bad neighborhood into a great and strong community	

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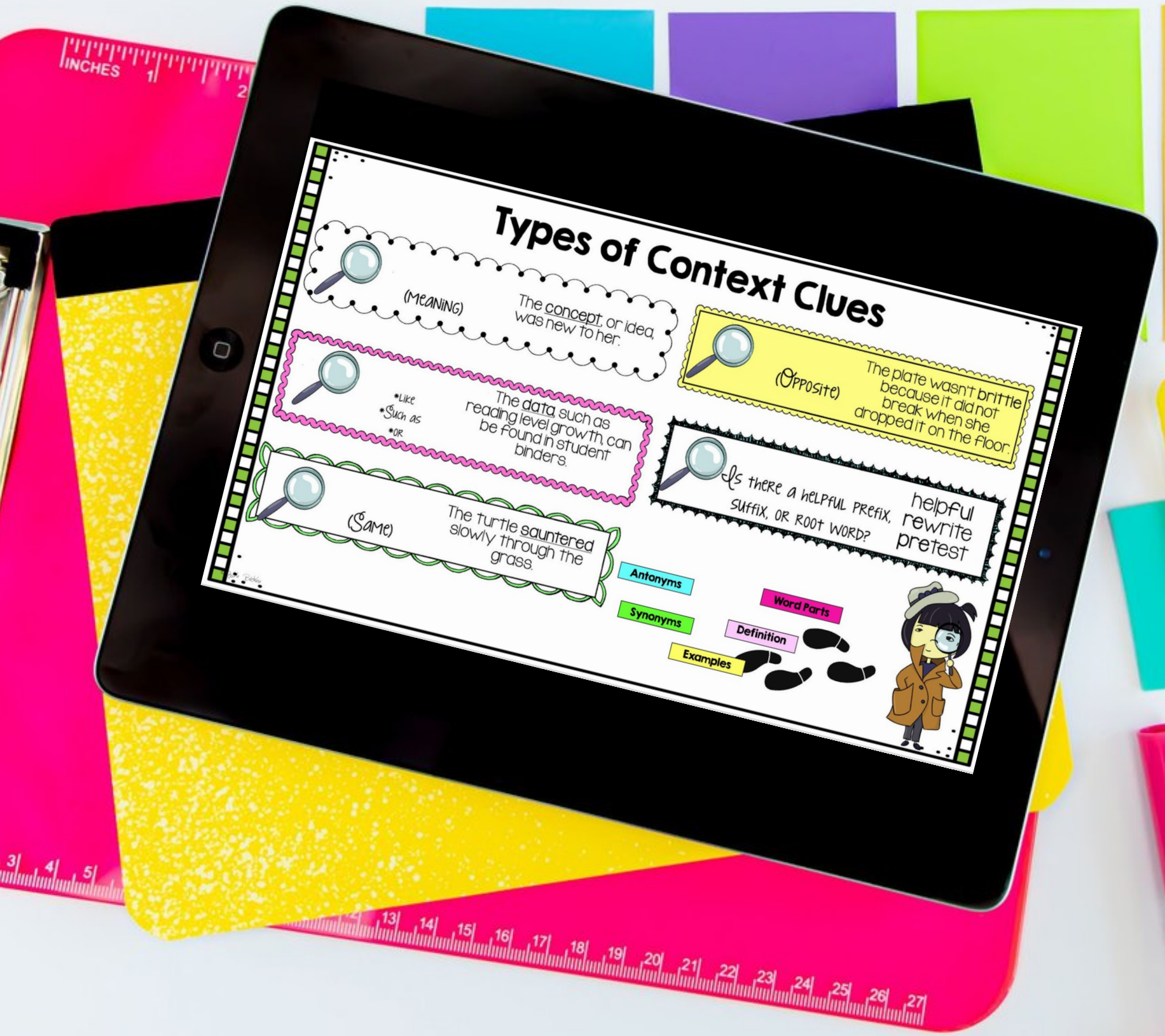
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Types of Context Clues
(Meaning)
The concept, or idea, was new to her.
*Like
*Such as
*OR
The data, such as reading level growth, can be found in student binders.
(Same)
The turtle sauntered slowly through the grass.
(Opposite)
The plate wasn't brittle because it did not break when she dropped it on the floor.
Is there a helpful prefix, suffix, or root word?
helpful
rewrite
pretest
Antonyms
Synonyms
Examples
Definition
Word Parts