

what does this word mean?



Directions:

determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases in a text relevant to a grade 3 topic or subject area.

Students will use the anchor chart context clues tips as they read "Caleb's New Friend" to determine the meaning of words and phrases.

To continue practicing, students will use the graphic organizer as they read any text.

How do I figure out what this word means?

Look for these clues:

- Definition: The author defines the word in the sentence.
- Example: The author gives an example of the word somewhere in the paragraph.
- Synonym: The author includes a synonym of the word to help the reader.
- Antonym: The author includes an antonym of the word to help the reader.

Sean's New Friend

By Deborah Lynn

Sean made a new friend at school this year, his name was Caleb and they had lots of fun together. They skateboarded, ran races and even played Wii. One day Caleb invited Sean to a Passover.

“What is Passover?” Sean asked.

“It is a very special Jewish holiday,” Caleb said with a smile, “You will like it, I promise!”

The Passover was in a large room and many people were there. They were dressed up like you would dress up if you were going to go to church.

Caleb and his father wore a small, round hat on their heads. Caleb’s mother put a scarf on her head, as she lit some candles and prayed. Sean couldn’t understand her words.

Caleb asked his father why this night was different than all other nights and his father told the story of Moses. Sean remembered that story from Sunday School. God told Moses to say, “Let my people go.” The king said, “No,” so God sent frogs and flying bugs and all kinds of other things to bother the king until he changed his mind and set God’s people free.

At the Passover they drank grape juice and ate crackers that had stripes and holes all over it, they called it Matzo. They dipped some green leaves in some salt water, and they tasted something that burned so bad it made Sean’s eyes have tears in them. Caleb said this was to remind them of the bad times when there was a bad king bossing them around. After that, they tasted something sweet made of apples and Caleb said that helps them remember the happiness of being free! They sang some fun songs, and Caleb’s dad wrapped a piece of Matzo in a napkin. Then do you know what they did? His mother hid it! Then after dinner the children got to go find it and Sean was the lucky one. He was the first to find it and he won two whole dollars! Sean thought this was so fun that he hoped Caleb would invite him again next year, but now, maybe he should invite Caleb to his house for Easter! What do you think?

Name: _____



word	what I think it means	clues from the text	what it actually means	was it close? yes or no
Passover				
Matzo				
Jewish				
holiday				
Your turn! Pick a word You don't know				

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