

Understanding Context - An Intro

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Understanding Context

What is context?

The circumstances or situation surrounding an event, person or text - personal, cultural, historical, geographical.

Activity One

Mum screamed at me, "Shut up!"

What do you think the context is for this situation? What is happening?

Impact of Context

Dear Abby,

I love you and miss you so much. I think of you every day. I can't believe I can't be with you.

Love John

(Letters from War - 1966)

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(RIP Abby Jones - 1980-2009)

Activity Two

How does context change our reaction to these extracts?