

Verse 1:

My teacher told me to read the story.  
I got stuck on a word on page 1.  
I wasn't sure exactly what to do,  
but I wasn't having any fun.

Verse 2:

My teacher gave me some brilliant advice  
when she said to read the rest of the stuff.  
I suddenly understood what that mystery word meant,  
and I no longer had to feel stuck.

Chorus:

It's not so tough; use the context!  
It's not so rough; use your clues!  
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Verse 3:

Sometimes the clues come as examples.  
Sometimes they come as synonyms.  
Sometimes the clues mean just the opposite.  
Sometimes they're even definitions.

Chorus

Verse 4:

When a word in a sentence simply leaves you hanging,  
and your knowledge base just isn't enough.  
When you have to infer beyond the printed page,  
don't get yourself all in a huff!

Chorus