

# Context Clues

Choosing Work:

## Taking Care of Animals

Have you thought about what kind of work you would like to do when you grow up? Learn about the real-life world of work by reading this article.



Do you love animals? Do you have an **aptitude** for understanding them and handling them? Then consider a **career** in animal care. Here are descriptions of a few careers that you may find rewarding.

The field of veterinary medicine is broad. Veterinarians are animal doctors. Some treat small animals, mostly pets. Some specialize in treating horses, cattle, and other large animals. Some veterinarians work in zoos or with animals in the wild. The **preparation** for a career in veterinary medicine begins with science courses in middle school and high school. Students then enroll in a four-year college with a science program that provides pre-vet training. After graduating from college, students apply to highly **competitive** veterinary medical schools for another four years of classroom lessons and hands-on experience. Lastly, they pass a difficult exam and are

licensed to practice. The average **salary** is fairly modest, but there are other **benefits**, like the satisfaction of helping animals.

A training program of two years or four years is required for a position as a veterinary **technician**. A technician assists in surgery and cares for animals under treatment. Some technicians work in animal hospital **management**.

Animal caretakers include groomers, who maintain the appearance of pets such as dogs and cats. Groomers generally get their training on the job, as **apprentices** to experienced workers. They may also attend grooming school and pass an examination.

To learn more about these careers, you can volunteer in animal shelters or nature centers. Set your own goals to **accomplish** your dreams. You may discover that you can put your love of animals to work for a lifetime.


## Context Clues Strategy

### Look for Words Related to the Word


**EXAMPLE:** Zookeepers care for zoo animals and sometimes serve as *surrogate* parents to newborn animals.

**CLUE:** The words *care for*, *parents*, and *newborn* help you make connections to the related word *surrogate*. You can make a good guess that *surrogate* means "substitute."


Use these steps to figure out the meaning of the word *aptitude* in the article about caring for animals.

 **Read** the sentence in the article with the unknown word and some of the sentences around it.

Do you love animals? Do you have an *aptitude* for understanding them and handling them?

 **Look** for context clues to the word's meaning. What Words Related to the Word can you find?


The words *love*, *understanding*, and *handling* are related to *aptitude*.

 **Think** about the context clues and other information you may already know.

Some animal lovers seem to have a natural ability to understand animals. They show no fear around an animal and can handle it in a comforting way.

 **Predict** a meaning for the word.

*Aptitude* could mean "the ability to do something."

 **Check** a dictionary to be sure of the meaning.

*Aptitude* means "a talent or natural ability."



# Unlock the Meanings

**Practice the Strategy** One of the boldfaced words from the article on page 116 is in the box below. Use the context clues strategy on page 117 to figure out the meaning of the word.

**benefits**



**Read** the sentence in the article that includes the word *benefits* and some of the sentences around it.



**Look** for context clues to the word's meaning. What Words Related to the Word can you find?

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**Think** about the context clues. What other helpful information do you know?

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**Predict** a meaning for the word *benefit*.

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**Check** the Word Wisdom Dictionary to be sure of the meaning of *benefit*. Which of the meanings for the word *benefit* fits the context?

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**WORD LIST**

- ✓ aptitude
- career
- preparation
- competitive
- salary
- ✓ benefit
- technician
- management
- apprentice
- accomplish

**Use Context Clues** You have been introduced to two of the words from the article about caring for animals. These words are checked off in the Word List. In the first column below, write the other eight words from the Word List. In the second column predict a meaning for each word. Then look up the word in a dictionary and write the meaning in the third column.

Vocabulary Word	Your Prediction	Dictionary Says
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# Process the Meanings

## WORD LIST

aptitude

career

preparation

competitive

salary

benefit

technician

management

apprentice

accomplish

**Use the Words Correctly in Writing** Rewrite each sentence in your own words using the word in parentheses.

**1** The college gets thousands of applications but admits only a few students. (competitive)

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**2** Colleges offer courses in running a business. (management)

\_\_\_\_\_

**3** Charles paints well because he has a talent for art. (aptitude)

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**4** Someone who likes fixing cars may choose to work in an automotive repair shop. (technician)

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**5** List the goals you would like to reach. (accomplish)

\_\_\_\_\_

**Choose the Correct Word** Write the word from the Word List that belongs in each sentence.

**6** The worker's \_\_\_\_\_ is paid twice a month.

**7** The \_\_\_\_\_ earned no salary but got valuable instruction and practice.

**8** Courses in science are important \_\_\_\_\_ for future doctors.

**9** Doing satisfying work is one \_\_\_\_\_ of education.

**10** Sophie is training for a \_\_\_\_\_ in veterinary medicine.



## Apply What You've Learned

**Give Examples** Use what you've learned to list two examples that fit each category.

- 1 competitive events \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 things to do in preparation for a party \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 what technicians do \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 things you have an aptitude for \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 careers that interest you \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Demonstrate Word Knowledge** Answer each question.

- 6 Why does an apprentice usually work with others?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 7 How do you feel when you accomplish what you hoped to do?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 8 What is a benefit of attending school? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 9 What professions might earn a large salary? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 10 How can you help with the management of your class?  
\_\_\_\_\_



**Write It!** Write a paragraph about your dream career. Use as many words from the Part I Word List as you can.

# Latin Roots

for  
Word  
Wisdom

The U.S. Treasury:

## Making Money

You ask your mom for a few dollars. She says, “Money doesn’t grow on trees, you know!” Well, where does money come from?

It would be nice, but no, money doesn’t grow on trees. Instead, it comes from the U.S. Treasury. Our money is made by a special part of the Treasury called the Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP). The BEP makes all U.S. paper money, but it does not make our coin money. The U.S. Mint has that job. The BEP did not **forfeit** this job to the U.S. Mint. The Mint was actually around first. It was created in 1792. The BEP was developed around 1861. Before then, people used only coins.

Even though it does not make coins, the BEP still has a lot to do. To **supplement** its responsibilities, the BEP prints U.S. postage stamps, government security papers, and White House documents. But its biggest job is to make paper money, or currency.

The department has an extremely **efficient** system for making sure U.S. currency is **plentiful** for

Americans. It prints 37 million bills each day! Most of these bills replace old, ripped, or worn out bills. If you have a torn bill that is not **reparable**, the BEP might give you money for it. They collect unusable bills.


Paper money is actually made from a blend of cotton and linen, just like your socks and sports **apparel**! This fabric is stretched to make the special paper. In fact, money first looks like large sheets of paper. Most bills are printed thirty-two to a sheet before they are cut. The BEP has a special **apparatus** for each stage of the printing and cutting processes.


The BEP has **implemented** new strategies to prevent the success of **counterfeit** money. Every seven to ten years, the designs change. There are different colors in the fibers in the paper. There is very small print that can be read only with the use of a magnifier. The only people that **profit** from fake money are those who use it. Everyone else loses money.

Now that you know how money is made, you can go earn some for yourself! But be careful how you spend it—it’s not an endless supply!

Practice the Context Clues Strategy Here is one of the boldfaced words from the essay on page 122. Use the context clues strategy you learned in Part 1 on page 117 to figure out the meaning of this word.

**implemented**

 **Read** the sentence that uses the word *implemented*. Read some of the sentences around the word.


 **Look** for context clues to the word's meaning. Can you find any Words Related to the Word?

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 **Think** about the context clues. What other helpful information do you know?

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 **Predict** a meaning for the word *implement*.

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 **Check** your Word Wisdom Dictionary to be sure of the meaning of the word *implement*. Which of the meanings for *implement* fits the context?

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# Unlock the Meanings

In this unit you will be studying three more Latin roots. These roots help form words that are related to the topic of work and money.

Latin Root: *feit, fic, fit*  
meaning: to make, to do  
English word: *benefit*  
meaning: something that helps

Latin Root: *ple, pli*  
meaning: fill, full, plenty  
English word: *accomplish*  
meaning: to fulfill or succeed

Latin Root: *pair, par*  
meaning: to prepare, to put in order  
English word: *preparation*  
meaning: the act of preparing; readiness

## WORD LIST

- forfeit
- supplement
- efficient
- plentiful
- reparable
- apparel
- apparatus
- implement
- counterfeit
- profit

**Sort by Roots** Find the roots you just learned in the Word List. Then write each word in the correct column. Think of other words you know that come from the same Latin roots. Write each one in the correct column.

Latin Root:  
*feit, fic, fit*

Latin Root:  
*ple, pli*

Latin Root:  
*pair, par*

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## Work and Money

**Prefix**  
counter-  
re-

**Meaning**  
opposite  
back

**Example**

counter- (opposite) + feit (to make)  
= counterfeit

**Use Roots and Prefixes** Circle the root and any prefix you find in each boldfaced word. Then use roots, prefixes, and context clues to write the meaning of each word. Check your definitions in a dictionary.

**1** The odd color helped the bank clerk identify the **counterfeit** money.

\_\_\_\_\_

**2** Because our team arrived too late, we had to **forfeit** the game.

\_\_\_\_\_

**3** Marco was so **efficient** that he did all his homework before dinner.

\_\_\_\_\_

**4** Scarves and mittens are appropriate **apparel** for cold winter weather.

\_\_\_\_\_

**5** Since the squash in our garden was **plentiful**, we gave some to friends.

\_\_\_\_\_

**6** The jeweler said that the broken antique watch was not **reparable**.

\_\_\_\_\_

**7** Our teacher **implemented** a new system to teach us Spanish.

\_\_\_\_\_

**8** Lily's braces are a metal **apparatus** for straightening teeth.

\_\_\_\_\_

**9** People often take vitamins to **supplement** their diets.

\_\_\_\_\_

**10** Her pet-sitting business made a **profit** because she had few costs.

\_\_\_\_\_

# Process the Meanings

## WORD LIST

forfeit

supplement

efficient

plentiful

reparable

apparel

apparatus

implement

counterfeit

profit

**Complete the Analogies** Write a word from the Word List to complete each analogy.

**1** Stingy is to generous as scarce is to \_\_\_\_\_

**2** Chair is to furniture as shirt is to \_\_\_\_\_

**3** Outcome is to result as gain is to \_\_\_\_\_

**4** Strong is to weak as genuine is to \_\_\_\_\_

**Choose the Correct Meaning** For each phrase below, write the word or phrase that gives the best meaning for the boldfaced word.

**5** apparatus in the laboratory \_\_\_\_\_

equipment      experiments      scientists

**6** to forfeit privileges \_\_\_\_\_

earn      give up      ask for

**7** to implement a plan \_\_\_\_\_

think of      put into action      improve upon

**8** toys that are **reparable** \_\_\_\_\_

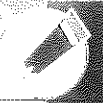
able to be fixed      unable to be mended      able to be sold again

**9** will **supplement** her salary \_\_\_\_\_

spend      increase      add to

**10** an **efficient** machine \_\_\_\_\_

complicated      quiet      productive



## Apply What You've Learned

**Demonstrate Word Knowledge** Answer the questions below.

**1** What apparatus might you find in a gym? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**2** Why would a boss want to hire efficient workers? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**3** How can a business increase its profits? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**4** What things in nature are becoming less plentiful? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**5** How might a teacher **supplement** information in your textbook?

\_\_\_\_\_

**6** What kinds of **apparel** are you likely to see in the summer?

\_\_\_\_\_

**7** What might you **forfeit** by not following your parents' rules?

\_\_\_\_\_

**8** How can a mechanic show that a car is **reparable**?

\_\_\_\_\_

**9** What would a police officer do to see if a check was **counterfeit**?

\_\_\_\_\_

**10** What might happen if a builder's plans were poorly **implemented**?

\_\_\_\_\_



**Speak It!** Give an oral report on a new business that has opened in your town. Use as many vocabulary words from Part 2 as possible.

# Reference Skills

For  
Word  
Wisdom

Career Study:

## Banking

We all like money. It helps us do the things we want to do and buy the things we want to have. Well, when you grow up, why not get a job working with money?

We are all **amateur** bankers. We count our money, save it, and decide how to spend it. The difference between **professional** bankers and us is that they do these things for a living.

Banks help all kinds of people, from those with very little money to those who are quite **affluent**. As in most businesses, banks have **administrators**, or managers. These workers make sure that the bank runs smoothly. They handle problems, help special customers, and assign tasks to employees.

A bank has a lot of **personnel**. There are accountants, security guards, and bank tellers who handle everyday **transactions**. You might visit a teller to help you put money into your savings account.

A loan advisor is another bank employee. Say someone wants to buy a house. Usually, homes cost more money than what most people have in their savings accounts. A bank lets people borrow the

money for this purchase. Then, over time, they pay back the money to the bank. Loan advisors help people decide which loan is right for them, and they make sure the bank lends money only to those people who will be able to pay it back.


These days, many banks have investment advisors. Their job is to help people **prosper** at banking. Investment advisors know just how to manage money in order to keep it safe and to make it grow. They can also help to prevent people from going **bankrupt**. These advisors help people to manage their money so that they will always be able to pay their bills.


Sometimes the names of banks change, even if the same people work there and little else changes. This often happens when two larger banks have a **merger**. When banks join together like this, they often become a better bank. The new bank keeps the best parts of both of the previous banks.

What do you want to be when you grow up? If you love money, think about becoming a banker. It is an exciting **enterprise**, and you will be able to help people with an important part of their lives—their money!

**Practice the Context Clues Strategy** Here is one of the boldfaced words from the essay on page 128. Use the context clues strategy you learned in Part 1 on page 117 to figure out the meaning of this word.

**personnel**


 **Read** the sentence that uses the word *personnel*. Read some of the sentences around the word.

 **Look** for context clues. Can you find any Words Related to the Word?

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 **Think** about the context clues. What other helpful information do you know?

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 **Predict** a meaning for the word *personnel*.

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 **Check** your Word Wisdom Dictionary to be sure of the meaning of the word *personnel*. Write the definition here.

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# Unlock the Meanings

**Using a Thesaurus** A thesaurus is a book that has useful information about words. Most word processing software also provides a thesaurus. A thesaurus entry often includes an entry word, a part of speech label, a definition, and a list of synonyms. Some entries also have antonyms. Read these three entries for the word *rich*.

entry word	part of speech	definition
1. rich	<i>adj.</i>	having a lot of money; affluent, comfortable, loaded, prosperous, wealthy
		<b>synonyms</b>

antonyms: bankrupt, destitute, impoverished, penniless, poor

2. rich *adj.* well-supplied; abundant, abounding, ample, plentiful

3. rich *adj.* made of expensive materials; elegant, elaborate, extravagant, fancy, plush

**Recognize Shades of Meaning** Rewrite each sentence. Replace the word *rich* with a synonym from one of the three thesaurus entries above.

**1** The rich inventor owned three companies. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**2** Rich carpeting covered the floors of the palace. \_\_\_\_\_

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**3** The forest had a rich supply of oak and maple trees. \_\_\_\_\_

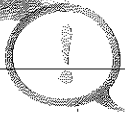
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**4** Her beautiful flowing gown was made of a rich fabric. \_\_\_\_\_

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**5** Some rich stars work to help protect the environment. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Find  
the  
Meaning**

1. Use context clues.
2. Look for a familiar root, prefix, or suffix.
3. If the context or a word part doesn't help, check the dictionary.

**Define the Words** Follow the steps above to write the meaning of each boldfaced word. Write 1, 2, or 3 to show which steps you used.

**WORD LIST**

- amateur
- professional
- affluent
- administrator
- personnel
- transaction
- prosper
- bankrupt
- merger
- enterprise

- 1 Rasheen, an **amateur** golfer, plays the game on weekends.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 The **administrators** met to decide on next year's plan.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 She lost her job when her company went **bankrupt**.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Digging the tunnel under the river was an enormous **enterprise**.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 The **affluent** family lived in a mansion by the ocean.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6 All of the hotel's **personnel** were helpful and friendly to the guests.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 7 Akira is a **professional** musician whose new CD is now in stores.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 8 The **merger** of two small banks resulted in one larger corporation.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 9 I completed the business **transaction** by signing a contract.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 10 A talented chef will help the new restaurant **prosper**.  
\_\_\_\_\_



## Process the Meanings

### WORD LIST

amateur  
professional  
affluent  
administrator  
personnel  
transaction  
prosper  
bankrupt  
merger  
enterprise

**Match the Antonyms** Match each vocabulary word with its antonym. Write your answer on the line.

### Vocabulary Word

### Antonym

- |   |                |         |
|---|----------------|---------|
| 1 | affluent _____ | wealthy |
| 2 | prosper _____  | poor    |
| 3 | bankrupt _____ | split   |
| 4 | merger _____   | fail    |

**Choose the Correct Word** Write the correct word from the Word List to complete each sentence.

- 5 Ani, a \_\_\_\_\_ writer, sells her articles to a magazine.
- 6 The company's top \_\_\_\_\_ was responsible for hiring staff.
- 7 Miriam's next \_\_\_\_\_ is to write a new musical about dogs.
- 8 The store clerk wrote each \_\_\_\_\_ in a record book.
- 9 Our counselors and other camp \_\_\_\_\_ emphasize safety rules.
- 10 Like many \_\_\_\_\_ photographers, Jed takes his camera everywhere.

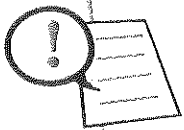
## Apply What You've Learned

**Find Examples** Read each description. Then put a check beside every example that matches the description.

- 1** signs that a town is affluent
  - fancy houses
  - expensive cars
  - lots of trees
  - young people
- 2** kinds of personnel
  - nurses in a hospital
  - tellers in a bank
  - students in a school
  - parents in an audience
- 3** usual jobs for an administrator
  - organizing projects
  - cleaning the office
  - explaining tasks to workers
  - buying supplies
- 4** kinds of business transactions
  - going to work
  - selling a house
  - copying a contract
  - paying for groceries
- 5** activities of an amateur baseball player
  - playing for fun
  - getting paid to pitch
  - signing a contract with a team
  - playing in a weekend league
- 6** ways companies go bankrupt
  - selling good products
  - making poor products
  - investing badly
  - wasting money

**Complete the Analogies** Write a word from the Word List to complete each analogy.

- 7** Person is to marriage as company is to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8** Apprentice is to expert as unskilled is to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9** Limit is to restrict as succeed is to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10** Action is to performance as project is to \_\_\_\_\_.



**Write It!** Write some headlines that might appear in the business section of a magazine or a newspaper. Use as many words from Part 3 as possible.