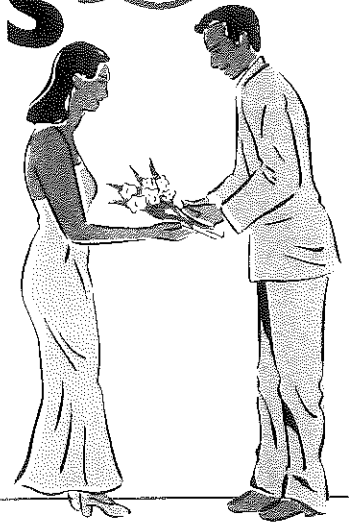


Context Clues

For
Word
Wisdom



Good Advice:

Ask Ms. Know It

Do you know how to act properly in social settings? Not everyone does, but anyone can learn. Read these letters to see what the “expert” has to say.

1

Dear Ms. Know It,

I never know what to do in polite **society**. I’m **familiar** with some basic rules of good behavior, like saying “please” and “thank you.” However, I have many other questions. For example, which fork is **appropriate** to use with my salad? Is it **considerate** to hold a door open for other people?

I would feel more **confident** if I knew how to act. My **maternal** grandmother says I should do what my mother did and read a good book about manners. Please help.

Sincerely,
Confused

2

Dear Confused,

A dose of good manners never hurts. Don’t **isolate** yourself from others just because you don’t know a few simple rules for good behavior. It is really **admirable** that you want to improve yourself. Knowing how to act can make you feel very confident, and you may even find new friends and become more **popular**.

Just read my book, *Thirty Days to Magnificent Manners*. It will teach you everything you need to know.

Sincerely,
Ms. Know It

3

Dear Ms. Know It,

I read your book from cover to cover. I now know how to act in any social situation. I’m writing to tell you that I have more confidence, and I have started to **involve** myself in many new activities. I have even been elected president of our Student Council. I owe it all to you.

Sincerely,
Formerly Confused


Context Clues Strategy

Look for Words Related to the Word


EXAMPLE: When you hurt someone's feelings, offer an *apology* and a handshake.

CLUE: The word *When* is a clue. *Hurt someone's feelings* and a *handshake* are related to the word *apology*. They tell why you might feel sorry about something and what you might do about it. These words help you to understand what *apology* means.


Here are steps for using this context clues strategy to figure out the meaning of the word *involve*, which appeared in one of the letters you just read.

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


*I'm writing to tell you that I have more confidence, and I have started to **involve** myself in many new activities. I have even been elected president of our Student Council.*

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


The new activities and club presidency show that this person is participating in many things.

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

My mother always says that my sister is involved in too many sports activities.

 **Predict** a meaning for the word.

Involve must mean "to participate in something."


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


Involve means "to include or draw in."


🔑 Unlock the Meanings


Practice the Strategy Here is one of the boldfaced words from the letters on page 138. Use the context clues strategy on page 139 to figure out the meaning of the word.


maternal

 **Read** the sentence that uses the word *maternal* and some of the sentences around it.

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

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

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

 **Check** a dictionary to be sure of the meaning of the word *maternal*. Which of the meanings for the word *maternal* fits the context?

WORD LIST

society

familiar

appropriate

considerate

confident

✓maternal

isolate

admirable

popular

✓involve

Use Context Clues The two words you have already been introduced to are checked off in the Word List. In the first column, write the other eight boldfaced words from the Word List. In the second column, predict the meaning for each word. Then look up the meaning in a dictionary. In the third column, write the dictionary meaning that fits the context.

Vocabulary Word

Your Prediction

Dictionary Says

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8



Process the Meanings

WORD LIST

society

familiar

appropriate

considerate

confident

maternal

isolate

admirable

popular

involve

Match the Descriptions Write the word from the Word List that best matches each description.

1 people who act in a motherly way: _____

2 people who are sure of themselves: _____

3 people who have many friends: _____

4 people who deserve approval and respect:

5 people who care about the feelings of others:

6 people whom you know well: _____

Complete the Sentences Choose the word from the Word List that best completes each sentence. Do not repeat any of the answers you used above.

7 When you take part in an event, you _____ yourself in it.

8 All people are a part of the _____ in which they live.

9 If you choose not to spend any time with others, you _____ yourself.

10 If you know how to act in all kinds of situations, your behavior is always _____.



Apply What You've Learned

Demonstrate Word Knowledge Use what you know about the boldfaced words to answer the questions. Use complete sentences.

- 1** Does being **confident** help make people more **popular**? Why or why not?

- 2** How could people who are **isolated** get more **involved** in their community?

- 3** Why would someone need to be **familiar** with you to act in a **maternal** way toward you?

- 4** Do you think **considerate** people are **admirable**? Why or why not?

- 5** What is one public behavior that **society** considers **appropriate**?



Write It! Think about your own community and about our country. Write about something you would like to change about our society. Use as many vocabulary words from Part 1 as you can.

Latin Roots

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Elephant Grandmothers:

They Know Best

Many animals live in groups. They form families, much like humans. However, not all animal families are the same.

Lions form **social** groups called prides. A pride is led by the strongest male, who is the **patriarch**. In elephant families, however, the oldest female is in charge. She is the **matriarch**. Elephant families are based on maternal links, not **paternal** links. An elephant family consists of a matriarch, about six other females, and their babies. When the males become adults, they live away from the female groups. Males have contact with females only at mating time.

Elephant family groups often feed near each other. Some groups feel safe together. Still, families avoid groups they do not know. An older matriarch—like a grandmother elephant—can tell when a strange group is approaching. She draws her family close together. A younger matriarch cannot easily tell a friend from a foe. She groups her family together too often and doesn't feel safe. As a result, she will have fewer babies. She has a lower **maternity** rate than females led by older matriarchs.


Killing elephants is against the law. Yet poachers still hunt them. Few large males are left. Some poachers now kill the females. Yet killing an old female can mean more than the death of one animal. The loss of a matriarch can weaken the entire elephant **population**.


Hunting is not the only danger that elephants face. Conflicts also arise when they roam onto **public** land. Some invade small farms. They destroy crops as they search for food. A number of **associations** work to protect elephants. One is the Born Free Foundation in Kenya. This group helped move about fifty elephants to Meru National Park. There, they could be protected. The elephants were moved by truck, one by one. Once released, they soon found their family members. At the park, the families have a better life. They roam over thousands of acres of protected land.


Publicity about the move has helped. Now more people want to help the elephants. Park **patrons** can watch the elephant families. Yet elephants are still at risk. The matriarchs can only do so much to keep their families safe.


Practice the Context Clues Strategy Here is one of the boldfaced words from the essay on page 144. Use the context clues strategy you learned in Part 1 on page 139 to figure out the meaning of this word.


associations

 **Read** the sentence that uses the word *associations* 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?

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

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

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



Unlock the Meanings

Knowing the meanings of different roots will help you figure out the meaning of many new words. Several words you learned in Part 1 have Latin roots. These roots are related to relationships.

Latin Root: **pop, pub**
meaning: people
English word: *popular*
meaning: having many friends

Latin Root: **soci**
meaning: companion
English word: *society*
meaning: people living together

Latin Root: **mat, matr**
meaning: mother
English word: *maternal*
meaning: related to motherhood

Latin Root: **pat, patr**
meaning: father
English word: *patriot*
meaning: loyal citizen

Sort by Roots Find the Latin roots you just learned in the Word List. Write each word in the correct column. Think of other words you know that have these roots. Write them in the correct column.

WORD LIST

social
patriarch
matriarch
paternal
maternity
population
public
association
publicity
patron

Latin Root:
pop, pub

Latin Root:
soci

Latin Root:
mat, matr

Latin Root:
pat, patr

_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Relationships

Prefix
as-

Meaning
to, toward

Example

as- (toward) + soci (companion) + -ation (noun)
= **association**

Use Roots and Prefixes Circle any root and prefix you find in the boldfaced words. Then write the meaning of each word.

1 Everyone in that **association** is a cat lover.

2 The **matriarch** sat at the head of the table surrounded by her family.

3 Many people in entertainment like a lot of **publicity**.

4 Dad and I are both named after my **paternal** grandfather.

5 The town's **population** has grown in the past ten years.

6 Mom and the new baby are on the **maternity** floor of the hospital.

7 We enjoy **social** events, because we like being with people.

8 My great-grandfather is the **patriarch** of our family.

9 Where is the nearest **public** library?

10 Are you a **patron** of the new store on Elm Street?



Process the Meanings

WORD LIST

- social
- patriarch
- matriarch
- paternal
- maternity
- population
- public
- association
- publicity
- patron

Complete the Ads Write the word from the Word List that is missing from each help-wanted ad.

- 1 Nurses are needed in the _____ department of the hospital. Must be good with babies.
- 2 A creative writer is needed to write ads and get good _____ for a new company.
- 3 A male actor at least 65 years old is needed to play the part of a _____ of a large family.
- 4 A _____ director is needed to plan children's fun after-school activities.
- 5 An experienced coach is needed right away to lead a(n) _____ of sports fans.

Use the Clues Use the clues to write a word from the Word List.

- 6 A school that is open to everyone is called this.

- 7 Stores need this, which is another word for *shopper*.

- 8 If someone is like this, he acts in a fatherly way.

- 9 She is the head of her family. _____
- 10 It is larger in big cities than it is in small towns.



Apply What You've Learned

Demonstrate Word Knowledge Answer the questions.

1 What could a restaurant do to get more **patrons**?

2 What might you hear on the **maternity** floor of a hospital?

3 Name an **association** or one you would like to start.

4 What must one be to become a **matriarch**?

5 What could you do to get **publicity** for a book fair?

6 Whom do you consider a **patriarch** of the United States?

7 How could you figure out the student **population** of your school?

8 Name a favorite **social** event.

9 Who is the son of your **paternal** grandfather?

10 Which **public** building is closest to your home?



Speak It! Prepare a two-minute speech to convince the class to join a club. Use words from the Part 2 Word List.

Reference Skills

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Fun for All Ages:

A Letter for the Community Center

Dear Editor of the *Glenville Gazette*:

I am responding to Pat White's letter of June 20. White wrote that our town should not build a community center. He thought it was just too expensive. White was wrong, and I'll explain why.

This community has no good places for young people to **congregate**. Too many of them end up at the mall. The City Center Mall now has a **reputation** for being a hangout for troublemakers. Just last week, **rival** groups got into a scuffle there. I know a lot of my neighbors used to make it a **custom** to shop at the mall. Now they go to stores in the suburbs.

The kids at the mall just don't have anyplace else to go and be together. If we had a community center, they could play basketball, swim, or play video games in a safer setting. A community center could offer group and **individual** activities for all ages.

The last town my family lived in had a community center. I can tell you from **personal** experience that it was a fun place to go. The center offered all kinds of classes. For example, my little brother took a class in caring for pets and other **domestic** animals. My dad took a class in working with stained glass. My mom loved her aerobics class. If you wanted **privacy**, the center had quiet places to sit and read. If you wanted action, there were all kinds of games and teams. **Participation** was so popular that many classes and teams had a long waiting list.

It's true that twenty million dollars is a huge amount to spend on a community center. Our town does have other needs. Perhaps the people who want the center and those who don't want it could **compromise**. Maybe the center could be built in stages, or we could do without some parts, like a climbing wall.


I strongly urge the town to find a way to fund a community center. We all need it, especially our young people.


Sincerely,


Joyce Wilkins


Practice the Context Clues Strategy Here is one of the boldfaced words from the letter to the editor on page 150. Use the context clues strategy you learned in Part 1 on page 139 to figure out the meaning of this word.

privacy

 **Read** the sentence that uses the word *privacy* 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?

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

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

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



Unlock the Meanings

The Internet The Internet is a useful tool for finding information. You can quickly find information you need by carefully choosing key words for your search. If your key words are too general, you will get links that you don't need. If your key words are too narrow, you may not find the most helpful articles.

Here are tips for finding information on the Internet:

1. Always let an adult know when you are using the Internet. Never give out any information about yourself, such as your phone number, address, or school.
2. Type in only the most important words in your search topic. Leave out words like the, and, and of.
3. When writing a report, print the Internet page with the useful information. The Web site address will appear on the bottom of the page. Use this address to go back to the site or to list the article in your bibliography.
4. Be sure the source is trustworthy. Just because the information is given on the Internet doesn't make it true.

Practice Using Key Words Write at least two key words that you could use to search the Internet for information on these topics.

1 domestic birds

2 college football rivals

3 individual rights

4 the World Series

5 wedding customs



**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 for each boldfaced word. Write 1, 2, or 3 to show which steps you used.

WORD LIST

- | |
|---------------|
| congregate |
| reputation |
| rival |
| custom |
| individual |
| personal |
| domestic |
| privacy |
| participation |
| compromise |

1 During recess, the students **congregate** around the swings.

2 The two sides each gave up something in the **compromise**.

3 Our class had the highest **participation** in the bake sale.

4 What subject in school is your **personal** favorite?

5 Cats and dogs are **domestic** animals.

6 I know Shay will be my biggest **rival** for class president.

7 If you want **privacy**, keep your door closed.

8 Do you prefer **individual** or group activities?

9 I have a **reputation** as a great speller.

10 My family has the **custom** of painting eggs each spring.



Process the Meanings

WORD LIST

congregate

reputation

rival

custom

individual

personal

domestic

privacy

participation

compromise

Complete the Analogies Write the vocabulary word that best completes each analogy.

1 Group is to crowd as _____ is to person.

2 Law is to government as _____ is to culture.

3 Wolf is to wild as dog is to _____.

4 Day is to night as friend is to _____.

Rewrite the Sentences Rewrite each sentence. Use the word in parentheses in your sentence.

5 After a long talk, we reached an agreement. (compromise)

6 I like to keep my thoughts and feelings to myself. (privacy)

7 Could you do this favor just for me? (personal)

8 Every Fourth of July we get together in the park for a picnic. (congregate)

9 People think of me as a loyal friend. (reputation)

10 The hospital hopes that many people will take part in the blood drive. (participation)



Apply What You've Learned

Link to Your Life Follow the directions or answer the questions.

1 How could you turn a **rival** into a friend? _____

2 Tell of a time when you want **privacy**. _____

3 Name an animal that can't be a **domestic** pet. Explain why.

4 How could someone strengthen his **reputation**?

5 Describe a time you reached a **compromise** with someone.

6 Describe a **custom** that you enjoy. _____

7 Describe your favorite place to **congregate** with friends.

8 How could you encourage **participation** in a recycling program?

9 What sport requires **individual** effort? _____

10 What **personal** objects would you take on a trip? _____



Write It! Do you think it is important to join after-school clubs or play sports? Write two paragraphs telling why or why not. Use as many vocabulary words from Part 3 as you can.

Review

for
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Wisdom

Sort by Syllables Say each word in the Word List. Sort the words by the number of syllables in the word. Write each word in the correct column. Then circle the words that have these roots: *pop*, *pub*, *soci*, *mat*, *matr*, *pat*, *patr*.

WORD LIST

- society
- familiar
- appropriate
- considerate
- confident
- maternal
- isolate
- admirable
- popular
- involve
- social
- patriarch
- matriarch
- paternal
- maternity
- population
- public
- association
- publicity
- patron
- congregate
- reputation
- rival
- custom
- individual
- personal
- domestic
- privacy
- participation
- compromise

2 Syllables

3 Syllables

4 Syllables

5 Syllables

Match the Words and Meanings Write the letter of the correct meaning in column B next to each word in column A.

Column A

- 1 reputation _____
- 2 congregate _____
- 3 considerate _____
- 4 involve _____
- 5 association _____
- 6 admirable _____
- 7 participation _____
- 8 domestic _____
- 9 custom _____
- 10 privacy _____
- 11 appropriate _____
- 12 personal _____
- 13 publicity _____
- 14 social _____
- 15 matriarch _____
- 16 familiar _____
- 17 individual _____
- 18 patriarch _____
- 19 isolate _____
- 20 patron _____

Column B

- a. taking part in
- b. thoughtful
- c. habit
- d. how people think of you
- e. to include
- f. time alone
- g. tame
- h. deserving praise
- i. to gather
- j. organization
- k. news given out to get attention
- l. including people
- m. proper
- n. female head of a family
- o. relating to one person
- p. a regular customer
- q. male head of a family
- r. single
- s. having knowledge of
- t. to separate



TEST-TAKING STRATEGY

If you have trouble answering a test question, go on to the next one. That way you won't waste too much time. Put a light pencil mark next to the one you skip over. If you use a separate answer sheet, make sure to skip the matching answer space as well. After you finish the rest of the test, come back to the question you skipped and try it again. Be sure to erase any extra pencil marks you made.

Sample:

good publicity

- standing
- friend
- news
- meal

Taking Vocabulary Tests

Practice Test Fill in the circle of the answer choice that shows the correct meaning for the underlined word.

- 1** maternal feelings
 - childish
 - fatherly
 - warm
 - motherly
- 2** individual serving
 - small
 - large
 - extra
 - single
- 3** isolate a patient
 - separate from others
 - operate on
 - take care of
 - give medicine to
- 4** reach a compromise
 - decision
 - agreement
 - conclusion
 - obstacle
- 5** feel confident
 - smart
 - angry
 - sure
 - silly
- 6** parent association
 - dinner
 - meeting
 - letter
 - group
- 7** business patron
 - office
 - worker
 - customer
 - owner
- 8** familiar place
 - friendly
 - well-known
 - unknown
 - lonely
- 9** considerate act
 - thoughtful
 - selfish
 - thoughtless
 - original
- 10** popular restaurant
 - expensive
 - well-liked
 - foreign
 - family

Build

Words

Write the Parts of Speech Some words can be more than one part of speech. Read these examples:

That doctor offers excellent maternity care to his patients. (**adjective**)

Her maternity began with the birth of her first child. (**noun**)

Read each sentence below. Then write **noun**, **verb**, or **adjective** on the line to show what part of speech the boldfaced word is. If necessary, use your Word Wisdom Dictionary.

1 We enjoyed walking in the **public** garden. _____

This museum is open to the **public** every day. _____

2 After a long discussion the two groups reached a **compromise**.

Are you usually willing to **compromise** when you and a friend disagree? _____

3 The snacks are packaged in **individual** servings. _____

My cousin is a very happy **individual**. _____

4 Bill is Harry's biggest **rival**. _____

Those teams **rival** each other in scoring ability. _____

5 Lynn gave an **appropriate** response. _____

They will **appropriate** money for the project. _____



Speak It! Choose a partner and role-play a telephone conversation about your day at school. Discuss who you saw, what you discussed in class, and any activities you took part in. The events can be real or imaginary. Use as many words from this unit as you can.