SHOULD WILD ANIMALS BE KEPT AS PETS?

Vocabulary Strategy

CONTEXT CLUES
You can sometimes figure out the meaning of an unfamiliar word by finding context clues in the same sentence, or within the surrounding paragraph. This can be particularly helpful when you are reading nonfiction about an unfamiliar topic. For example, a clue to the meaning of the vocabulary word *domesticate* can be found in line 42: “selective breeding for desired traits.” Using context clues, we can infer the meaning of *domesticate.*

Directions: Use context clues to write a definition for each boldfaced word.

1. Roy bought a dog from a **reputable** breeder who is respected by other owners.

2. The **astute** owner shrewdly wrote the contract to work out to his advantage.

3. The **novice** workers were not very experienced, although they were willing to learn.

4. The host was a model of **decorum,** displaying perfect manners and excellent taste.

5. Max was **tenacious** in studying for the test and persistently practiced math formulas.

6. By **persevering** and never giving up, the team came from behind to win the game.

7. The committee **convened** for the meeting by assembling at the steps of city hall.

8. Despite its appearance, the dog was **innocuous** and as harmless as could be.

9. The **intrepid** firefighters bravely fought the blaze courageously and without fear.