

Vocabulary in Context

VOCABULARY PRACTICE

Choose the word that best completes each sentence.

1. With great _____, the lioness tracked her prey.
2. Try not to be _____; think before you act!
3. Our teacher's _____ was that tardy students would be locked out.
4. _____ to a new environment ensures the survival of a species.
5. He shook my hand _____, showing great enthusiasm.
6. As an animal lover, I am _____ to veterinary school.

WORD LIST

adaptation
capricious
edict
predisposed
robustly
stealth

VOCABULARY IN WRITING

Using three or more vocabulary words, describe a season of the year.

EXAMPLE SENTENCE

*Animals' fur thickens in **adaptation** to winter's cold temperatures.*

VOCABULARY STRATEGY: METAPHORS AND SIMILES

A **metaphor** is a brief comparison that talks about one thing as if it were another. The comparison is implied, without the use of *like* or *as*. "She was a radiant songbird" is an example of a metaphor. A **simile** is a more easily recognizable comparison that uses *like* or *as*. "She sang like a nightingale" is an example of a simile. When an unfamiliar word appears in a sentence containing a simile or metaphor, you can sometimes figure out the meaning of the word by thinking about the comparison that is being made.

PRACTICE Note the two things compared in each simile or metaphor. What does the comparison suggest about the meaning of the boldfaced word?

1. He was as **capricious** as a child in a candy store.
2. Like burglars, the friends moved in silent **stealth**.
3. They were as **predisposed** to laugh as geese are to honk.
4. My brother was a wild mustang, running **robustly** around the yard.
5. The dictator's **edict** was a mad doctor's prescription.



SUNSHINE STATE STANDARD
Reading Process
Benchmark LA.910.1.6.8 Identify advanced word/phrase relationships and their meanings.

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