

Vocabulary Study

CONTEXT CLUES

A. Directions: As your teacher reads the passage, listen for each boldfaced word and clues to its meaning. Then discuss possible meanings for the word.

The **steed** barricaded behind the gate snorted and stamped, tossing his head as if in a seizure, overwrought with impatience to begin the race. A careful observer would have noticed an **uncanny** gleam in his eye, as if he were saying to himself, “Let me out of here, and I will **career** around this track in a way never seen before!” Those same observers might then have placed a generous bet on him to win. Most casual spectators, however, were content to remark on the iridescent attire of the jockeys, sip their drinks, and **reiterate** to their friends once again why their hopes for victory in the previous race did not **materialize**.

B. Directions: Write each boldfaced word from Part A beside its definition.

1. to take form; to appear; to become fact _____
2. a horse, especially a high-spirited riding horse _____
3. to move at full speed; to rush wildly _____
4. to repeat _____
5. strange or mysterious in a way that causes unease; eerie _____