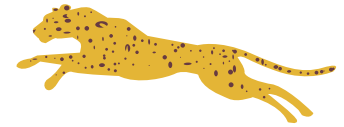


## Determine the Meaning of Words Using Synonyms in Context #2

**Directions:** Underline the synonym of the word in bold in each paragraph.



1. Do you know how to **differentiate** between leopards and jaguars? If you pay attention to their spots, called rosettes, you'll notice that jaguars have smaller spots inside their rosettes, helping you distinguish between the spotted feline species.
2. Marisa's fondness for both domestic and exotic pets is **akin** to mine. Our similar interest in animals led us both to apply to animal health science programs.
3. Teegan, a trained beekeeper, first became fascinated by bees when she learned that they do a special "waggle dance" to tell other bees where to find good flowers. Still **enthralled** by their habits, she wakes before dawn every morning to tend to her hives.
4. The small, silvery school of fish swam quickly in an attempt to **evade** the shark's hungry jaws. Their organized movements confused the shark and helped the fish avoid being chased down and consumed as dinner.
5. For most of the year, the Mexican burrowing toad remains hidden underground. Only after heavy rains does this unique frog emerge from its **secluded** burrow to lay eggs.
6. The department's new **mandate** stated that all park rangers would patrol the grounds on horseback instead of gas-powered vehicles. The rangers responded to the new requirement with great enthusiasm as they all supported the energy conservation efforts.
7. It was hard for Dominic to admit to Cece that he enjoyed having a Bearded Dragon in their home. Dominic would have to **concede** that Cece had been right all along and that the lizard was a sweet and funny companion.
8. Slugs have gained **notoriety** as slimy garden pests that eat through garden plants. Despite their reputation, slugs play an important role in fertilizing the soil, which helps maintain a healthy ecosystem.
9. The clouds wore a threatening expression as if commanding the people to head toward the zoo's exit. It was clear that the **ominous** clouds would drench anyone who refused to heed nature's warning.