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Context clues

*Context clues* are words or sentences that can help a reader determine the meaning of a new word.

## Wully, the Yaller Dog

Wully was a little yaller dog. A yaller dog is not necessarily the same as a yellow dog. He is the mongrelest mixture of all **mongrels**. The yaller dog has pricked and pointed ears.



**Beware** of him then. He is **cunning** and plucky and can bite like a wolf. There is a strange, wild streak in his nature too.

Away up in the Cheviots, little Wully was born. He and one other of the litter were kept; his brother because he **resembled** the best dog in the **vicinity**, and himself because he was a little yellow beauty.

His early life was that of a sheep-dog, in company with an experienced collie who trained him, and an old shepherd who was scarcely **inferior** to them in intelligence. By the time he was two years old Wully was full grown and had taken a thorough course in sheep. He knew them from ram-horn to lamb-hoof, and old Robin, his master, at length had such **confidence** in his **sagacity** that he would frequently stay at the **tavern** all night while Wully guarded the woolly idiots in the hills. His education had been wisely **bestowed** and in most ways he was a very bright little dog with a future before him.

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1. Use context clues from the story to write each bolded word from the story next to its definition.

- a. bar \_\_\_\_\_
- b. sly \_\_\_\_\_
- c. lower in status \_\_\_\_\_
- d. a mixed-breed dog \_\_\_\_\_
- e. granted \_\_\_\_\_
- f. local area \_\_\_\_\_
- g. intelligence \_\_\_\_\_
- h. watch out \_\_\_\_\_
- i. looks like \_\_\_\_\_
- j. trust \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name another type of dog you admire.

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3. What other dog is Wully compared to? Why?

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4. What does it mean to say "*He is the mongrelest mixture of all mongrels*"?

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Which dog was this line referring to? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Why do you think Robin, his master, left Wully in charge of the sheep?

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