

Vocabulary Study

WORDS IN CONTEXT

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

There once lived a man who had a beautiful goose. Not only was the goose magnificent to look at, but the creature was also uniquely talented. Every day, the goose laid her master a golden egg. At first, the man was contented with the amazing offering from his brilliant goose. But, alas, the sorry chap was married to a greedy woman. She **castigated** her husband for not bringing home more gold. The weak man was unable to resist his wife's constant nagging. In time, his own **avarice** grew to be as large as hers, and he too wanted more gold. "Let's talk about it at dinner tonight," he told her. During their evening **parley**, they made a plan. The next day, the foolish man killed his goose. He expected to find a mound of gold inside the dearly departed creature. Instead, he found nothing but that evening's dinner.

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

1. meeting _____
2. greed _____
3. criticized _____