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Vocabulary for Unit 1: Following the Crowd

Activity 1: In-Context Predictions


Directions: Use context clues to determine the meaning of each of your new vocabulary words. Your teacher will review the correct definitions with you after. The example below shows you how to do this.



- Begin by looking at the **photo**.
Ask yourself, **What do I see?**
I see birds flying in the air.
They are not being controlled or told where to go.
- Next, look at the **caption**.
Ask yourself, **what word could I use in place of the underlined vocabulary word?**
Here I might substitute "all" or "complete" for absolute.
- Then, look at the **example sentence**.
Ask yourself, **do my substitutions from the caption — "all" and "complete" — make sense in this sentence?**
Yes, "complete" works in the example sentence as well.
- Finally, **write or type a prediction** in the last box.

*Example: **Absolute** [ab-suh-loot]*

My mother's no was absolute. Once she said it, there was no chance of changing her mind.




Birds have absolute freedom to go wherever they like.

What's your **prediction**?
My Answer: complete

Correct Definition:

1. Anonymous [uh-non-uh-muh s]

The letter to the police was anonymous, so they weren't able to talk to the person who wrote it.




The protestors stayed anonymous by wearing masks.

What's your **prediction**?
My Answer:

Correct Definition:

2. Critical [krit-i-kuhl]

When someone has a stroke, it's critical that they receive immediate medical attention.



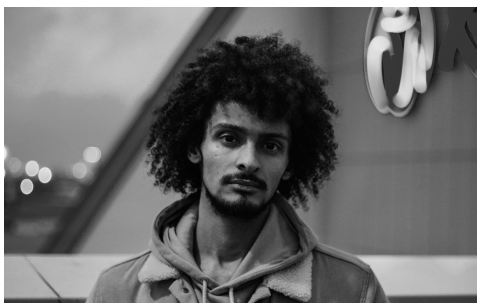
Reading is critical to brain development.

What's your **prediction**?
My Answer:

Correct Definition:

3. Grave [greyv]

The principal's tone was grave as he said, "Ms. Carter, I need to speak with you."



Alex's grave face told me something was wrong.

What's your **prediction**?

My Answer:

Correct Definition:

4. Humiliate [hyoo-mil-ee-eyt]

Don't humiliate your ex by posting that embarrassing photo on Instagram!



Renju was humiliated when everyone laughed at his mistake.

What's your **prediction**?

My Answer:

Correct Definition:

5. Impel [im-pel]

Something impels my mother to say every day, "Do you have your keys? Do you have your phone? Call me the minute you get in the house!"



Yvonne's desire to win impels her to train hard.

What's your **prediction**?

My Answer:

Correct Definition:

6. Individuality [in-duh-vij-oo-al-i-tee]

Although both students researched the same topic, their individuality showed in the way they presented the information.



Kendra shows her individuality through her clothes.

What's your **prediction**?

My Answer:

Correct Definition:

7. Resilient [ri-zil-yuhnt]

The resilient company bounced back quickly after the fire at their main warehouse.



I thought Guillaume's injuries would end his sports career, but he's resilient.

What's your **prediction**?

My Answer:

Correct Definition:

8. Resort [ri-zawrt]

Kylie's parents were so frustrated by her late-night texting, they resorted to locking her phone in their room.



When Congress wouldn't listen to the people, they resorted to protest marches.

What's your **prediction**?

My Answer:

Correct Definition:

9. Ritual [rich-oo-uhl]

Our family's Thanksgiving ritual includes a long hike through the woods, homemade hot chocolate, and Grandma's turkey recipe.



Phuoc believed the ritual would bring him good luck.

What's your **prediction**?

My Answer:

Correct Definition:

10. Spare [spair]

I know your partner is cheating on you — but I'll spare you the details of what I saw!



Spare Maya some pain - don't tell her there are rumors about her!

What's your **prediction**?

My Answer:

Correct Definition:

Activity 2: Fill-in-the-Blank Sentences

Directions: Fill in the blanks using the correct vocabulary word to complete each sentence. You may have to change the form of the word (ex: go, going, gone).



Anonymity Critical Gravity Humiliation Impel Individual Resilience Resort Ritual Spare

	My answer
1. At first Jody lied about what she had done, but her guilty conscience _____ her to tell her parents the truth.	
2. Malia would only talk to the reporter after he promised her _____.	
3. When Jalon can't convince me to do what he wants, he always _____ to threats.	
4. Let me explain the _____ of the situation: the bridge appears to be falling with 50 cars full of people on it!	
5. The Cougar's pre-game _____ involves a team huddle during which the captain leads them in a special cheer.	
6. Chris will never forget the _____ of falling off the stage in the middle of the graduation ceremony.	
7. When the war started, Malcolm's parents wanted to _____ him fear, so they lied to him about why he was being sent to the countryside.	
8. I don't want to be seen as "one of the crew;" I want to be seen as an _____.	
9. I was really impressed by Ronelle's _____ when she started cycling again after recovering from the accident.	
10. It's _____ that children eat healthily early in life to create a foundation for life-long good health.	



Activity 3: Fill-in-the-Blank Scenarios

Directions: Fill in the blanks using the correct vocabulary word to complete each scenario. Then, explain why that vocabulary word fits best based on context clues provided in the scenario. You may have to change the form of the word (ex: go, going, gone).

For Example:

Every single day, Bryan wakes up at 5 o'clock in the morning to take a 10-mile jog. Then, he goes to the gym to lift weights. Afterwards, he does 20 laps in the pool. And this is before he goes to practice with the team every afternoon! Bryan is _____ about training because _____.	
My Answer	My Reason
<i>relentless</i>	<i>He is extremely dedicated and exercises all of the time. He runs 10 miles, lifts weights, swims, and attends practice every day.</i>

Anonymous	Critical	Grave	Humiliate	Impel	Individuality	Resilient	Resort	Ritual	Spare
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1. I was surprised to see an article in the local paper about bullying at my high school. The reporter had interviewed several kids from my school but didn't use any of their real names.

The kids were _____ because _____

My Answer	My Reason

2. Hal didn't want to lie to Mr. Kenna, but when the teacher kept pressing him for his research paper, Hal felt he had no alternative.

Hal _____ to lying because _____

My Answer	My Reason

3. Even at schools with uniforms, students can show their uniqueness through their hairdos, jewelry, or makeup.

Students can still show _____ because _____

My Answer	My Reason

4. Usually Pepita is a very cheerful, funny person. But that day she was so quiet and serious; it was clear that something terrible had happened.

Pepita is _____ because _____

My Answer	My Reason

5. In 2012, Hurricane Sandy hit the Jersey Shore. Over two million households in the state lost power in the storm, 346,000 homes were damaged or destroyed, and 37 people were killed. But a year later, there was hope in towns like Seaside Heights, where the 16-block boardwalk had been rebuilt and about three quarters of businesses were open.

The Jersey Shore is _____ because _____

My Answer	My Reason

6. Every September, the Seniors get their class rings during a lovely ceremony. Each Senior walks in carrying a candle and singing the school song. Then the principal makes a speech about the responsibilities of being the oldest class in the school.

The ring ceremony is a(n) _____ because _____

My Answer	My Reason

7. Lily was angry at her parents and didn't want to go on their yearly family trip to Grandpa's farm. But after the rest of the family left and she was alone in the house, she felt terrible about it. She just had to call her grandpa to apologize!

Lily was _____ to call because _____

My Answer	My Reason

8. Monet couldn't believe that her mother had been out of work for 3 months and hadn't told her! She understood that her mother didn't want her to worry, but Monet was really shocked that she pretended to be working that whole time.

Monet's mother tried to _____ her feelings because _____

My Answer	My Reason

9. Max's new bakery was doing really well. The Mayor even hired him to make the cake for a fancy party at the mayoral mansion. This could make or break his bakery — every important person in town would taste this cake!

This cake is _____ to Max's success because _____

My Answer	My Reason

10. Some parents post pictures of their crying children on social media after punishing them. Joe doesn't think it's right to embarrass children in public like that.

Joe thinks those posts _____ kids because _____

My Answer	My Reason

Activity 4: Matching

Directions: Match the following vocabulary words to their synonyms from the box. Write your answer in the column next to the word.



Synonyms: Ceremony Drive Embarrass Necessary Protect Serious Tough Turn to Uniqueness Unnamed

Words	My Answer
1. Anonymous	
2. Critical	
3. Grave	
4. Humiliate	
5. Impel	
6. Individuality	
7. Resilient	
8. Resort	
9. Ritual	
10. Spare	



Activity 5: Application of Vocabulary

Directions: Answer each question in 1-2 complete sentences. Make sure that you use the underlined vocabulary word in your answer.

1. Why do you think so many people choose to be anonymous on the internet? How does it benefit them?

2. Describe one habit you think is critical for success in school. Explain why you think that.

3. Describe a situation in which grave behavior is appropriate. Explain why.

4. When children break the rules, do you think humiliating them in front of their friends is an effective punishment? Why or why not?

5. Describe a time when you worked hard to achieve or finish something. What impelled you to work so hard?

6. What makes you an individual?

7. Describe a resilient person you know or saw in a movie, TV show, or book. How did this person demonstrate resilience?

8. Why do you think so many people resort to violence when they can't get their way? What would be a better approach?

9. Describe a ritual you've participated in or saw in a movie, TV show, or book. What was the purpose of the ritual?

10. Some people tell "white lies" to spare others pain (ex: Yes, you look great in that!). Would you rather be spared pain or told the truth? Why?