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Vocabulary for Unit 5: Parents and Children — LIST 1

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. Adversary [ad-ver-ser-ee]

Mike was worried when he learned his adversary in the first match would be the state champ.



The tiger swiped at his adversary.

What's your **prediction**?

My Answer:

Correct Definition:

2. Elaborate [ih-lab-er-it]

Rihanna's elaborate dress was covered in jewels and feathers.



The tops of the columns were elaborately decorated.

What's your **prediction**?

My Answer:

Correct Definition:

3. Foresight [fawr-sahyt]

Thanks to Jin's foresight, we had batteries for our flashlights when a storm knocked the power out.



Damien had the foresight to bring a map in case the GPS cut out.

What's your **prediction**?

My Answer:

Correct Definition:

4. Impart [im-pahrt]

Norah's parents imparted their love of music by taking her to concerts from a very young age.



Mel imparted his sailing skills to his grandsons.

What's your **prediction**?

My Answer:

Correct Definition:

5. Possessive [puh-zes-iv]

Toddlers tend to be possessive of toys, sometimes having a tantrum when another child picks up a toy they're not even using.



The kitten was so possessive of its play mouse that it wouldn't let anyone touch it.

What's your **prediction**?

My Answer:

Correct Definition:

6. Prodigy [prod-i-jee]

Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz was a prodigy who learned to read as a toddler and taught herself Latin in middle school.



Raymon is a prodigy who could play violin concertos at age four!

What's your **prediction**?

My Answer:

Correct Definition:

7. Relent [ri-lent]

Anne was grounded for three months, but her dad relented and let her go to her best friend's sweet sixteen party.



At first Joe's dad said he had to walk, but after three blocks he relented and carried Joe.

What's your **prediction**?

My Answer:

Correct Definition:

8. Retort [ri-tawrt]

When a man told author Edna Ferber, "You look almost like a man," she retorted, "So do you."



Lan always has a retort for whatever I say — I can never get the best of 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).



Adversary Elaborate Foresight Impart Possessive Prodigy Relent Retort

	My answer
1. Marquise's boyfriend is so ____; he gets angry whenever Marquise spends time with friends instead of him.	
2. I make rules to try and keep my teenage daughter safe, but she sees me as a(n) ____ and treats me so cruelly!	
3. Carla's brother used to always pick on her, but after she got sick, he ____.	
4. My six-year-old nephew is still learning how to argue; his favorite ____ is, "You're a garbage head!"	
5. The villains in superhero movies tend to make up ____ plans with many tricks and false leads.	
6. Marinda showed a lack of ____ by not packing any warm clothes for her month-long trip.	
7. Gabby Douglas is a gymnastics ____ who won Best All Around at the Olympics when she was only 17.	
8. Traditional folk tales ____ wisdom about the natural world and human behavior.	



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>

Adversary	Elaborate	Foresight	Impart	Possessive	Prodigy	Relent	Retort
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1. Trina and Jackie both want to be the valedictorian when their class graduates this June. They both study every weekend and work intensely on school projects. Each girl knows that the other is her number one rival for that top spot.

Trina and Jackie are _____ because _____.

My Answer	My Reason

2. Loretta is an amazing knitter who makes beautiful sweaters, blankets, and scarves for her family and friends. Now she's teaching her grandson to knit as well.

Loretta is _____ her knowledge because _____.

My Answer	My Reason

3. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, one of the most famous musicians in world history, first showed his genius as a child. Mozart could play piano at age 4 and wrote his first original music at age 5. By the time he was 8, Mozart was writing symphonies.

Mozart was a(n) _____ because _____

My Answer	My Reason

4. When Alejandro and I first became roommates, we shared food and stuff like cleaning supplies with no problems. But as time went on, he changed. Now Alejandro labels all the food in the fridge that's "his" - he even labels "his" toilet bowl cleaner! It's crazy, but he won't share anything with me anymore.

Alejandro is being _____ because _____

My Answer	My Reason

5. My cousin Joey is the most ridiculous liar. He'll miss a family event and then make up a long, complicated story about why he couldn't make it. The stories always have a million details and twists to them. I think he's trying to confuse us so we won't realize that it's all a lie!

Joey's lies are _____ because _____

My Answer	My Reason

6. In a mixed martial arts match, it sometimes happens that one fighter realizes he has been trapped and cannot fight his way out of his opponent's hold. This fighter will "tap out," which means that he taps several times on the mat or his opponent's body, indicating that he gives up. The opponent will then release him and stop fighting. The opponent has won the match.

When a fighter taps out, the opponent must _____ because _____

My Answer	My Reason

7. The main water pipes that run under Auburn's street have frozen and burst each of the last three winters. This year, Auburn decided to be prepared, so she bought several cases of water and stored them in her basement.

Auburn showed _____ because _____.

My Answer	My Reason

8. Sir Winston Churchill, who was Prime Minister of Great Britain during WWII, was known for making witty comebacks. For instance, when one lady said to him, "Sir Winston, if I were your wife, I would poison your coffee," he replied, "Madam, if you were my wife, I would drink it."

Churchill was known for his _____ 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: Complicated ~~Enemy~~ ~~Genius~~ ~~Stop~~ ~~Communicate~~ ~~Response~~ Selfish ~~Preparation~~

Words	My Answer
1. Adversary	Enemy
2. Elaborate	Complicated
3. Foresight	Preparation
4. Impart	Communicate
5. Possessive	Selfish
6. Prodigy	Genius
7. Relent	Stop
8. Retort	Response



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. Many fictional heroes have an evil adversary. Who is your favorite fictional adversary? Why?

2. Do you like clothing that's elaborately decorated? Or do you prefer simpler, cleaner looks? Give an example.

3. Do you think foresight is an important quality in a leader? Explain why or why not.

4. What information about your school would you impart to an incoming freshman?

5. Do you have any belongings of which you are possessive? Explain why.

6. What do you think it would be like to have a sibling who was a prodigy? Do you think this would be easy or difficult? Explain.

7. Has an adult ever assigned you a punishment and then relented? What made them relent?

8. The French call it *l'esprit de l'escalier*. Someone cracks a joke and you think of the perfect retort — but not until far too late. Has this ever happened to you? Why do you think it can be so hard to think of a funny retort in the moment?