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Paired Texts Vocabulary

"Can She Be Saved?"

- cavort (kuh-VAWRT)** *verb*; To cavort is to move or jump around in a playful way. If your younger cousins are cavorting in the hallway, they are in high spirits and energetically horsing around.
- culprit (KUHL-prit)** *noun*; A culprit is a person or thing responsible for some offense, harm, or crime. After a robbery, the police might look for the culprit. If there is a fire, a faulty wire could be the culprit.
- deteriorate (dih-TEER-ee-uh-reyt)** *verb*; To deteriorate is to become worse in quality or value over time. If you return to a restaurant after five years and find that the food is not as good as it used to be, you could say that the restaurant has deteriorated. A roof that is deteriorating is beginning to fall apart or leak and will eventually need to be replaced.
- teem (TEEM)** *verb*; To teem is to overflow with or be full of something. *Teem* is usually followed by the preposition *with*, as in "the stream was teeming with fish," or "the playground teemed with activity."

"Can Drones Stop Animal Killers?"

- aerial (AIR-ee-uhl)** *adjective*; Things that are aerial exist in or move through the air. Airplanes are a form of aerial transportation, birds are aerial creatures, and the flips and twists that snowboarders perform are aerial tricks.
- deploy (dih-PLOI)** *verb*; To deploy people or things is to send them out for a particular purpose. *Deploy* is often used in a military context. For example, troops might deploy to a particular location to defend against an enemy, or tanks might be deployed to a battlefield. *Deploy* isn't used only to talk about the military, though. Volunteers might be deployed to help people after a natural disaster. A car airbag might deploy during a collision.
- discount (DIS-kount, dis-KOUNT)** *noun, adjective, or verb*; *Discount* (pronounced DIS-kount) is often used to talk about a reduced price. As a noun, *discount* refers to an amount taken off the regular price. As an adjective, *discount* means "sold at a reduced price." As a verb, *discount* means "to lower the price." So you could say that a movie theater sells tickets at a discount, that the theater discounts its tickets, or that the theater sells discount tickets.

As a verb, *discount* (pronounced dis-COUNT) can also mean “to ignore or treat something as unimportant” or “to view something with doubt.” If you discount someone’s opinion, you ignore it because you think it is not important. If you discount a rumor, you do not take it seriously—you dismiss it as untrue.

4. enterprise (EN-ter-prahyz) *noun*; *Enterprise* can refer to a project or an activity that is difficult, complicated, or risky. Or *enterprise* can simply mean “a business.”

Enterprise can also mean a readiness and willingness to start something difficult. If Danielle didn’t hesitate in dealing with a crisis at work but instead dove right in and started taking care of the situation, you could say that she showed great enterprise.

5. infrared (IN-fruh-red) *adjective*; Everything in the world gives off a certain amount of heat, even ice. This heat creates infrared light, which is a type of light that the human eye cannot see. The warmer something is, the more infrared light it gives off. An infrared camera can see infrared light and turns what it detects into images that humans are able to see. In this way, infrared cameras allow us to “see” in the dark.

6. notorious (noh-TOHR-ee-uhs) *adjective*; To be notorious is to be famous for something bad. A movie star is famous; a well-known criminal is notorious. Tourists might avoid a part of a city that is notorious for crime. A restaurant might be notorious for its poor service.

7. potential (puh-TEN-shuhl) *adjective or noun*; As an adjective, *potential* means “possible, or capable of becoming real.” If someone is a potential candidate for mayor, he or she *might* become a candidate for mayor but is not a candidate yet. The potential side effects of a medicine are side effects—like making you dizzy or tired—that the medicine *could* cause.

As a noun, *potential* can mean “an ability that can lead to success or excellence.” If you have potential as a piano player, you have skills and/or natural talent that can carry you to greatness (if you keep practicing). *Potential* can also mean “the chance or possibility that something will develop and become real.” Icy roads increase the potential for car accidents.

8. surveillance (ser-VEY-luhns) *noun*; Surveillance is the close and careful observation of a person or group, especially to try to prevent or to discover a crime. Security cameras provide surveillance in stores and banks. If the police place a suspect under surveillance, they watch that person all day and night to see if he or she is up to no good.

Directions: On the back of this page, list any other words from the play or essay whose definitions you are not sure about. For each word, use context clues to try to figure out the meaning. Then look up the word in a few different dictionaries. Discuss the meaning of the word with your teacher or another adult. Then write a definition for the word and one example sentence.

Paired Texts Vocabulary Practice

Directions: Show whether you think each statement is true or false. Briefly explain your choice.

1. A worm is an **aerial** creature.

- A true B false

Reason: _____

2. It would be helpful to use an **infrared** camera while studying animals that live in caves.

- A true B false

Reason: _____

3. If Robby goes skydiving, he will want his parachute to **deploy**.

- A true B false

Reason: _____

4. A successful **enterprise** probably has a lazy leader.

- A true B false

Reason: _____

5. Most people would be happy to get a **discount** when they buy something.

- A true B false

Reason: _____

Directions: Choose the word or phrase that is most similar in meaning to each word in bold.

6. **culprit**

- A candidate C hero
 B partner D offender

7. **teem**

- A lack C group
 B swarm D retreat

8. **notorious**

- A infamous C angry
 B thoughtful D moral

9. **potential**

- A helpless C developed
 B unlikely D possible

Directions: Complete each unfinished sentence in a way that makes the meaning of the boldfaced word clear.

10. The F.B.I. placed the man under **surveillance** because _____

11. My basketball skills have **deteriorated** over the past few months. I _____

12. The puppies were **cavorting** around their cage. They _____
