

Grade 7 Vocabulary

Use of Vocabulary Words in Context

Week 12

Directions: Read the passage below to better understand the vocabulary words.

Understanding Medical Research

Vocabulary Words

bacteria
epidemiological
patrons
constituent
waterborne
insurmountable
pertinent
rampant
astounding
potable
stagnant
dysentery
bouts
sample
probe

Hint: When learning new terms, look for context clues to help determine the meaning. If the sentence you find the word in is not helpful, keep reading to see if it can be understood.

Though few people outside of the medical world ever discuss **epidemiological** studies, they can provide us with important information about **constituent** diseases, viruses, and **bacteria**. A study like this is usually started when an illness is running **rampant** in a specific area.

Usually, people who are interested in knowing more will donate money for research. They are known as **patrons** for the cause. However, some research is simply undertaken to learn more. For example, few probably funded research into **bouts** of **dysentery**, but it was important to know the cause. So, a **sample** of several water sources were taken and a common parasite was discovered. This was usually in **stagnant** water sources that people had drunk from, thinking it was **potable**. Due to this research, the **waterborne** illness was discovered and can now be treated if caught early enough.

At different points in history, overcoming certain illnesses and diseases seemed **insurmountable**. However, as **pertinent** information has been gathered and new **probes** launched into treatments and causes new medications and therapies have been developed. These allow people with cancer, HIV, and even birth defects to live longer lives. It is **astounding** what the years of research have been able to accomplish. It is important we continue to support such efforts over time so more illnesses can find a cure. Make sure if you are running for some kind of office, you