

Grade 7 Vocabulary

Use of Vocabulary Words in Context

Week 13

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

Tornado Aftermath

Vocabulary Words

gust

hail

substantial

unleash

volatile

ripped

residents

inflicting

adjacent

settlements

inured

perturbation

acoustic

infrasound

hurl

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.

A tornado may be a natural weather event, but that does not make it less scary or **volatile**. During the tornado, a single **gust** of wind can reach 100 mph or more. **Hail** may pelt people, cars, and homes creating a deafening sound that is hard to ignore. In some places, **residents** have a choice to stay or go, but others require evacuation. Imagine having only moments to grab necessities and get out of a house. Those that have to do it often are **inured** of the sirens and warnings, but also know what to expect. The **acoustic** of the sirens and the tornado are unimaginable unless you have been in the situation.

After such an event **inflicting** such **substantial** damage to property, people, and nature, it can take weeks or months to get things back to normal. Many people live with **perturbation** over potential weather events that can **unleash** chaos on their lives. It can be odd to see photos in which one house is flattened and the one **adjacent** is left almost untouched. How would you feel knowing it was common in your area to have weather that **ripped** through houses and could **hurl** a vehicle like it was a leaf?

The good news is you can prepare for such events by having several days' worth of food and fresh water for the people and pets in your house. Have a safety plan in place to make sure everyone knows what is happening if the family is not together. You can also go the extra step and buy a generator for electricity if the power is out. **Infrasound** generators are basically silent, but expensive. Also keep all important numbers handy in case **settlements** from insurance is necessary in the aftermath. Weather is natural, but it can be unpredictable.