

Grade 7 Vocabulary

Word Meanings

Week 37

Directions: Look at the words in the list below. There is a definition and two phrases to help you learn the new vocabulary.

Word	Meaning	Examples
virus (noun)	an infective agent that multiplies in a living cell and can make you ill	"virus caused by germs"; "had a virus for three days"
variant (noun)	a version of something slightly different from the original, but sharing some aspects	"variant of malaria"; "variant of the virus"
virulent (adjective)	extremely harmful in its effects, toxic, deadly	"a virulent strain"; "a virulent variant of the virus"
contagious (adjective)	infectious, transmissible, communicable through contact	"highly contagious virus"; "contagious among people and animals"
transmissible (adjective)	a disease that can be passed from one person to another or one organism to another	"transmissible between humans"; "transmissible from food to humans"

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partial (adjective)	incomplete, restricted, imperfect	"a partial explanation"; "a partial recovery"
jab (verb)	to poke quickly, often with something sharp	"a jab in the arm"; "jab him with a needle"
grapples (verb)	to struggle with, to confront	"grapples with the decision"; "grapples with the explanation"
contemplating (verb)	to think about, to observe, to inspect	"contemplating what to do next"; "contemplating a course of action"
inoculated (verb)	to treat with a vaccine to create immunity against something specific, inject	"inoculated against COVID"; "inoculated with a needle"

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speculate (verb)	hypothesize or form a theory about something	"speculate on what will happen"; "speculate on the timing"
perilous (adjective)	dangerous, unsafe, risky	"a perilous idea"; "a perilous course of action"
wreaked (verb)	causing harm or damage	"wreaked havoc on the country"; "wreaked havoc on the lungs"
ghastly (adjective)	great fear or horror, frightful, awful	"a ghastly sight"; "the ghastly sound"
antibody (noun)	a blood protein the body produces in response to an antigen like bacteria or viruses	"produced an antibody after the vaccine"; "created an antibody to the virus"

