

Grade 7 Vocabulary

Use of Vocabulary Words in Context

Week 16

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

American Legal System: An Example

Vocabulary Words

smuggled
illicit
supervise
counterfeit
nefarious
deputed
collude
agencies
intercepted
custody
extradite
surveil
prosecute
treaty
department

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.

The American legal system is considered to be all about justice, but the entire process can be confusing at times. A story about a potential case is shared below.

A drug kingpin named Claron had been suspected of different crimes, everything from creating **counterfeit** high-end products to producing **illicit** photos of young girls to **smuggled** narcotics. Each **nefarious** crime seemed to be worse than the last, but no one had been able to successfully **prosecute** the leader, Claron.

Three separate **agencies** worked together, forming a **treaty**, to try to build a cohesive case. One specific **department** would **surveil** the activities of the leader. The department would further **supervise** an informant that they had **deputed** so he could feed them information and gain immunity for his part in any crimes he had previously committed. The trap was laid, but they still needed to catch the leader trying to **collude** with others to commit a crime and catch that crime in progress to make the charges stick.

Finally, after a full week of surveillance, the suspect was recorded making a plan to smuggle in large amounts of drugs in a shipment of toys. The shipment was **intercepted** and the kingpin taken into **custody**. Claron was arrested and several states will try to **extradite** but no one knows who will have the chance to prosecute first. It is simply how the legal system works.

