

Grade 7 Vocabulary

Use of Vocabulary Words in Context

Week 17

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

Vocabulary Words

indicted

hijack

breach

horrific

stark

commandeered

fuselage

haul

offence

disguise

negotiation

hostage

clandestine

exile

aviation

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 Plane Overtaken

Twenty years ago, security for air travel was not as strict. There was no need to walk through multiple scanners or take off your shoes for inspection. However, when the first plane in a **horrific** terrorist attack was **commandeered** and then crashed, killing many, things changed.

When the men decided to **hijack** a plane, they did not have to do much to **breach** security. They simply created a **disguise** that hid their names and typical style of dress. They would enter the plane and take a seat in the **fuselage** just as hundreds of others that day. They would **haul** their weapons in unnoticed. Midair, these individuals would take the whole plane **hostage**. The plane would then be purposely crashed into a building, followed shortly after by another.

The men were never **indicted** for the **offence** because they too were killed, but the **stark** realization that something like that could happen caused many to demand changes in how **aviation** was approached as far as security. Now, those who are on watchlists are often left in **exile**, unable to travel because they may be a threat. **Clandestine** meetings about potential threats are held often, though the goal is to keep the nation safe. If someone does take over a plane, there is little or no **negotiation** unless it is to get everyone on the ground safely. The changes in travel can remind us the world is scary and dangerous, but we must continue to live as normally as possible so fear does not win.

