

Grade 7 Vocabulary

Use of Vocabulary Words in Context

Week 19

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

Vocabulary Words

allegation
apprehend
brandished
cul de sac
merchandise
ensued
dispatch
kiosk
revoke
complicity
enforcement
affluence
misdemeanor
conceal
pursue

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.

Caught Shoplifting!

Sierra's family lived in a **cul de sac** in a large house that had neighbors on either side. The **affluence** of the gated community was obvious. People **brandished** their cars, jewelry, and electronic devices like weapons to show others how much they could afford. Sierra could afford anything she wanted, but she had always craved a bit of danger in her life.

On one trip to an upscale boutique, Sierra was looking through all their **merchandise**, including a small display of thin gold bracelets. Something seemed to take over her mind and she slipped one on her wrist and was able to **conceal** it with her sweater sleeve. She walked out of the shop without paying. She walked quickly, glancing back to make sure no one was trying to **pursue** her, like law **enforcement**. When she was far enough away, she laughed and took off running. She was on such a high.

Later that week, she was walking by a **kiosk** with a friend and slipped a cell phone cover in her purse. Though her friend noticed, her **complicity** over the crime was expected. However, this time the owner saw Sierra and chaos **ensued**. The owner loudly shouted his **allegation** that she had stolen something and told the policeman nearby to **apprehend** her immediately, as the cop called for other police to be **dispatched**. As Sierra and her friend stood in cuffs, waiting for the officer to take them in, her parents arrived. They were highly disappointed. Ultimately, she was charged with a **misdemeanor** and forced to do community service. Her rights to shop at the mall were **revoked**. Sierra has hopefully learned a tough lesson.