

Grade 7 Vocabulary

Use of Vocabulary Words in Context

Week 20

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

Slave Trafficking

Vocabulary Words

uptick

regardless

exploitation

signage

heinous

representative

metropolises

suburbs

slavery

coerced

transient

deportation

manipulate

anxious

submissive

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.

Though **slavery** is illegal in most countries, there are still people who keep slaves for different purposes. There are still stories that can be heard about very poor families being **coerced** into selling their children into what they are told is a better life. What it ends up being is **exploitation** of those who are in a vulnerable position and have no way to fight the situation because they face **deportation** if caught illegally in a different country.

Regardless of how these children arrive in the new country, people should not be allowed to **manipulate** the situation in such a **heinous** manner. The children, often between 8-16 years of age are often forced to serve as cleaners or staff for those who are supposed to care for them. They may be **anxious** about the situation, but they remain **submissive** out of necessity.

Some say there has been an **uptick** in this type of trafficking. These children can be found in everywhere from the **suburbs** to the biggest **metropolises**. It is truly a sad situation and not one that is **representative** of true freedom that should be available to all.

Once these children get too old, or run away, they often become **transient** and move around without real roots to any specific area. In some places, there is signage to help identify safe houses for these runaways, but not all are lucky enough to find them. Slavery is something that needs to come to an end.