

**Grade 7 Vocabulary**

**Word Meanings**

**Week 22**

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
<b>slander</b> (noun)	the crime (or action) of speaking a false statement against someone that is damaging to that person	"suing for slander"; "slander her name"
<b>lawsuit</b> (noun)	a dispute or claim that is settled in a court of law; legal action	"filing a lawsuit"; "part of a lawsuit"
<b>vindicate</b> (verb)	to justify, clear of blame or absolve	"vindicate her reputation"; "truth can vindicate him"
<b>compensatory</b> (adjective)	payment in some form to recompense someone who had a loss	"compensatory funds"; "compensatory judgment"
<b>disseminate</b> (verb)	to spread, circulate, or distribute (often information)	"disseminate false information"; "disseminate the facts"

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<b>deceive</b> (verb)	to cause someone to believe something that is not true; to defraud; to trick	"deceive the audience"; "deceive the listener"
<b>countersuit</b> (noun)	an opposing lawsuit, often brought by the defendant against the plaintiff	"filing a countersuit"; "countersuit against the company"
<b>promulgate</b> (verb)	make widely known, spread, publicize	"promulgate within the organization"; "promulgate the real facts"
<b>criminalise</b> (verb)	to make something a crime of illegal	"criminalise the use of certain prescription drugs"; "criminalise false accusations"
<b>attorney</b> (noun)	lawyer; someone appointed to act for another in legal matters	"attorney for hire"; "my attorney"

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<b>concoction</b> (noun)	a fabrication or elaborate story that is not true or accurate	"impossible concoction"; "concoction of events"
<b>transgression</b> (noun)	offense, crime, an act against a rule or law	"transgression against humanity"; "avoid a further transgression"
<b>defamation</b> (noun)	to damage the good reputation of someone through slander or character assassination	"defamation of character"; "sued for defamation"
<b>plaintiff</b> (noun)	the person in a court case who brings a case against someone else	"the plaintiff spoke first"; "plaintiff won the case"
<b>impose</b> (verb)	to force something to be accepted even though it is undesirable	"impose your beliefs"; "impose sanctions"

