

Grade 7 Vocabulary

Use of Vocabulary Words in Context

Week 22

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

Vocabulary Words

slander
lawsuit
vindicate
compensatory
disseminate
deceive
countersuit
promulgate
criminalise
attorney
concoction
transgression
defamation
plaintiff
impose

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 Case of Slander

I recently read about a **lawsuit** being filed in the United States in which the **attorney** for the **plaintiff** stated that his client had been the victim of **slander**. The plaintiff was a school teacher that had been accused of hitting a child with a basketball on purpose during a gym class. The teacher was facing a **countersuit** by the parents because their child came home with a black eye. Though the teacher had called and the child went to get an ice pack from the nurse, when the child got home, he had told his parents a different story.

The child told his parents the teacher had tossed the ball directly at his face in order to hit him without mentioning he was practicing bouncing the ball as part of the lesson. The teacher wanted to **vindicate** himself, but the school wanted to **criminalise** what was a typical school lesson. The teacher had no other **transgressions** on his record, but the character **defamation** continued and he lost his job because the student continued to disseminate and promulgate information.

Ultimately, the truth came out and the **concoction** of the story the child had told unraveled. It was discovered that he had purposely tried to **deceive** his parents so he would not get in trouble for not paying attention in class. After all, his parents had been known to **impose** harsh punishments. The teacher won his lawsuit and the school and parents had to pay a **compensatory** fine for lost wages and **defamation** of character. The truth always wins.