

Grade 7 Vocabulary

Word Meanings

Week 23

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
fraud (noun)	cheating, wrongful, or criminal deception that is meant to result in financial or personal gain	"convicted of fraud"; "exposed as a fraud"
prevalent (adjective)	widespread, frequent, common	"prevalent in society"; "a prevalent custom"
disrupting (verb)	to interrupt through a problem or disturbance	"disrupting the class"; "disrupting the flow"
undermine (verb)	sabotage, threaten, lessen the effectiveness or ability of	"undermine my authority"; "undermine years of research"
viability (noun)	ability to successfully work or survive	"viability of the idea"; "viability of effectiveness"

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conspiracy (noun)	a secret plot, plan, or scheme by a group to do something harmful or unlawful	"conspiracy theory"; "conspiracy to commit fraud"
aspirant (adjective)	someone who has ambitions to achieve something specific	"an aspirant police officer"; "an aspirant doctor"
gateway (noun)	a way to achieve a certain state or condition, a starting point that leads to another point or place	"a gateway crime"; "a gateway to the future"
debited (verb)	removal from an account, usually refers to money	"debited from the account"; "automatically debited online"
promptly (adverb)	without delay, on time, immediately	"promptly decided"; "arrived promptly for the appointment"

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claim (verb)	to assert, declare, profess	"claim it as the truth"; "claim he had support"
perpetuate (verb)	to keep going or preserve	"perpetuate the rumor"; "perpetuate their interests"
avail (verb)	help, use, benefit, assist	"avail yourself of the snacks"; "avail yourself of the discounts"
bogus (adjective)	fake, not genuine	"bogus news report"; "bogus claim"
unscrupulous (adjective)	unethical, showing no moral principles, unfair	"unscrupulous behavior"; "unscrupulous landlord"

