

Grade 7 Vocabulary

Use of Vocabulary Words in Context

Week 24

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

Vocabulary Words

intersection

troopers

impounded

preliminary

fender

pedestrian

reckless

fatal

deterrent

unduly

deliberately

fishtailed

traumatic

hoofed

detective

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.

Hit and Run

Sarah lived in a duplex right off the **intersection** of Mott and Grand Street. She was used to the noise the almost constant traffic created. She was also used to hearing the occasional **fender** bender type accidents or seeing a vehicle that had **fishtailed** when the roads got icy. Still, the events that unfolded the day of the **fatal** accident were truly **traumatic** for Sarah.

Sarah had been sitting on the porch enjoying hot tea very early one morning. A small blue car had come flying down the road in a **reckless** manner. About the same time, a **pedestrian** walking their dog was coming up a side street. It looked like the driver had **deliberately** driven up on the sidewalk to hit the dog walker. The car then drove off as if nothing had happened.

Sarah **hoofed** it down to the injured person and called for the police and ambulance immediately. **Troopers** and a **detective** arrived to take her statement and the person hit was taken to the hospital. **Preliminary** tests showed that the car had not slowed down and seemed to have hit the person purposely. The police seemed **unduly** calm, but Sarah was a mess. Police explained that if the car was found it would be **impounded** and the driver arrested and charged as a **deterrent** to others. Sarah was shocked and hoped the person would be found.

