

Grade 7 Vocabulary

Use of Vocabulary Words in Context

Week 25

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

Vocabulary Words

cybercrime
susceptible
laissez-faire
cohort
bot
cynical
realm
espionage
attribution
malware
refrain
extortion
intimidate
perpetrator
syndicate

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.

Cybercrime Explained

Cybercrime is a growing and serious issue. The worst part is that everyone with a computer, who goes online, is **susceptible**. Most people take a relatively **laissez-faire** attitude when it comes to online security and with most products ordered online today, this is simply not safe. This is not being overly **cynical** or expecting the worst, but being realistic when it comes to the cyber **realm**.

Any **cohort** of people can fall prey to vicious **malware** attacks and anyone can become a **perpetrator** with just a small bit of computer knowledge. The problem has become so widespread, that there are entire sections of the law and legal departments dedicated to fighting crimes like **espionage** and **extortion** that now occurs online. Many times, they form a **syndicate** to work together worldwide.

With the world so connected through the internet, it is easy to commit crimes around the world without ever leaving the home. This may not be a positive **attribution** of the internet, but it is present. There are a few ways we can protect ourselves, like making sure we are interacting with a real person and not some automated **bot**. We can also **refrain** from clicking on pop-up ads and doing full computer scans for spyware as often as possible. This is not meant to **intimidate** online users, just to warn them to be careful because you never know what dangers lurk online.

