

Grade 7 Vocabulary

Use of Vocabulary Words in Context

Week 27

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

My First Cricket Match

Vocabulary Words

chastening

timid

swashbuckling

spearhead

stifled

squad

spinner

all-rounder

centurion

dolly

gouging

skipper

pavillion

mis-field

stump

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.

I was excited to go to my first ever cricket match, though I understood little about what the sport entailed. I met my friends at the **pavillion** early in the day and we found a place to watch the match. The first **squad** ran onto the field to a noisy crowd. As game play started, I was afraid my friends would end up **chastening** me because I was asking so many questions.

I knew there were different positions and plays, but had no idea what was happening. Cricket is not a common sport in America. My best friend *George* was able to **spearhead** my education into this new sport. I **stifled** a laugh when he said one bowler was wobbly in his delivery and messed up the play. Then he explained it was important that the **skipper** always show his best form during a match. He explained the meaning of the **stump** which I would call a goal and that the **spinner** needed a great aim, but if they did not have one it would be called a **mis-field**. I will admit I found the **swashbuckling** players fun to watch, although a bit exhausting.

When the announcer shared that one player was a true **all-rounder** my friend shared that it meant he was good at several positions. As one inning ended with multiple runs scored, another player was deemed a **centurion**. The crowd seemed angered by a **dolly** that allowed the rival team to make a catch and even more angered when someone was called out for **gouging**.

I still do not fully understand cricket and I feel **timid** when it comes to discussing it but I have learned many new terms and hope to learn more in the future.