

Grade 7 Vocabulary

Word Meanings

Week 28

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
agilities (noun)	plural for the ability to move, think, and understand quickly	"used mental agilities to plan plays"; "physical agilities were noted"
alley (noun)	the off-tackle region between the wide receiver and offensive tackle in football	"stood in the alley"; "suddenly tackled in the alley"
athleticism (noun)	physical qualities that are typical of athletes	"feat of athleticism"; "athleticism at its finest"
fixtures (noun)	schedule of games in a championship including time and which teams are participating	"fixtures were released"; "posted the fixtures"
blind side (noun)	the side of the offensive line the quarterback faces away from	"came up on his blind side"; "left tackle protected the blind side"

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blitz (noun)	A defensive play where more players rush the quarterback with more defenders than blockers	"a blitz play was called"; "called for a blitz"
travail (verb)	engaging in play with painful effort	"travail through the last quarter"; "continued with great travail"
decoy (noun)	acting as the receiver to draw defensive players from the actual receiver; an offensive play	"acted as a decoy"; "used as a decoy"
downfield (adjective)	away from the line of scrimmage on the defensive side	"standing downfield"; "downfield action"
encroachment (adjective)	describing an illegal advance by a defender into a neutral zone before the snap	"yelled at for encroachment"; "guilty of encroachment"

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formation (noun)	the way players on a team are aligned for a play	"coach will call a formation"; "setting up for a formation"
fundamentals (noun)	the basics of a sport that must be taught to players	"teaching fundamentals"; "necessary fundamentals"
huddle (noun)	tight grouping of players on the field to call or discuss the next play	"calling for a huddle"; "huddle up"
fumble (verb)	drop or lose control of the ball in play	"ruined by a fumble"; "fumble the ball"
pursuit (verb)	movement by defenders to a specific area at maximum speed to stop a play	"showing good pursuit"; "pursuit of the receiver"

