

Grade 7 Vocabulary

Use of Vocabulary Words in Context

Week 28

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

An Exciting First Quarter

Vocabulary Words

agilities

alley

athleticism

fixtures

blind side

blitz

travail

decoy

downfield

encroachment

formation

fundamentals

huddle

fumble

pursuit

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.

The air was filled with excitement as the rival teams trotted out onto the field. The **athleticism** shown under the pads and helmets as the muscle bound players reached their opposing benches. Each team gathered in a **huddle** to chant, yell, and possibly call their first play. The quarterback led the team to the center yard line. These teams were not only well versed in the **fundamentals** of the game, but on multiple plays and **formations**. The first pass was made **downfield** and the excitement began. The opposing team was in good **pursuit**, but the home team gained several yards before the receiver was tackled. Players were also tackled in the **alley** and other spots on the field.

The next play, I watched as a hulking six-foot tall left tackle took down a member of the opposing team on the quarterback's **blind side**. I was far away but swear I could hear the guy hit the ground. The **agilities** of both teams were obvious as they ran, tackled, and even leapt over one another to get to their target.

When a player had a **fumble** the opposing team pounced on the ball and took control. Their fans went wild and the electric energy could be felt throughout the chilly stadium. As they set up for the play, a player moved too soon and lost yards for **encroachment**. I was ready to crawl out of my skin things were so exciting. As the quarter continued I got to witness a **blitz** by the home team and the use of a **decoy** by the opponents. The teams were evenly matched in ability. These players were at war for the title and would **travail** no matter what. I know I will be the **fixtures** to find more games to attend.

