

## Grade 7 Vocabulary

### Use of Vocabulary Words in Context

#### Week 30

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

#### Hitting The Ice

#### Vocabulary Words

exhilarating

backchecking

puck

boards

body checking

breakaway

penalty

bandied

clipping

enforcer

misconduct

nifty

defenseman

rebound

playoff

**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.

Hockey is an **exhilarating** sport. Some people consider it unnecessarily violent, but it requires a huge amount of talent and skill to play professionally. Whether you take on the role of **defenseman** or end up with the title of **enforcer**, it is always a challenge.

I once attended a **playoff** game that started with the teams showing off how they **bandied** the **puck** and continued into a full out game in which **body checking** and **misconduct** that resulted in a **penalty** every few minutes. One of the greatest plays of that game was when a **rebound** was attacked by a player that had been positioned by the **boards** and he demonstrated his **nifty** stickwork to score a point that no one expected.

That same game had a serious injury when a player was ready to make a shot on a **breakaway** and suddenly a **defenseman** skates up and slaps his legs with the hocking stick. While the opponent was penalized for **clipping**, the shooter had a clear break from the impact. That was a low move to say the least. While something like **backchecking** is annoying, it is a legal move. Causing an injury on purpose, especially one that can end a career, is just poor sportsmanship. Either way, I still love hockey and will continue to attend games as often as possible.

