

Grade 7 Vocabulary

Use of Vocabulary Words in Context

Week 35

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

State Fair Demos

Vocabulary Words

apex

burnout

caution

laps

enhanced

dragster

stint

feat

inspector

rookies

pace car

photo finish

contender

prototype

relief driver

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 so excited to hear that the state fair in our town had chosen the theme of motorsports. Not only would checker flags be flying everywhere, but demonstrations of different types of racing would be occurring each day. I was excited to see the **dragster** demonstration, especially those that had **enhanced** the car to do things like shoot flames or flash with LED lights.

After riding a few fun fair rides, which was truly a **feat**, I went to a demonstration by an **inspector** who explained what they looked for in different types of racing and what common things racers tried to do to break the rules. He also explained why wrecks required a **caution** and the importance of a **relief driver**.

My favorite activity was watching a mock race with only five total **laps**. They started slowly behind a **pace car** and the drivers, all **rookies**, fell into position ready to race. As the pace car moved out of the way, the **apex** of the race began. Every racer could be a real **contender** and it came down to a **photo finish**.

Before leaving the fair, I went to one last demonstration where a new **prototype** for a car was being used to show drivers how to do everything from **burnout** to doughnuts. Everything was both exciting and amazing. I hope I get to go to a real race one day and I am definitely considering a **stint** as a racecar driver.