

Grade 7 Vocabulary

Use of Vocabulary Words in Context

Week 36

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

Vocabulary Words

pandemic
socioeconomic
pose
fragile
lockdown
wage
domestic
havoc
caregiver
multitude
ancillary
ventilator
frontline
isolate
repercussions

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 COVID Nightmare

When the COVID pandemic began in 2019, no one could predict the nightmare that would follow. Within only months, the entire world would be facing a lockdown that would lead to many repercussions for families, businesses, and nations. It was recommended that if someone was sick or around someone who was sick that they isolate for two weeks. Schools began to close, as did many businesses which lead to a lost wage for many.

The fragile socioeconomic systems were in total havoc and a multitude of people were left uncertain of what would happen. Domestic affairs began focusing on how to help the people within their own country financially, but helping everyone would pose a huge deficit in the economy.

One of the worst hit industries was that of the medical fields. This is not because no one needed doctors, but because everyone did. Frontline workers, doctors, caregivers, nurses, and ancillary staff served long hours to care for those who were often in a bed, on a ventilator for days or weeks on end. It was traumatic to say the least.

Though the pandemic seems to be becoming more manageable, the effects will be felt for years to come. Hopefully the world will be better prepared in the future, but we will not know until it occurs.

