

## Grade 7 Vocabulary

### Use of Vocabulary Words in Context

#### Week 37

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

#### Vocabulary Words

virus  
variant  
virulent  
contagious  
transmissible  
partial  
jab  
grapples  
contemplating  
inoculated  
speculate  
perilous  
wreaked  
ghastly  
antibody

#### To Take the Shot or Not

For over a year, the news was filled with reports about the corona **virus**. It was quickly one of the most **virulent** viruses this century. Not only was it highly **contagious**, but easily **transmissible** between people. Scientists, researchers, doctors, and lots of other people began to **speculate** on how to deal with this **perilous virus** that had **wreaked** havoc on the entire world.

Then, after nearly a year, there was hope. A vaccine had been created and those **inoculated** were mostly protected from COVID, at least for the time being. All it took was a quick **jab** in the arm and then a few weeks later, another. This would allow the body to create an **antibody** to fight off COVID germs.

As I was **contemplating** getting the vaccine, the news reports started to discuss the **variant** of coronavirus that was not as bad, but still harmful to the body. The idea of having a shot was bad, but the thoughts of being hospitalized for weeks was simply **ghastly**. I am a person that **grapples** with decisions, but this one was a no-brainer. It was time to get the shot. I wondered if one shot would give me **partial** immunity, but I do not think that is how vaccines work. Either way, I am now better protected from this illness that partially shut down the entire world.

**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.

