

## Grade 7 Vocabulary

### Use of Vocabulary Words in Context

#### Week 39

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

#### Is Vaccination the Answer?

#### Vocabulary Words

vaccination  
immunization  
booster  
prioritise  
coincide  
waive  
pummeled  
emphasis  
emerging  
mutations  
epidemiologist  
initiative  
outbreak  
inadequate  
surplus

**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.

When the pandemic first started, the world was suddenly **pummeled** with quickly **emerging** cases of very sick people. The news was filled with people talking about proper self-care and people became all too aware of what an **epidemiologist** did as a profession. After months of quarantine, there was hope in herd **immunization**.

**Vaccination** of the majority of people would "flatten the curve" and fewer people would get sick. Countries, states, and even towns tried to **prioritise** taking the shot and getting a **booster** to increase immunity and hopefully stop another **outbreak**. Most countries were so focused on this that they chose to **waive** the fee for the shot. As **mutations** of the virus began **emerging** there was more of an **emphasis** placed on getting the shot.

Many people took the **initiative** and took the shot. Others waited or refused which led to a **surplus** of the vaccine. Many vaccines were likely lost due to **inadequate** interest in taking this rapidly created vaccine, but at least some people were taking steps to make a difference. A specific percentage was assigned in many areas and when that number was reached it was to **coincide** with a removal of mask mandates and other incentives. This has made a difference, but not totally eliminated the virus or its variants.

You must decide for yourself whether the vaccine is right or not.

