

Grade 7 Vocabulary

Use of Vocabulary Words in Context

Week 40

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

A Doctor's Day

Vocabulary Words

pneumonia

infection

patch

mortality

ailment

demise

complication

ravaged

embolism

inflammation

phlegm

pus

fatigue

resistant

bloodstream

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 doctor's day began very early with hospital rounds. This meant she had to visit each of her patients from the previous day that were in the hospital still. The first patient had **pneumonia** which had caused **infection** to gather in her lungs. The antibiotics and other treatments were working and while the patient was coughing up **phlegm**, the condition was improving.

The next patient had originally come in for an unknown **ailment**, but tests had shown an **embolism** that had to be broken up immediately. The surgery was simple, quick, and the patient had no **complications**. Something that easily could have led to the patient's **demise** was now just something that put her in the hospital a couple of days.

The next patient was a sad story. He had a disorder that released toxins into his **bloodstream** and since it was **resistant** to treatment, his body had been **ravaged** to the point of no return. The disorder had caused his joints to **inflammation** and he felt great **fatigue** almost constantly. He would not make it long.

The last patient was simply there for follow-up on a **patch** of skin cancer that had been removed. She would be checked to make sure no **pus** or **infection** was present, then released. Thankfully all was good and the doctor would not be discussing **mortality** rates for her patients today.

