

## Grade 7 Vocabulary

### Use of Vocabulary Words in Context

#### Week 43

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

#### Vocabulary Words

cancer

cell

tumor

benign

malignant

radiation

chemotherapy

aggressive

resistance

metastatic

diagnosis

therapy

transmit

treatment

surgery

**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 Diagnosis

I went to the doctor for a cough, but I received a **diagnosis** that no one wants to hear. The doctor walked into the room with a serious look on his face and said I had **metastatic lung cancer**. I was in shock, but knew when they found the **tumor** that it was unlikely that it was **benign**. I was right, it was **malignant** and **aggressive**.

I had to begin **radiation** and **chemotherapy** within the week and face **surgery** the next day. It never ceases to amaze me that a single **cell** that goes haywire can create such havoc on the body. I guess the good news is that a person cannot **transmit** cancer, but during **treatment**, the person who is sick is more susceptible to other diseases.

Luckily, my cancer showed little **resistance** to treatment and the cancer started to shrink. I now have to have maintenance treatment and **therapy**, but I am doing better. I hope to soon be in remission and not have to worry about cancer anymore. Until then, I will be thankful I was one of the lucky ones.

