

## Grade 7 Vocabulary

### Use of Vocabulary Words in Context

#### Week 44

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

#### Understanding a Stroke

#### Vocabulary Words

stroke

oxygen

nutrients

disabilities

clot

paramedic

prep

thrombectomy

shudder

mobility

cognition

neurologist

disparity

neurons

numbness

**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.

A **stroke** is a very serious medical condition that is caused by either a bursting blood vessel or a blocked artery, usually caused by a blood **clot**. When an artery is blocked, it can lead to **oxygen** deprivation which can cause brain damage because the **neurons** cannot fire correctly if not corrected quickly. Most people do not have any signs of an impending stroke, though some may feel some **numbness** or **mobility** issues that are ignored or thought to be due to some other reason. The goal is to get checked out so you do not end up with permanent **disabilities**.

If you have any symptoms, it is important to see a **neurologist**. The neurologist will likely test your **cognition** and other things like **mobility**. If a problem is found or a **disparity** is discovered in what you could recently do, but no longer can then you may require surgery. The most common surgery is a **thrombectomy** that removes blood clots from the arteries and veins. This can be scary, but **prep** is simple and recovery can be quick.

A stroke cannot be totally prevented, but a healthy lifestyle and eating habits that cover all the necessary **nutrients** is a good first step. If you ever notice a slight **shudder** in someone that occurs randomly with no explanation, then seek help. If sudden weakness on one side of the body ever occurs, then call a **paramedic** immediately. A stroke is nothing to ignore.