

Grade 7 Vocabulary

Use of Vocabulary Words in Context

Week 48

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

My Last Amusement Park Ride

Vocabulary Words

malfunction

harness

paramedics

tantalizing

clanking

chugging

pinnacle

descend

glitz

jovial

mellowed

indulgent

overwhelmed

resplendent

temptation

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 amusement park is usually an extremely interesting place to visit, but the last time I went was almost a nightmare. I should have known something was wrong when I sat on the first ride and my **harness** would not lock. The operator was **jovial** about it and said it was not an issue and pushed the lock into place. He never said it was a **malfunction**, but I should have considered it a sign. As the ride rose to its **pinnacle** height, I could hear the gears grinding and something making a **clanking** noise. The swings began to move, able to rise with ease, but on the corner where the swing was to **descend** it stayed high and I was instantly **overwhelmed** by what was happening.

Suddenly, the ride stopped and the **temptation** to scream was strong. All the **glitz** and **resplendent** colors that had been so **tantalizing** moments before faded as I realized I was stuck up in the air. We were stuck for 30 minutes, though it felt much longer. When my feet were once again on the ground I was required to be checked out by the **paramedics**. I was cleared, but it took me several hours to get **mellowed** out enough to even consider driving home. The amusement park was **indulgent** of our needs, but it did not matter. I was still shaken. I still go to watch rides sometimes. I watch as they are **chugging** along on tracks and wonder if they will be the next to break down. I am not sure if I will ever be able to ride rides again.

