

Grade 7 Vocabulary

Use of Vocabulary Words in Context

Week 49

Directions: Read

the passage below

Vocabulary Words

procedure

tranquilizer

ward

succumb

anesthesia

contingencies

defibrillator

internee

dislocated

despair

autopsy

dispensary

cardiology

MRI

cardiac

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 Day in the ER

When I was in high school, we were allowed to shadow people in different professions. My favorite was a day I spent with a nurse in the Emergency Department. There was a feeling of excitement as soon as you walked in the doors. People were everywhere, ambulances came and went, and everyone was moving. The nurses seemed prepared for nearly all **contingencies** and not once did I see them **succumb** to stress or emotions.

In the first five minutes, I was allowed to watch as a man was brought in having a **cardiac** event. He was hooked to an IV and immediately sent to **cardiology** where it would be determined if he needed surgery or just medication. Immediately after, a child was brought in after falling out of a tree. He had hit his head so the doctor called for an **MRI**, but then he also had to have his **dislocated** shoulder put into place. Though he screamed when the nurse did this **procedure**, he immediately felt better.

I stood and watched as nurses checked on people who needed stitches and some that had to be rushed to another **ward** for other medical interventions. I was allowed to visit different floors and watch as people were given **anesthesia** or a **tranquilizer** before having a test or surgery. I learned how important it is for those working in the **dispensary** to know the medications and find them quickly. I even saw a doctor use a **defibrillator** on an **internee** that the police had brought in after he collapsed and his heart stopped.

The saddest part was seeing people in total **despair** when they found out their loved ones were sick or did not make it. The ER is exciting, but you must really be ready for anything. The only thing I was not allowed to watch was an **autopsy** because I was too young. I think I may want to be a nurse.