

## Grade 7 Vocabulary

### Use of Vocabulary Words in Context

#### Week 50

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

#### The Family Business

#### Vocabulary Words

aggregate

ample

belligerent

callous

delectable

delineation

emend

hustle

incombustible

leverage

levy

maneuver

mantle

odorous

peon

**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.

I started working in the family supermarket when I was very young. At first, I just did the work of a **peon**. I would stack cans, dust, and clean up spills. There were always **ample** amounts of work to be completed and I learned to **hustle** so I had extra time to read comic books.

When I was tall enough, I wrangled carts in the parking lot and learned to **maneuver** them back in place inside the store. I learned to **aggregate** all the products in the back and even learned to **emend** an order when it rang up incorrectly.

My father was ready to retire when I was in my twenties, so he handed over the **mantle** to me. I knew the business, but still hated to deal with **belligerent** customers and **callous** workers. However, it is nice to have full access to **delectable** treats and even **odorous** snacks any time the mood strikes. As the business continued to grow, I hired a manager who was the **delineation** of perfect managerial skills. He did the stuff I did not enjoy like making sure the main building structure was **incombustible** so the town did not **levy** us for noncompliance.

The family business has not always been easy and I work hard, but it has given me the **leverage** I needed to grow into a larger corporation. I would not change any of it for the world.

