

Vocabulary ANSWER KEY for Grade 8 Set B: Courage

Activity 1: In-Context Predictions

Correct Definitions:

1. Activist: a person who works as part of an organized effort to bring about political or social change
2. Associate: to be involved with someone or something; to be connected to someone or something in people's minds (she *associates* friendship with loyalty)
3. Controversy: a lot of disagreement or argument about something, usually because it affects or is important to many people
4. Dreary: dull or drab
5. Flair: a natural talent, ability, or skill
6. Instantaneous: occurring in a moment; completed suddenly
7. Replica: a close or exact copy of an original; a reproduction
8. Segregate: to separate or set apart from others or the main part of a group (doctors *segregated* the sick students in a special dorm)
9. Spontaneous: unplanned; coming from a natural impulse and not thought-out in advance (a *spontaneous* purchase)
10. Terrorize: to create and maintain extreme fear in someone

Activity 2: Fill-in-the-Blank Sentence

1. Associated
2. Spontaneity
3. Instantaneous
4. Controversial
5. Flair
6. Terrorism
7. Activism
8. Replica
9. Segregated
10. Dreary

Activity 3: Fill-in-the-Blank Scenario

Student explanations will vary, but should show an understanding of each word's meaning.

1. Activists
2. Dreary
3. Spontaneous
4. Flair
5. Terrorizes
6. Associate
7. Instantaneously
8. Segregated
9. Controversy
10. Replica

Activity 4: Matching

1. Fighter
2. Join
3. Disagreement
4. Dull
5. Skill
6. Quick
7. Copy
8. Separate
9. Unplanned
10. Mistreat

Activity 5: Application of Vocabulary

Student answers will vary, but each answer should include the underlined vocabulary word.

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Directions: In the first activity in this packet, you will use context clues to try and determine the meaning of each of your new vocabulary words. The example below shows you how to do this activity.

- Begin by looking at the **photo**.
Ask yourself, **What do I see?**
I see birds flying in the air. They are not being controlled or told where to go.
- Next, look at the **caption**.
Ask yourself, **what word could I put in place of the underlined vocabulary word?**
Here I might substitute "all" or "complete" for absolute.
- Then, look at the **example sentence**.
Ask yourself, **do my substitutions from the caption — "all" and "complete" — make sense in this sentence?**
Yes, "complete" works in the example sentence as well.
- Finally, **write or type a prediction** in the last box.

Example: Absolute (ab-suh-loot)

My mother's no was absolute. Once she said it, there was no chance of changing her mind.

Birds have absolute freedom to go wherever they like.

What's your **prediction**?

My Answer: *complete*

Let's begin!

1. Activist (ak-tuh-vist)

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was an activist who fought for equal rights for African Americans.

The activist led a protest against using animal fur for clothing.

What's your **prediction**?

My Answer:

2. Associate (uh-soh-shee-eyt)

My grandmother says to choose your friends carefully because people judge you by who you associate with.

Most people associate jack o'lanterns with Halloween.

What's your **prediction**?

My Answer:

3. Controversy (kon-truh-vur-see)

The video game Grand Theft Auto has sparked a lot of controversy because of its violent gameplay.



The band caused a controversy when their lyrics offended some people.

What's your **prediction**?

My Answer:

4. Dreary (dreer-ee)

The day was dreary, with thundering skies and rainy streets.



Instead of the bright pinks and oranges her friends were used to, Michelle picked a dreary gray jacket to wear to the party.

What's your **prediction**?

My Answer:

5. Flair (flair)

With a flair for hair, Janice opened her second hair salon for natural and curly hair.



Kassidy has always had a flair for acting - she has been appearing in plays since she was a little girl.

What's your **prediction**?

My Answer:

6. Instantaneous (in-stuhn-tey-nee-uhs)

Lindsey loves making Cup O'Noodles because, with just a cup of boiling water, she has an instantaneous meal.



Polaroid pictures are making a comeback because they produce an instantaneous picture.

What's your **prediction**?

My Answer:

7. Replica (rep-li-kuh)

Using a mold, James was able to make a replica of a Civil War soldier that he later painted.



There are many military enthusiasts who like to make replicas of fighter jets.

What's your **prediction**?

My Answer:

8. Segregate (seg-ri-geyt)

Passengers on airplanes are segregated by how much they paid for their tickets.



The hospital segregates very contagious patients in a separate room.

What's your **prediction**?

My Answer:

9. Spontaneous (spon-tey-nee-uhs)

My mom surprised me with a spontaneous shopping trip!



Javier busted out some spontaneous dance moves on our walk home.

What's your **prediction**?

My Answer:

10. Terrorize (ter-uh-rahyz)

The Ku Klux Klan would terrorize people by burning wooden crosses in front of their homes.



Kate terrorizes her brother by greeting him in a creepy mask.

What's your **prediction**?

My Answer:

Let's review the definitions of the words.

1. **Activist** (noun) a person who works as part of an organized effort to bring about political or social change *Related: active, activity, action*
2. **Associate** (verb) to be involved with someone or something; to be connected to someone or something in people's minds (she *associates* friendship with loyalty) *Related: association, disassociate*
3. **Controversy** (noun) a lot of disagreement or argument about something, usually because it affects or is important to many people *Related: controversial*
4. **Dreary** (adj) dull or drab *Related: drear*
5. **Flair** (noun) a natural talent, ability, or skill
6. **Instantaneous** (adjective) occurring in a moment; completed suddenly *Related: instant, instantaneously*
7. **Replica** (noun) a close or exact copy of an original; a reproduction *Related: replicate, replicated, replication*
8. **Segregate** (verb) to separate or set apart from others or the main part of a group (doctors *segregated* the sick students in a special dorm) *Related: segregation*
9. **Spontaneous** (adjective) unplanned; coming from a natural impulse and not thought-out in advance (a *spontaneous* purchase) *Related: spontaneity, spontaneously*
10. **Terrorize** (verb) to create and maintain extreme fear in someone *Related: terror, terrorism*

Activity 2: Fill-in-the-Blank Sentence

Directions: Fill in the blanks using the correct vocabulary word to complete each sentence.

Activism Associated Controversial Dreary Flair Instantaneous Replica Segregated Spontaneity Terrorism

	My answer
1. Troia doesn't hang out with her cousin because she doesn't want to be _____ with the crazy stuff he gets up to.	
2. My parents plan out everything, but I would love to have more _____ in my life!	
3. Our large processing center allows people logging on to the network to have a(n) _____ connection.	
4. It was _____ when, in 1855, the University of Iowa became the first public or state university in the US to admit both male and female students.	
5. When his lyrics were bought by a popular singer, James discovered he had a _____ for songwriting.	
6. The goal of _____ is to frighten people into changing their behavior or political beliefs.	
7. Alisha met many brave, caring people when she became involved in animal rights _____.	
8. Before her wedding, Kai asked the baker to make her a small _____ of her cake, down to the layers and flavors she would use.	
9. Those two chemicals must be kept _____ in the lab because they cause an explosion when they combine.	
10. Wishing to be anywhere else other than math class, Marquez pushed through the _____ math problems waiting for the bell to ring.	

Activity 3: Fill-in-the-Blank Scenario

Fill in the blanks using the correct vocabulary word to complete each scenario. Then, explain why that vocabulary word fits best based on context clues provided in the scenario. You may have to change the form of the word (ex: go, going, gone).

For Example:

Every single day, Bryan wakes up at 5 o'clock in the morning to take a 10-mile jog. Then, he goes to the gym to lift weights. Afterwards, he does 20 laps in the pool. And this is before he goes to practice with the team every afternoon! Bryan is _____ about training because _____.	
My Answer	My Reason
<i>relentless</i>	<i>He is extremely dedicated and exercises all of the time. He runs 10 miles, lifts weights, swims, and attends practice every day.</i>

Activist Associate Controversy Dreary Flair Instantaneous Replica Segregated Spontaneous Terrorize

1. Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta organized the United Farm Workers union to fight for better working conditions for farm workers across America. In 1975, they led 15,000 people on a 110 mile march in California to demand higher wages for workers.

Chavez and Huerta were _____ because _____

My Answer	My Reason

2. The fog rolled in and the sky was overcast - there would be no sunshine today. With the clouds thick and rain promising, Karla grabbed her sweatshirt and tennis shoes for a walk. The day just felt heavy and dark. Halfway through her walk, the mist started to fall. Not enough to get her very wet, just damp and uncomfortable.

It is a _____ day because _____

My Answer	My Reason

3. Ashanti was so surprised when her dad picked her up from school at lunchtime on her birthday. He said that he'd been thinking about her and just suddenly decided to take the day off and "celebrate with my little girl!"

Ashanti's dad was _____ because _____

My Answer	My Reason

4. It didn't matter what Lindsey attempted to do, she somehow managed to do it with excellence. Whether it was arranging seating and decorations to picking out the perfect food and dessert for parties. When it comes to entertaining, she has never lacked the ability.

Lindsey has a _____ for entertaining because _____

My Answer	My Reason

5. In Sicily, the mafia demands that store owners give the mafia "protection money" to defend their stores from robbers. However, it is actually the mafia themselves who will hurt people if they don't pay. The frightened store owners pay the money to defend themselves and their families.

The mafia _____ the store owners because _____

My Answer	My Reason

6. A labor union is a group of workers who join together so that they will have more power when making deals with their bosses. The workers become powerful because they all agree to take the same deal and work together.

The workers _____ with each other because _____

My Answer	My Reason

7. Even though it was Pam and Anne-Marie's first time at camp, they became quick buddies. It turned out they had many things in common. They both had two siblings. They both loved to read books. And they both loved to tell jokes until the other was crying with laughter!

Pam and Anne-Marie became friends _____ because _____

My Answer	My Reason

8. President Woodrow Wilson allowed departments of the federal government to create separate offices for white and black workers. By the end of 1913, many departments, including the Navy, had racially divided work spaces, restrooms, and cafeterias.

The federal government became _____ because _____

My Answer	My Reason

9. The rap group N.W.A. was both loved and hated in the 1980s. Some people saw their music and lyrics as uplifting and powerful; others saw them as violent and hateful towards women and other groups. Many radio stations refused to play N.W.A., but that didn't stop their first album from selling more than 3 million copies.

N.W.A.'s music caused _____ because _____

My Answer	My Reason

10. The puzzle box promised that if you put all the pieces together, you would create a 3-D model of a castle. Craig and Liam started working together on the puzzle, and, after two days, they had an exact copy of a 14th century castle from the 1000 pieces.

Craig and Liam created a(n) _____ of the castle by _____

My Answer	My Reason

Activity 4: Matching

Match the following vocabulary words to their synonyms from the box. Write your answer in the column next to the word.

Synonyms: Copy Disagreement Dull Fighter Skill Join Mistreat Separate Unplanned Quick

Words	My Answer
1. Activist	
2. Associate	
3. Controversy	
4. Dreary	
5. Flair	
6. Instantaneous	
7. Replica	
8. Segregate	
9. Spontaneous	
10. Terrorize	

Activity 5: Application of Vocabulary

Answer each question in **1-2 complete sentences**. Make sure that you **use the underlined vocabulary word** in your answer.

1. What is one change in our society you think activists should be fighting for today? Why?

2. Name one fun thing you associate with summertime and one you associate with winter.

3. Some people think that controversial movies and albums make more money. What do you think: does controversy sell?

4. What is a task you find dreary? Why is it dreary?

5. What is something you have a flair for? Have you always been able to do it or did you learn it?

6. What is a song you learned instantaneously? What do you think makes this song so memorable?

7. If you could have a replica of any building or setting from a movie or book, what would it be and why?

8. How do you think the students who protested against segregation in the 1960s found the courage to do what they did?

9. Do you prefer for things to be planned or spontaneous? Why?

10. Name a character from a movie, TV show, or book who terrorizes others. Explain why you picked this character.