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Vocabulary:

"Would You Ban Texting and Walking?"

1. legislation (lej-is-LEY-shuhn) *noun*; Legislation is a law or set of laws made by a government. *Legislation* also refers to the action or process of making laws.

2. peripheral (puh-RIF-er-uhl) *adjective*; The periphery (puh-RIF-er-ee) of something is the edge or outermost part of it. For example, there might be a fence around the periphery of your school's property.

The adjective *peripheral* means "located in the periphery." Let's say you're sitting at the kitchen table doing your homework. Even if your eyes are focused on the book in front of you, you can still see objects around you—the refrigerator to your left, the glass of water on the table, your brother making a grilled cheese at the stove. You're seeing these things in your peripheral vision—what is seen on the outer parts of your field of vision.

3. mandate (MAN-deyt) *noun or verb*; As a noun, *mandate* is an official order or command to do something. Your town might have a mandate about recycling.

As a verb, *mandate* means "to officially order, command, or make mandatory." Most states mandate that kids wear a helmet while riding a bicycle.

4. measure (MEH-zher) *noun*; *Measure* has a range of meanings. As it's used in the article, a measure is an action taken to achieve a desired result. Giving you a "lights-out" time is a measure your parents might take to ensure you get enough sleep.

5. simultaneously (sahy-muhl-TEY-nee-uhs-lee) *adverb*; The adjective *simultaneous* (sahy-muhl-TEY-nee-us) means "happening at the same time." If Shawn Mendes announces a simultaneous release of his new music video and his new single, both the video and the single will come out on the same day.

As an adverb, *simultaneously* describes actions that occur at the same time. A football game might be broadcast simultaneously on TV and the radio.

Directions: On this page, list any other words from the article whose definitions you are not sure about. For each word, use context clues to try to figure out the meaning. Then look up the word in a few different dictionaries. Discuss the primary meaning of the word with your teacher or another adult. Then write a definition for the word and one example sentence using the word.

Vocabulary Practice

"Would You Outlaw Texting and Walking?"

Directions: Choose the word or phrase that is most similar in meaning to each word in bold.

1. simultaneously

- Ⓐ together Ⓑ separately

2. measure

- Ⓐ effort Ⓑ weakness

3. mandate

- Ⓐ question Ⓑ require

4. legislation

- Ⓐ exercise Ⓑ lawmaking

Directions: Rewrite each sentence below using one of the words in the box.

periphery simultaneously legislation

- 5.** The giraffes at the zoo like to hang out in the shade near the edge of their habitat.

- 6.** Mrs. Cobb's science class wrote letters to their state senators calling for more laws to protect the rights of animals.

Directions: Complete each unfinished sentence in a way that makes the meaning of the boldfaced word clear.

- 7.** Al took **measures** to ensure he'd do well on his social studies test. He _____
- _____

- 8.** The school board issued a **mandate** about cell phone use at school. It said _____
- _____

- 9.** Della and James skidded their bikes to a halt **simultaneously**. They _____
- _____

- 10.** Kelly's family lives in a **peripheral** area of the large city. They _____
- _____