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Vocabulary:

"Should Eddie Buy These Sneakers?"

1. correlate (KOR-uh-layt) *verb*; If two things correlate, there is some sort of link between them. One thing may affect or depend on the other, for example. The amount of sleep you get at night correlates to the amount of energy you have in class the next day. But to say that two things correlate doesn't always mean that one thing is causing the other.

For example, imagine that kids who are good at spelling have been found to eat more pizza than other kids—so being good at spelling and eating pizza correlate. This would not mean that being good at spelling *causes* kids to eat pizza or that eating pizza *causes* kids to be good at spelling, though. There could be some other reason that being good at spelling and pizza-eating correlate. For example, maybe a lot of schools give out coupons for free pizza as prizes in spelling contests.

2. counterpart (KOWN-ter-pahrt) *noun*; A counterpart is a person or thing that closely resembles another thing or that has the same job or purpose. The president of the United States and the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom are counterparts—they both serve as the head of their government. If you are the point guard for your basketball team, your counterpart is the player on the other team who plays the same position.

3. derive (dih-RAHYV) *verb*; *Derive* can mean "to take or get from" or "to come from." You might derive pleasure from reading. Many English words derive from words in other languages. For example, *agriculture* derives from the Latin words *ager*, meaning "field," and *cultura*, meaning "cultivation."

4. practical (PRAK-tih-kuhl) *adjective*; *Practical* has several meanings. It can mean "relating to action rather than ideas or thought." It can also mean "reasonable to do or use." Flip-flops are not practical shoes to wear for hiking. When *practical* is used to describe a person, it means "sensible and realistic."

5. trendy (TREN-dee) *adjective*; Someone or something that is trendy is very fashionable, stylish, up-to-date, and popular.

Directions: On this page, list any other words from the letters 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

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

1. counterpart

- Ⓐ opposite Ⓑ match

2. practical

- Ⓐ useful Ⓑ useless

3. trendy

- Ⓐ stylish Ⓑ old-fashioned

4. correlated

- Ⓐ unrelated Ⓑ connected

Directions: Fill in the circle to show whether you think each statement is true or false. Briefly explain your choice.

5. You might have to wait a long time to get a table at a trendy restaurant.

- Ⓐ true Ⓑ false

Reason: _____

6. A jacket that looks great but is uncomfortable and doesn't keep you warm is practical.

- Ⓐ true Ⓑ false

Reason: _____

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

7. William found his left shoe, but he can't find its **counterpart**. He _____

8. Isabel's mom gave her a new backpack for her birthday, but it is not very **practical**. The backpack _____

9. I believe that the icing on Carrie's face **correlates** with the cupcake missing from the box. Carrie _____

10. Matt's fear of heights **derives** from _____
