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Vocabulary:

"YouTube Made Me Do It"

1. garner (GAHR-ner) *verb*; To garner is to gather or earn something. *Garner* is often used to describe gathering or earning something other than a physical object—something like attention, interest, respect, or praise, as in, "Jasmine garnered a lot of praise for her science fair project."

2. incentivize (in-SEN-tih-vahyz) *verb*; An incentive (in-SEN-tiv) is something that encourages someone to do something or to work harder. Your principal might offer the incentive of a class pizza party for the student who sells the most raffle tickets.

Incentivize means "to provide with an incentive." The possibility of a class pizza party is meant to incentivize students to sell more tickets.

3. infringe (in-FRINJ) *verb*; As it is used in the article, *infringe* means "to wrongly limit or restrict" or "to force oneself on another's property or rights."

If your little sister reads your diary without permission, you could say she is infringing on your privacy. If a law infringes on citizens' rights, it interferes with citizens' rights and limits their freedom. (*Infringe* is almost always followed by *on* or *upon*.)

4. negligence (NEG-lih-jehns) *noun*; The verb *neglect* (nih-GLEKT) means "to fail to give enough attention to someone or something out of carelessness." If you neglect to floss your teeth, you might get cavities.

The adjective *negligent* (NEG-lih-juhnt) means "neglectful." If someone is negligent, they don't take care of people, objects, or situations the way they ought to.

Negligence is the quality or state of being negligent and usually has consequences. Negligence while driving might cause a car accident.

5. notoriety (noh-tuh-RAHY-ih-tee) *noun*; The adjective *notorious* (noh-TOHR-ee-uhs) means "well-known for something bad." A popular movie star is famous; a well-known criminal is notorious.

Notoriety is the quality or state of being notorious. In the same way that someone achieves fame for doing something good, someone achieves notoriety for doing something bad. A person might gain notoriety after having a violent outburst on a reality TV show.

6. reckless (REK-lis) *adjective*; Someone who is reckless acts without thinking about the dangers and possible consequences of his or her actions. Reckless behavior is irresponsible, careless, and lacks proper caution.

7. undermine (UHN-der-mahyn) *verb*; To undermine is to dig out or wear away the earth from under something, making it likely to collapse. A construction team might have to cut down a tree if its roots are beginning to undermine a wall.

Undermine can also mean "to make someone or something weaker or less effective, usually in a secret or gradual way." In other words, to undermine something is to work against it or sabotage it. A negative news article about someone might undermine the public's confidence in that person.

8. vulnerable (VUHL-ner-uh-buhl) *adjective*; If something is vulnerable, it can easily be harmed, either physically or emotionally. A baby bird is vulnerable without its mother's protection. You might feel vulnerable in a strange place.

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

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

1. vulnerable

- Ⓐ open to attack Ⓑ protected

2. undermine

- Ⓐ strengthen Ⓑ weaken

3. garner

- Ⓐ collect Ⓑ give out

4. negligence

- Ⓐ attention Ⓑ carelessness

Directions: For each statement below, fill in the circle to show whether you think it's true or false. Briefly explain your choice.

5. Restaurants hope to achieve notoriety for their service.

- Ⓐ true Ⓑ false

Reason: _____

6. Parents prefer to hire reckless babysitters.

- Ⓐ true Ⓑ false

Reason: _____

Directions: Briefly respond to each prompt below.

7. Describe how a house might look after years of negligence.

8. What is something that might incentivize someone to sign up for a marathon?

9. What might you say to someone who is infringing on your space on the bus?
