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Vocabulary:

"Would You Get a Flip Phone?"

1. **bombard (bom-BAHRD)** *verb*; To bombard is to attack constantly or repeatedly. This attack could be with weapons, as in, "The submarine bombarded the enemy's ship with torpedoes until it sank." *Bombard* can also mean to bother or overwhelm someone by "attacking" him or her with questions, information, criticism, or something similar. Reporters might bombard Ariana Grande with questions. A politician might be bombarded with angry posts on social media.
2. **devastate (DEV-uh-stayt)** *verb*; To devastate is to destroy or ruin, either physically or emotionally. A hurricane might devastate a beach town. Losing the state championship by one basket might devastate a basketball team.
3. **distraction (dih-STRAK-shuhn)** *noun*; A distraction takes your attention away from something. Your brother might be a distraction while you are doing your homework if he is constantly asking you questions. A blinking sign might be a distraction to someone who is driving.
4. **equivalent (ih-KWIV-uh-luhnt)** *adjective*; To be equivalent means to be equal or the same in force, value, or amount. A quarter is equivalent to five nickels.
5. **landline (LAND-lahyn)** *noun*; A landline is a telephone that is physically connected to wires or cables outside and uses these wires or cables to send and receive calls. A cell phone, on the other hand, sends calls through the air, without any wires. Before cell phones, most people had landlines in their homes.
6. **meaningful (MEE-ning-fuhl)** *adjective*; If something is meaningful, it is full of meaning, importance, or value. You probably have a meaningful relationship with your best friend; you are less likely to have a meaningful relationship with your server at a restaurant. A meaningful conversation is deep and important. A meaningful gift is valuable—particularly in an emotional way—to the person who receives it.
7. **transformative (trans-FAWR-mah-tiv)** *adjective*; The verb *transform* means "to change completely." Something transformative has the power to change something or someone in a big way. A book that changes your thinking about something could be called transformative.

Directions: Below, 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 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

Directions: Briefly answer each question below.

1. Describe a situation in which you might need to use a **landline**.

2. Would a celebrity who is very private about their personal life want to be **bombarded** with questions about their family by the press? Explain.

3. A storm **devastated** Mr. Ross's vegetable garden. Describe the garden after the storm.

4. Kate says drinking this soda is **equivalent** to swallowing 20 teaspoons of sugar. What does she mean?

Directions: Fill in the circle next to the best answer to each question.

5. Which of the following could be described as a **distraction**?

- Ⓐ a bird tapping on a classroom window while students are taking a test
Ⓑ a clown entertaining children at a birthday party

6. Which of the following is more likely to be **transformative**?

- Ⓐ eating a peanut butter and jelly sandwich
Ⓑ spending time in another country

7. Every time I visit that website, I am _____ with pop-up ads.

Which word best fits in the sentence above?

- Ⓐ devastated
Ⓑ bombarded

8. Which of the following is a synonym of **meaningful**?

- Ⓐ useless
Ⓑ ordinary
Ⓒ significant
Ⓓ delightful