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Vocabulary:

"Finders Keepers?"

- 1. hesitant (HEZ-ih-tuhnt)** *adjective*; The verb *hesitate* (HEZ-ih-teyt) means "to pause before saying or doing something, especially because of uncertainty."

Hesitant means "feeling nervous, unsure, and unable to take quick or firm action." You might be hesitant to accept a babysitting job if you know the kids are not well-behaved.

- 2. imperative (im-PER-uh-tiv)** *adjective*; If something is imperative, it is absolutely necessary, important, and demands attention or action. If your local news channel issues a tornado warning, it is imperative to get to a safe location as quickly as possible.

- 3. obligated (OB-lih-gayt-id)** *adjective*; An obligation (ob-lih-GAY-shuhn) is a duty—something you must do because of an agreement, a rule, or a law, or simply because it is the right thing to do.

If you're obligated to do something, you must do it, either because it is required or because it is the right thing to do. If you lose your brother's favorite baseball, you might feel obligated to buy him a new one.

- 4. potentially (puh-TEN-shuh-lee)** *adverb*; The noun *potential* means "the chance or possibility that something will develop and become real." If a snowstorm is predicted for tonight, there is a potential for school to be cancelled tomorrow.

The adverb *potentially* means "having the possibility of happening or being true." If Tanya says she will potentially be late, she means that there's a chance she will be late. If George says he thinks a movie seems potentially boring, he means that he thinks the movie might be boring.

- 5. practical (PRAK-tih-kuhl)** *adjective*; *Practical* has several meanings. It can mean "relating to real 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."

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. potentially

- Ⓐ unlikely Ⓑ possibly

2. imperative

- Ⓐ important Ⓑ optional

3. hesitant

- Ⓐ uncertain Ⓑ confident

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

- 4.** A backpack that looks good but is uncomfortable and hard to pack and unpack could be described as practical.

- Ⓐ true Ⓑ false

Reason: _____

- 5.** When you rent a video game, you're obligated to return it.

- Ⓐ true Ⓑ false

Reason: _____

Directions: Briefly respond to each prompt below.

- 6.** Describe a situation in which you might be hesitant.

- 7.** Name one thing that you are obligated to do.

- 8.** Fill in the blanks to complete the following sentence:

Before you _____,
it is imperative that you _____