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Vocabulary:

"Should the School Week Be Shorter?"

1. consecutive (kuhn-SEHK-yuh-tiv) *adjective*; *Consecutive* means "following one after the other in order, with no interruption or gaps." April, May, and June are consecutive months of the year. If your soccer team won two consecutive state championships, your team won the championship two years in a row.

2. long-term effect (lawng turm ih-FEKT) *noun*; The adjective *long-term* means "lasting, relating to, or involving a long period of time." A long-term effect is a result that doesn't happen immediately, but rather, over a period of time. Ben's doctor might tell him about the long-term effects of listening to loud music: Over time, it could damage his hearing. The opposite of a long-term effect is a short-term effect.

3. myriad (MIR-ee-uhd) *adjective or noun*; The adjective *myriad* means "a very large but not specified number." *Myriad* is often used to describe something that cannot be counted. For example, someone might refer to the myriad stars in the sky or the myriad grains of sand on a beach.

When used as a noun, *myriad* means "a great number" and is usually followed by the word *of*. A T-shirt might come in a myriad of colors, meaning it comes in many colors.

4. perspective (per-SPEK-tiv) *noun*; As it is used in the article, *perspective* means "a particular way of thinking about a situation or topic; a point of view." Your perspective on what's most important in life may change as you get older.

5. productive (pruh-DUHK-tiv) *adjective*; If something (or someone) is productive, it (or the person) has the ability to do a lot of work and get good results. If your study group was productive, your group got a lot of studying done. A productive apple tree produces a lot of apples.

6. project (pruh-JEKT) *verb*; In the article, *project* is used as a verb meaning "to predict, estimate, or forecast something based on present trends," as in, "After a highly successful season, the Chicago Bears are projected to win this year's Super Bowl."

7. substantial (suhb-STAN-shuhl) *adjective*; As it is used in the article, *substantial* means "large in amount, size, or number." A substantial number of students ride the bus to and from school each day. If you spent a substantial amount of money on your new bike, the bike was expensive. Skateboarding without a helmet poses a substantial risk of injury.

Directions: Below and on the back of this page, list any other words from the debate 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: Below are titles and summaries for imaginary books. Choose the best title for each book. Briefly explain your choices.

BOOK TITLES

- A. *A Substantial Blunder*
- B. *A New Perspective*
- C. *My Myriad Mistakes*

1. In his journal, Alex keeps a list with two columns: *Got It Wrong* and *Got It Right*. That *Got It Wrong* column is filling up awfully fast.

Title (A-C): _____ Why I chose this title: _____

2. Janet messed up. Like, *really* messed up. Like, maybe-ruined-her-best friend's-life-forever messed up. Is it too late for her to set things right?

Title (A-C): _____ Why I chose this title: _____

3. Last fall, Eli made two terrible decisions that resulted in his life being pretty unpleasant for a while. But now, a year later, Eli is finding out that those mistakes have led to a shift in the way he looks at life—in a way that might be kind of great.

Title (A-C): _____ Why I chose this title: _____

Directions: Briefly respond to each prompt below.

4. Author J.K. Rowling says she is most productive in the morning. What does she mean?

5. List four consecutive days of the week.

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

6. **myriad**

Ⓐ limited

Ⓑ countless

7. **substantial**

Ⓐ large

Ⓑ little

8. **project**

Ⓐ doubt

Ⓑ forecast

9. **perspective**

Ⓐ viewpoint

Ⓑ ability