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Paired Texts Vocabulary

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1. **accumulate** (uh-KY00-myuh-leyt) *verb*; To accumulate is to collect, gather, or let pile up. A stamp collector accumulates stamps.
2. **developing nation** (dih-VEL-up-ing NEY-shuhn) *noun*; A developing nation is one in which most citizens are poor and that has little industrial development. Poor sanitation, hunger, and a lack of access to education are among the challenges people in developing nations often face.
3. **drudgery** (DRUH-juh-ree) *noun*; Drudgery is boring, unpleasant, or difficult work. Completing a long list of household chores, shoveling snow off the driveway, and standing in a line for an hour are tasks that people might consider drudgery.
4. **savvy** (SA-vee) *adjective*; Someone who is savvy is knowledgeable and experienced, and has a good understanding of how to do something. Ken's parents might ask him to help them install some new software on their computer because he is savvy with computers.

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5. **advocate** (AD-vuh-kit) *noun* or (AD-vuh-kayt) *verb*; An advocate is a person who supports or argues for the interests of another person, group, or cause. Advocates often speak, write, or take action to defend something they believe in. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a passionate advocate for civil rights.

As a verb, *advocate* means "to support, recommend, or argue for something or someone—to act as an advocate." The student council might advocate for a change to the dress code by talking to the principal about what changes students would like to see and why.

6. **infrared** (in-fruh-RED) *adjective*; Everything in the world gives off a certain amount of heat, even ice. This heat creates infrared light, which is a type of light that the human eye cannot see. The warmer something is, the more infrared light it gives off. An infrared camera can see infrared light and turns what it detects into images that humans are able to see. In this way, infrared cameras allow us to "see" in the dark.

7. renowned (re-NOWNED) *adjective*; Someone or something that is renowned is famous, highly respected, or admired. A scientist who is known for making an important discovery is a renowned scientist. A renowned restaurant has a great reputation. LeBron James is a renowned basketball player.

Directions: Below, list any other words from either text whose definition you are unsure 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.

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

1. For which of the following might a doctor advocate?

- Ⓐ exercising at least three times a week
- Ⓑ eating a diet of mostly candy

2. Which of the following would most people consider drudgery?

- Ⓐ addressing and putting stamps on 100 letters
- Ⓑ going to an amusement park

3. Which would you be more likely to find in a developing nation?

- Ⓐ shiny new skyscrapers
- Ⓑ older, less modern buildings and homes

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

4. **savvy**

- Ⓐ intelligent
- Ⓑ foolish

6. **renowned**

- Ⓐ ordinary
- Ⓑ celebrated

5. **advocate**

- Ⓐ support
- Ⓑ disapprove

7. **accumulate**

- Ⓐ divide
- Ⓑ pile up

Directions: In each pair of boldfaced words, underline the word that best completes the sentence.

8. Three inches of snow have already **accumulated/advocated** since the snowplow cleared our street this morning.

9. The **renowned/savvy** singer's concert sold out in minutes.

10. The team of scientists used **infrared/savvy** technology to help them study the animals living in the cave.