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# Paired Texts Vocabulary

## "My Sport Helped Me Make a New Life in America"

1. **cuisine (kwi-ZEEN)** *noun*; A cuisine is a style of cooking, especially from a specific region, country, or culture. Every time you dig into a pizza or a plate of spaghetti and meatballs, you are enjoying Italian cuisine. A restaurant that serves vegetarian cuisine serves only dishes that do not contain meat.
2. **daunting (DAWN-ting)** *adjective*; The verb *daunt* means "to discourage or frighten."  
Remember the Dauntless from the Divergent book series? Its members couldn't be daunted—they were fearless and determined.  
*Daunting* is often used to describe tasks that will be difficult to complete or deal with. Anything that makes you feel intimidated, discouraged, or overwhelmed when you even *think* about doing it—skydiving, going to a new school, or writing an entire research paper in one night—could be described as daunting.
3. **diverse (DAHY-vuhrs)** *adjective*; If something is diverse, it shows a great deal of variety; it is made up of people or things that are very different from each other. A summer camp might offer a wide range of daily activities—canoeing, painting, dancing, soccer—in order to appeal to its campers' diverse interests.
4. **profound (pruh-FOWND)** *adjective*; Something that is profound is deep in some way. A profound book contains deep wisdom and insight. Profound sadness is intense and felt deeply.

## "How to Be Welcoming"

5. **refugee (REF-yoo-jee)** *noun*; A refugee is a person who is seeking refuge (REF-yooj), meaning shelter or safety. *Refugee* is most often used to describe someone who flees his or her home country because it has become a dangerous place to live, usually because of war or a natural disaster.

**Directions:** On the back of this page, list any other words from the articles 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.

# Paired Texts Vocabulary Practice

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**Directions:** Respond to each prompt below.

1. Tim's grandmother says that using a computer is daunting. How does she feel about using computers?

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2. Describe the cuisine at your favorite restaurant.

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3. Jamie says the audience at the concert she went to last night was diverse. What does she mean?

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

4. **daunting**

- Ⓐ comforting      Ⓑ scary

6. **profound**

- Ⓐ intense      Ⓑ simple

5. **diverse**

- Ⓐ similar      Ⓑ unlike

7. **cuisine**

- Ⓐ language      Ⓑ cooking

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

8. Amy's school is collecting items such as blankets, canned food, and clothing for **refugees/cuisines**.

9. Matt finds speaking in front of a large group of people to be a **diverse/daunting** experience.

10. Kara's wonderful speech had a **profound/daunting** impact on everyone in the audience.

11. The school's **diverse/profound** student body includes kids from more than 30 countries.