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Vocabulary:

"Assigned Seating in the Cafeteria?"

1. dread (dred) *verb or noun*; *Dread* means "to fear greatly" or "to be extremely reluctant." If you fear public speaking, you would dread getting up in front of your class and giving a presentation.

Dread can also be used as a noun to refer to great fear or unease. Before you give your presentation, you might be filled with dread.

2. exclude (ek-SKLOOD) *verb*; To exclude someone or something is to keep that person or thing from joining or taking part in something. If your friends are over and you are playing a board game, your mom might ask you not to exclude your little sister from the game.

3. privilege (PRIV-uh-lij or PRIV-lij) *noun*; A privilege is a special right or advantage given to a person or group of people. For example, at some high schools, older students are given the privilege of going out for lunch instead of having to eat on campus in the cafeteria.

4. socialize (SOH-shuh-lahyz) *verb*; To socialize means to associate or mingle with others. When you are hanging out with your friends, you are socializing. You are also socializing when you talk to a group of people you don't know at an event, such as a dance or party.

5. usher (UHSH-er) *noun or verb*; As a noun, *usher* refers to a person who leads people to their seats at an event such as a concert, play, or religious service.

As a verb, *usher* means "to lead someone or something to a place." When you are visiting someone at the hospital, a nurse might usher you into the patient's room. *Usher in* means "to celebrate the beginning of something." Many people have parties on December 31 to usher in the New Year.

Directions: 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

"Assigned Seating in the Cafeteria?"

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

1. Which would more likely be considered a **privilege**?

- Ⓐ taking the garbage out on Saturday mornings
- Ⓑ getting to stay out late on Halloween

2. Which word is MOST similar in meaning to **exclude**?

- Ⓐ ban
- Ⓑ accept

3. Where would you be more likely to find **ushers**?

- Ⓐ a theater
- Ⓑ a library

4. Where would it likely be easier to socialize?

- Ⓐ in the middle of a graduation ceremony
- Ⓑ at your friend Emily's birthday party

5. Which would someone likely dread?

- Ⓐ having a cavity filled
- Ⓑ having a refreshing drink on a hot day

6. Which word is LEAST similar in meaning to **privilege**?

- Ⓐ disadvantage
- Ⓑ honor

Directions: Write three sentences that each include a word or words from the list of vocabulary words on page 1 of this activity (including any words you added).

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