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# Drama Vocabulary

1. **discrimination** (dis-krim-ih-NAY-shuhn) *noun*; Discrimination is the unfair treatment of a group of people because of their race, gender, religion, age, or other characteristic.
2. **feverishly** (FEE-vur-ish-lee) *adverb*; To do something feverishly is to do it with intense emotion—like strong excitement or worry—and/or activity. If you say that Lena and Ruth worked feverishly to prepare for the grand opening of their restaurant, you mean that they worked long hours, racing from one task to the next, as they tried to get everything ready in time.
3. **fleeting** (FLEET-ing) *adjective*; Something that is fleeting lasts only a short time; it passes by quickly. For example, if you spotted a deer just as it darted into the woods, you could say that you caught a fleeting glimpse of the deer.
4. **prejudice** (PREHJ-uh-diss) *noun*; Prejudice is an unfair dislike of a person or a group of people because of their race, religion, nationality, or other characteristic. It is *prejudgment*: making a judgment before you have information on which to base your judgment.
5. **prolific** (pruh-LIF-ik) *adjective*; If you are prolific, you produce a large quantity of something. If Eric posts several entries to his blog each day, you could say that he is a prolific blogger. Plants and animals can also be described as *prolific*.
6. **renaissance** (REN-uh-sahnss) *noun*; If something that was declining in popularity and importance becomes popular and important again, it is said to be having a renaissance. If you see a reference to “the Renaissance,” with a capital R, it’s a reference to the period in European history from the 14th century through the 16th century, when there was a great revival of art, literature, and learning. *Renaissance* means “rebirth” in French.
7. **resentment** (rih-ZENT-mint) *noun*; Resentment is a feeling of deep, bitter anger toward someone who has treated you unfairly or in a way that is hurtful or insulting.
8. **segregate** (SEG-ruh-gayt) *verb*; To segregate is to separate one type of thing from another. *Segregate* is most commonly used to describe separating one group of people from another—in particular, separating black people from white people.

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**Directions:** In the space below, list any other words from the play with a 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.

# Vocabulary Practice:

## *Hold Fast to Dreams*

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**Directions:** Underline the boldfaced word in each pair that best completes the sentence.

1. Star Wars fans **fleetingly/feverishly** awaited the release of *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*.
2. **Prejudice/discrimination** is an unjustified attitude; **prejudice/discrimination** is an unjustified action or behavior.
3. Zach says the key to becoming a successful songwriter is to be **fleeting/ prolific**—in other words, to write a lot of songs. He says you should write every day, even when you don't feel like it.
4. "I understand why you feel **resentment/prejudice** toward Ann," said Chelsea. "But I don't think she even knows that she offended you. You really should talk to her."
5. The company was accused of **resentment/discrimination** against women because female employees were paid less and received fewer promotions than male employees.

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

**6. Which of the following is an example of discrimination?**

- Ⓐ Mr. Smith believes that people under the age of 40 make better employees.
- Ⓑ Ms. Jones never hires anyone over the age of 40.

**7. Which of the following is an example of someone having a fleeting thought?**

- Ⓐ As Peter stood in line at the coffee shop, he briefly considered that maybe he should cut back on how much coffee he was drinking—but he quickly dismissed the idea.
- Ⓑ Jordan sat at a table drinking his coffee, thinking over and over about the conversation he'd had with Isaac that morning.

**8. Which of the following is an example of segregation?**

- Ⓐ In the 1950s, black children and white children had to go to separate schools.
- Ⓑ A man at a party told offensive jokes about certain groups of people.

**9. Which of the following is an example of a renaissance?**

- Ⓐ The art museum is having a show featuring 16th-century paintings from France and Germany.
- Ⓑ Many new restaurants, shops, and galleries opened in Pittsburgh, and a large number of people moved into the city from the suburbs.