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# Elisa's Diary

Week 5  
Vocabulary



# opponents

people who  
compete  
against each  
other

- The two **opponents** raced against each other around the track.
- We ran into our **opponents** on the practice field before our soccer match.

Do you prefer sports where **opponents** compete on teams or individually? Explain your answer.

"I prefer sports where **opponents** compete

\_\_\_\_\_ because\_\_\_\_\_."

# brutal

something  
that is  
overly rough

- Even animals could not take the **brutal** weather anymore.
- The **brutal** conditions at the beach made it so we could not have a camp fire and roast s'mores.

Thumbs up/thumbs down:  
which words have the same  
meaning as **brutal**?

- refined
- severe
- gentle
- cruel
- sensitive
- harsh

# supposedly

thought to be true without having proof

- They are supposedly going to meet us at the movies, but we are not sure if they'll actually show up.
- I am supposedly going to my grandparents house for Thanksgiving this year.

Think about the word supposedly and finish the sentence below.

"They are supposedly going to meet us at the park, but \_\_\_\_\_."

# gorgeous

very  
beautiful or  
graceful

- Male peacocks have **gorgeous** colorful feathers.
- The sunset this even was a **gorgeous** orange and pink color.

Thumbs up/thumbs down: What things below are **gorgeous** or **gorgeous** not ?

- swamp
- lake
- swan
- flower
- sunset
- mountain
- fly
- landfill
- frog
- dirty socks

# embarrassed

feeling  
ashamed or  
uncomfortable

- I was so **embarrassed** when I tripped walking up the stairs and my whole binder spilled.
- I was **embarrassed** when my friend made me laugh so hard that milk came out of my nose!

How can you tell if someone is **embarrassed**? How would they look and/or act?

"Someone might be **embarrassed** if they  
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# obvious

very  
noticeable or  
easy to see

- It was very **obvious** that she was upset when she came to class with tears on her face.
- A clear photo of the finish line makes the winner of the race **obvious**.

Thumbs up/ Thumbs down:  
which words have a similar  
meaning to **obvious**?

- clear
- hidden
- vague
- apparent
- unmistakable
- unclear

# typically

done regularly  
or always in the  
same way;  
usually

- When a large dog barks at a small child, they will typically jump back, run, or cry.
- In the morning I typically let my alarm go off a few times before getting out of bed.

What do you typically do after school?

"I typically  
\_\_\_\_\_ after  
school."



# preliminary

comes  
before the  
final or main  
event

- The team struggled in the preliminary rounds of the soccer tournament.
- The artist did many preliminary sketches before moving onto her final drawing.

What are some preliminary things you do before taking a big test?

"One preliminary thing I do before taking a big test is \_\_\_\_\_."

# sweeping

a movement  
that covers a  
wide space or  
range

- The couple made grand, **sweeping** movements as they danced across the floor.
- The winner of the election made a broad **sweeping** gesture to thank her supporters.

How would a person use **sweeping** movements to communicate in the situations below?

- in a play
- upon hearing great news
- in an argument

# officially

done with  
proper consent  
or in an  
authorized way

- The judges **officially** declared the baby lamb the winner of the first place blue ribbon.
- The workers were **officially** given permission to enter the new building.

Who are people in your community who **officially** perform duties in their job?

"One person who **officially** performs duties is a \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_."