

Vocabulary Exercises

All Thirteen

Name: _____

Vocabulary 1

Pivotal				Adjective
Forms of the Word:				
Context:	<p><i>“Many stories focus on the brave divers who pulled the boys out of the cave, but I also want to tell you about the thousands of Thai people who were <u>pivotal</u> to saving the boys’ lives” (blurb).</i></p>			
Definition:	<p>Pivotal means <i>extremely important or critical</i> such as . . .</p>			
Synonyms:				
Complex Sentence: (When _____, _____.)				

Vocabulary 2

Typical				Adjective
Forms of the Word:				
Context:	<p><i>“On the soccer fields of Mae Sai, Thailand, it sounds like a <u>typical</u> Saturday morning . . .”</i> (p. 1).</p>			
Definition:	<p>Typical means <i>showing the special characteristics of a group or kind</i> such as . . .</p>			
Synonyms:				
Complex Sentence: (Since _____, _____.)				

Vocabulary 3

Tirelessly				Adverb
Forms of the Word:				
Context:	“. . . who work <i>tirelessly</i> so their children can focus on school and soccer” (p. 4).			
Definition:	Tirelessly describes <i>an action that is done as if incapable of tiring</i> such as . . .			
Synonyms:				
Complex Sentence: (Since _____, _____, _____.)				

Vocabulary 4

Enticing				Adjective
Forms of the Word:				
Context:	<p><i>“A mountain holds power, and a cave provides a way to tap into that power. But as the story of the Sleeping Lady shows, that power can be both <u>enticing</u> and dangerous” (p. 15).</i></p> <p><i>“. . . [the Wild Boars] fall into the allure that all cavers know well: What if we go just a little farther?” (<u>enticing</u> inferred, p. 17).</i></p>			
Definition:	<p><u>Enticing</u> means <i>arousing a strong attraction or interest</i> such as . . .</p>			
Synonyms:				
Complex Sentence: (Although _____, _____.)				

Vocabulary 5

Protocol				Noun
Forms of the Word:				
Context:	<p><i>“Sangwut follows his rescue <u>protocol</u>, grabbing ropes, flashlights, and first-aid supplies, and loads up his truck in the rain. . . . When he pulls up to the parking lot . . . [he] assures the families that everything will be fine” (p. 22).</i></p>			
Definition:	<p>A protocol is a system of rules that explain the correct conduct such as . . .</p>			
Synonyms:				
Complex Sentence: (When _____, _____.)				

Vocabulary 6

Vigil				Noun
Forms of the Word:				
Context:	<p><i>“The boys’ families are emotionally drained. It’s now Monday morning, and they haven’t left Tham Luang since arriving Saturday evening. . . . Relatives and family friends hold <u>vigil</u> outside the cave. They murmur prayer after prayer in front of a shrine adorned with flowers . . .” (p. 39).</i></p>			
Definition:	<p>A vigil is a period of time when a person or group stays in one place and quietly waits, prays, and so forth, especially at night such as . . .</p>			
Synonyms:				
Complex Sentence: (When _____, _____.)				

Vocabulary 7A, Figurative Language

Faithful		Adjective
Context:	<p><i>“Sangwut climbs out of his truck and assures the families that everything will be fine. He has already called the other members of his organization, and soon the eighteen-person rescue team has set up floodlights in the entrance chamber” (faithful inferred, p. 22).</i></p> <p><i>[Rear Admiral Apakorn tells reporters] “there is no reason to fear the worst about the Wild Boars. I believe they’re all still alive . . .” (p. 41).</i></p>	
Definition:	<p>Faithful means <i>to be firm in adherence to a promise or duty</i> such as . . .</p>	
Context:	Literal Context:	Figurative Context:
Simile:	<p><i>The rescuers are as faithful and immovable as . . .</i></p>	

Vocabulary 7B, Figurative Language

Hopeful		Adjective
Context:	<p><i>“When the prayers are finished, Coach Ek tells them not to worry; the water will go down, and the parks department staff will be looking for them. One by one, the boys drift off to sleep, thinking about tomorrow, when they’ll be able to get out” (hope inferred, p. 33).</i></p> <p><i>“. . . [the boys’ families] haven’t left Tham Luang since arriving Saturday evening. ‘My son is a strong boy . . . I still have <u>hope</u>’ (p. 39).</i></p>	
Definition:	<p>Hopeful means <i>full of hope or anticipation for</i> such as . . .</p>	
Context:	Literal Context:	Figurative Context:
Simile:	<p><i>The hope of rescue is . . .</i></p>	

Vocabulary 8

Daunting				Adjective
Forms of the Word:				
Context:	<p><i>“Their task is <u>daunting</u>. The Nang Non mountain range is covered in thick jungle . . . When you stand on top of the mountain and look out, you see nothing but green . . . Add to that the muddy, slippery ground from all the rainfall, and you have downright treacherous conditions”</i> (pp. 63–64).</p>			
Definition:	<p>Daunting describes something that <i>tends to overwhelm or intimidate</i> such as . . .</p>			
Synonyms:				
Complex Sentence: (Due to _____, _____.)				

Vocabulary 9

Sobering				Adjective
Forms of the Word:				
Context:	<p><i>“The experience has been sobering for both Rick and John. They now know how appalling the water conditions in Tham Luang really are” (p. 77).</i></p>			
Definition:	<p>Sobering describes something <i>tending to make one thoughtful or subdued</i> such as . . .</p>			
Synonyms:				
Complex Sentence: (Because _____, _____.)				

Vocabulary 10

Innovation				Noun
Forms of the Word:				
Context:	<p><i>“On the central plains of Thailand, farmers have a lot of problems getting enough water to their crops. . . . they assemble homemade pumps to pull water out of nearby rivers and canals for their fields. Years of <u>innovation</u> . . . have resulted in some of the fastest, most efficient pumps in the country” (p. 94).</i></p>			
Definition:	<p>An innovation is <i>a new idea, method, or device</i> such as . . .</p>			
Synonyms:				
Complex Sentence: (When _____, _____.)				

Vocabulary 11

Dire				Adjective
Forms of the Word:				
Context:	<p><i>“If [the boys] have to go on much longer without food, their bodies will begin burning muscle. Any longer than that, and their internal organs will begin to shut down. . . . Once these vital organs start to suffer, death is not far behind. The boys haven’t reached that <u>dire</u> point yet” (pp. 103–4).</i></p>			
Definition:	<p>Dire means <i>desperately urgent</i> such as . . .</p>			
Synonyms:				
Complex Sentence: (Unless _____, _____.)				

Vocabulary 12

Diversión				Noun
Forms of the Word:				
Context:	<p>“. . . the team creates a barrier between the stream and the mountain so that no water will soak into the stone below. They call these barriers <u>diversion</u> structures because they <u>divert</u> water away so it won't enter the cave" (p. 116).</p> <p>“. . . the boys [set] up makeshift chess and checkers games using rocks and a playing board drawn into the sand . . . the boys relish having something to train their mind on . . .” (p. 140).</p>			
Definition:	<p>A diversion is the act of diverting from a course such as . . .</p> <p>A diversion is something that diverts or amuses such as . . .</p>			
Synonyms:				
Complex Sentence: (Even though _____, _____.)				

Vocabulary 13

Harrowing				Adjective
Forms of the Word:				
Context:	<p><i>“ . . . Rick and John refocus on the <u>harrowing</u> dive ahead of them. There is one thought they won’t allow themselves to dwell on until they are safely on dry ground again. The dive through the cave was even more difficult than they predicted . . . ”</i> (p. 133).</p>			
Definition:	<p>Harrowing means <i>acutely distressing or painful</i> such as . . .</p>			
Synonyms:				
Complex Sentence: (When _____, _____.)				

Vocabulary 14

Riveted				Adjective
Forms of the Word:				
Context:	<p><i>“It’s practically a miracle. People all over the world who are hungry for some happy news are <u>riveted</u> by this feel-good story” (pp. 135–36).</i></p> <p><i>“. . . I watched the story of the rescue unfold on 24/7 coverage . . . Once the children were found, it was all anyone could talk about . . . like most of the world, I was glued to my phone, waiting to see if the rescuers could actually make the impossible happen” (<u>riveted</u> inferred, p. 221).</i></p>			
Definition:	<p><u>Riveted</u> means <i>to be attracted to and held to something completely</i> such as . . .</p>			
Synonyms:				
Complex Sentence: (Due to _____, _____.)				

Vocabulary 15

Perilous				Adjective
Forms of the Word:				
Context:	“. . . the narrow passages would confound even the most experienced sump divers. . . . The conditions are so <u>perilous</u> . . .” (p. 159).			
Definition:	Perilous means <i>full of or involving danger</i> such as . . .			
Synonyms:				
Complex Sentence: (Although _____, _____.)				

Vocabulary 16

Gravely				Adjective
Forms of the Word:				
Context:	<p><i>“ . . . they must get the children out of the cave as soon as possible. The oxygen levels in Chamber 9 are dipping dangerously low. Unless they dive, they’ll be bringing out thirteen dead bodies,’ Vern says <u>gravely</u>” (p. 161).</i></p>			
Definition:	<p>Gravely means <i>in a sober or significantly serious manner</i> such as . . .</p>			
Synonyms:				
Complex Sentence: (Because _____, _____.)				

Vocabulary Grading Sheet

(20 pts.)

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