

VOCABULARY WORKSHEET CHAPTERS 1-2 -The Giver

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentences.

Any clues you can find in the sentences combined with your prior knowledge then write what you think the underlined words mean in the spaces provided.

1. IMMEDIATELY, the rasping voice through the speakers had said.
2. Now, thinking about the feeling of fear as he pedaled home along the river path, he remembered that moment of palpable, stomach-sinking terror when the aircraft had streaked above.
3. I guess I just got distraught watching them.
4. Apprehensive, Jonas decided. That's what I am.
5. He's a sweet little male with a lovely disposition.
6. We have him in the extra care section for supplementary nurturing, but the committee's beginning to talk about releasing him.
7. ...because it occurred to me that it might enhance his nurturing if I could call him by a name.
8. Well, it was clear to me—and my parents later confessed that it had been obvious to them, too—what my aptitude was.

Part 2 Match the vocabulary words with their dictionary definitions

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| ___ 1. rasping | A. fearful; anxious |
| ___ 2 palpable | B. easily perceived; obvious |
| ___ 3. distraught | C. a harsh, grating sound |
| ___ 4. apprehensive | D. talent |
| ___ 5. disposition | E personality |
| ___ 6. nurturing | F. improve |
| ___ 7. enhance | G. very upset; agitated |
| ___ 8. aptitude | H. helping to grow or develop |