

Read Words in Context

Vocabulary Words

attorney	objection
circumstance	occupant
conference	ordeal
conviction	popularity
enterprise	privilege
investigation	session
justice	threshold
license	

Word Learning Tip!

A **noun** names a person, a place, a thing, a quality, or an idea. The main noun is usually the subject of the sentence and tells who or what the sentence is about. Nouns may be singular or plural. Most plural nouns end in *-s*. You can use these clues to find the meaning of many unknown words.

Vocabulary Building Strategy

Use Context Clues You can find the meaning of an unfamiliar noun by thinking about all the meanings in the noun's context. All the words and sentences near the noun make up its context. You can also think about the meaning of the passage as a whole. This will help you determine a noun's meaning.

READ!

The Trial

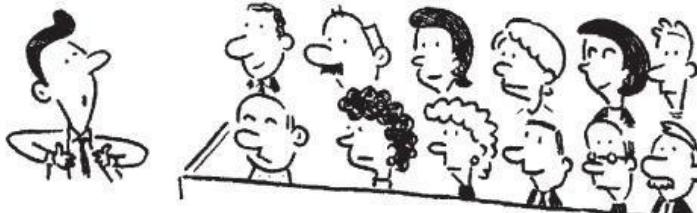
The **attorney** for the defense stood before the jury. The courtroom was hushed. The judge leaned forward, waiting for the gray-suited young lawyer to speak.

“Ladies and gentlemen,” he began, “Ms. Bolton has been accused of driving without a **license**. The fact is, she has a driver’s license, which permits her to drive a car. She merely left it home on the day a police officer stopped her. Because of this small mistake, she has been put through a terrible **ordeal**, including a police **investigation** with the police searching for the facts.”

“If this trial results in a **conviction** and Ms. Bolton loses her license, she will be unable to continue the business **enterprise** she recently started: a driving service for the disabled. Would that be **justice**? Would it be fair to anyone? No, it would be a truly sad **circumstance**, a truly unfortunate state of affairs. Ms. Bolton is a careful driver who is mindful of the **occupants** in her car. These people, as well as Ms. Bolton, would be hurt by this decision.

“Driving is a **privilege**, not a right. Not everyone deserves it. People who misuse a privilege should have it taken from them. Ms. Bolton has not misused this privilege.

“Justice is not about **popularity**. If you don’t like me because I have been loud in my **objections** during this trial, don’t take it out on Ms. Bolton. She is a good citizen whose business is just on the **threshold** of success. She is on the brink of making her enterprise pay off. When you go into the jury room for your **conference** at the end of this court **session**, please vote not guilty.”



Connect Words and Meanings

attorney	conviction	justice	occupant	privilege
circumstance	enterprise	license	ordeal	session
conference	investigation	objection	popularity	threshold

Directions Find the vocabulary word that fits each definition below. Write it on the line. You may use the glossary at the back of the book to help you.

Definition	Word
1. a difficult and painful experience	_____
2. a careful search for facts	_____
3. fair treatment	_____
4. a statement or feeling of dislike or disapproval	_____
5. being well-liked or having lots of friends	_____
6. a document giving official permission permission to do something or own something	_____
7. a meeting of a group to discuss work; a period of time set aside to work on a specific activity	_____
8. the beginning point of something	_____
9. comes after one is found guilty in a trial	_____
10. someone who fills a position or lives in a place	_____