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# Paired Texts Vocabulary

1. **camaraderie (kah-muh-RAH-duh-ree)** *noun*; Camaraderie is a feeling of loyalty and friendship among the members of a group.
  
2. **diversify (dih-VUR-suh-fiy)** *verb*; To diversify something is to make it more diverse (varied). For example, if you eat peanut-butter-and-jelly sandwiches for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, you could diversify your diet by eating a wider variety of foods.
  
3. **jeopardize (JEP-er-dahyz)** *verb*; If you jeopardize something, you do something that puts it at risk. If you fail your math test, you jeopardize your overall grade in the class. If you spread rumors about a friend, you jeopardize your friendship.
  
4. **relentless (rih-LENT-lihs)** *adjective*; *Relentless* means "determined and not stopping." If your little sister texts you 20 times a day about going ice skating this weekend, you might describe her as relentless. *Relentless* is often used to describe something that continues in a harsh or unforgiving way, such as a winter storm that lasts for days.
  
5. **seismic (SIYZ-mik)** *adjective*; *Seismic* means "related to an earthquake or other vibration of the Earth." After the 2015 earthquake in Nepal, seismic activity was felt in the area for months. *Seismic* is also used to mean "huge and with a very powerful effect"—something with an effect so powerful that it's *like* an earthquake. If someone talks about a "seismic change," they mean a huge change.
  
6. **specialize (SPESH-uh-liyz)** *verb*; To specialize is to focus on one activity or area of study. For example, a doctor who specializes in the heart sees only patients with heart problems, not patients with sore throats or stomach aches.
  
7. **susceptible (suh-SEP-tuh-buhl)** *adjective*; To be susceptible to something is to be easily affected or influenced by it. Someone who is susceptible to headaches gets headaches a lot. A house that is susceptible to flooding is likely to flood whenever it rains. If you are susceptible to flattery, you are easily influenced by compliments.
  
8. **vigil (VIJ-uhl)** *noun*; A vigil is staying alert—often at night—while watching for something or someone. You might keep vigil waiting for your dog to give birth to puppies. A vigil is also a way to commemorate someone's death, especially if it was sudden and unexpected. A community might hold a candlelight vigil for someone who died tragically.

## Vocabulary Acquisition

PAIRED TEXTS: "Playing With Pain" and

"Travel Team Heartbreak," pages 11-17

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**Directions:** In the space below, list any other words from either of the paired texts whose definitions 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(s) of the word with your teacher or another adult. Then write a definition for the word and one example sentence.

# Paired Texts Vocabulary Practice

**Directions:** Answer each question below. Briefly explain your answer.

1. Which event do you think created seismic change: the invention of the light bulb or the release of the latest version of Candy Crush?

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Why:** \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Which do you think is more likely to be susceptible to leaking: a brand new boat or a very old boat?

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Why:** \_\_\_\_\_

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3. When would you keep vigil: while waiting for news about your brother who got into a serious accident or while waiting for your popcorn to pop in the microwave?

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Why:** \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Which is relentless: a dog barking for hours or a cup of hot tea?

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Why:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Directions:** Choose the sentence that provides the best example of the word in bold.

## 5. **jeopardize**

- Ⓐ If the football team doesn't win more games soon, they risk losing their chance to compete in the championship.
- Ⓑ The football team has not won a single game all season.
- Ⓒ If the football team continues to win, they will probably win the championship.

## 6. **specialize**

- Ⓐ The bakery makes all kinds of baked goods.
- Ⓑ The bakery makes only cupcakes.
- Ⓒ The bakery doesn't make very good cupcakes.

## 7. **diversify**

- Ⓐ Katie wore only black clothes the entire year.
- Ⓑ Katie used to wear only black clothes, but then she started wearing blue, green, and red clothes too.
- Ⓒ Katie got a lot of hand-me-downs from her older sister.

## 8. **camaraderie**

- Ⓐ Tim went on a group hike. Unfortunately, the people in the group didn't get along very well.
- Ⓑ Tim went on a hike by himself.
- Ⓒ The hiking trip was tough, but Tim and the others on the hike cheered each other on. They ended up having a great time.