

"The Lottery" Vocabulary

Directions: Write what you predict the word means. Write the actual definition. Find the word in the text and write the sentence it is used in. WRITE ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER AND STABLE TO THIS!

1. *Profusely*

- a. Prediction:
- b. Definition:
- c. Used in the text:

2. *Duly*

- a. Prediction:
- b. Definition:
- c. Used in the text:

3. *Scold*

- a. Prediction:
- b. Definition:
- c. Used in the text:

4. *Soberly*

- a. Prediction:
- b. Definition:
- c. Used in the text:

5. *Gravely*

- a. Prediction:
- b. Definition:
- c. Used in the text:

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6. *Anxiety*

- a. Prediction:
- b. Definition:
- c. Used in the text:

7. *Placid*

- a. Prediction:
- b. Definition:
- c. Used in the text:

8. *Consoling*

- a. Prediction:

- b. Definition:
- c. Used in the text:

9. *Hospitality*

- a. Prediction:
- b. Definition:
- c. Used in the text:

10. *Peculiar*

- a. Prediction:
- b. Definition:
- c. Used in the text:

Name: _____

Guided Reading Questions

"The Lottery" by Shirley Jackson

Questions from the Reading: Answers can be found directly in the story

1. What day does the lottery take place on in the town in the story? Describe the kind of day.
2. How many people lived in the town?
3. How long does the lottery take?
4. What did the boys put in their pockets?
5. What did Mr. Summers bring to the center of town?
6. What did Mr. Graves bring to the center of town?
7. Describe the black box.
8. The _____ had been replaced with slips of paper.
9. Who is the official of the lottery?
10. Who was late to the lottery?
11. How old do the males need to be to draw for the head of the household?
12. What does Old Man Warner say about those that want to stop doing the lottery?
13. Who has the lottery ticket?
14. How does the wife respond? Who does she think should be included in her family?
15. Predict: Do you think people want to pick the lottery ticket? Why?
16. What do all the Hutchinson kids have to do now?
17. What have the villagers not forgotten?

18. What do Mrs. Hutchinson and Mrs. Dunbar start to do?

19. What happens to Mrs. Hutchinson at the end?

Making Connections: Inferential Questions and Interpretations

1. What do you think is the purpose of the lottery in the village? Why do you think people continue to participate in it?
2. Why do you think the lottery is such a long-standing tradition in the village?
3. Does this compare to anything you know in real life? Explain
4. How do you think the people of the village feel about the lottery? Explain
5. What would you have done in Tessie Hutchinson's situation? Explain
6. How did you feel about the lottery at the end of the story? What was your reaction?
7. How did your initial understanding of the term "lottery" compare to the lottery in the story? Why is this **ironic**?
8. What was the **theme** of the story? What was the message? What is the literary term for a story that has a moral lesson?