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Words to Know SkillBuilder

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chaotic	ethnicity	inevitably	ironically	specify
convoluted	exotic	initial	merge	usher

A. Write the word from the list that best describes or defines each sentence or phrase below.

1. A person who is unusual in an interesting way might be called this. _____
2. An auditorium filled with a lot of unruly movement and noise _____
3. Another word for *complicated* _____
4. Where your ancestors come from determines this. _____
5. A shorter way of saying, "It was bound to happen." _____
6. Oddly enough _____
7. First or immediate response _____
8. When two roads or two paths come together, they do this. _____
9. When you want something done in an exact way, it is good to do this. _____
10. To lead into a theater _____

B. Write about what it might be like for Julia Alvarez to come into the United States as an immigrant from the Dominican Republic in the 1990s. Use at least **five** Words to Know in your writing.

Definition and Restatement Clues*More Practice*

<i>limber</i>	<i>unite</i>	<i>recollection</i>	<i>violate</i>	<i>rummage</i>
<i>erupt</i>	<i>exposure</i>	<i>gauge</i>	<i>wilt</i>	<i>compassionate</i>

B. Vocabulary Words in Action

For each sentence, choose the correct word from the vocabulary list above. Remember to read each sentence using the vocabulary word you choose to make sure it fits the overall meaning. Use a dictionary if needed.

1. If you _____, or disobey, the agreement, you will be punished for it. Don't expect us to be gentle and _____ with you!
2. Stretching before you exercise will help make your joints more _____, or able to be stretched.
3. Dad will _____ in anger when he finds out what we did. He will be like a volcano!
4. According to my _____, I haven't been sick in ages. My memory isn't perfect, though.
5. For a science experiment, we will _____, or measure, this month's rainfall.
6. We must _____ on this issue and work together.
7. The spy decided to _____ and search through files. She was looking for secrets worthy of _____—bringing into the open.
8. After working for hours under this hot sun, I am about to _____—and faint!

B. Vocabulary Challenge

Use a dictionary to look up definitions for the italicized words. Then rewrite each sentence to include context clues that would help a reader understand what the vocabulary word means.

1. Water damage caused our floorboards to *warp*.

2. She liked to use *vivid* colors in her paintings.

3. If you don't want the sweater, you can bring it back to the store for a full *refund*.

4. In case of a flood, make sure you have enough *provisions* to last a week.

5. It was a common *trait* of hers to laugh uncontrollably for no reason.
