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## “Seventh Grade” Contextual Vocabulary

Directions: Based on each sentence’s meaning, place the appropriate vocabulary word in the blank. Only one word fits in each sentence; this is called a Cloze-text exercise.

1. Because he was shy, Mimobambino \_\_\_\_\_ entered the classroom.

2. This year, Rita chose Italian as her \_\_\_\_\_ class for her schedule. After school on Wednesdays, she must attend \_\_\_\_\_ at Saint Eugene’s.

3. My cat, Mr. Drummydoodles, \_\_\_\_\_ ed his way into the kitchen by walking backwards through the door, and in \_\_\_\_\_ Mom and Dad yelled, “Get out now!”

4. Fantulino became nervous and \_\_\_\_\_ ed when the gigantic quarterback \_\_\_\_\_ ed at him with great \_\_\_\_\_ or anger.

5. After spending three full days at the Krispy Kreme donut shop, Mr. C. seemed more \_\_\_\_\_ than usual, and he was truly \_\_\_\_\_ that none of his clothes fit anymore.

6. Susina, Yada, and Marta found walking through the snow difficult; in fact, they \_\_\_\_\_ ed their way to school, and Yada \_\_\_\_\_ complaints so that Susina and Marta could not hear.

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7. Our teacher truly believes the \_\_\_\_\_ that his 7<sup>th</sup> graders are awesome students.

8. Because we want to purchase our wristbands for the carnival, we will not \_\_\_\_\_ at the mall today.

9. The carnival usually \_\_\_\_\_ with crowds of kids, their parents, and their grandparents.

## Antonyms

### Select the antonym or opposite meaning for each word.

1. Sheepishly: SHYLY      QUIETLY      MODESTLY      DEMANDINGLY
2. Trudge:      GLIDE      MOPE      MOVE SLOWLY      WALK WITH EFFORT
3. Ferocity:      BENEVOLENCE      FEAR      ANGER      HATRED
4. Portly:      HUGE      ENORMOUS      TINY      GIGANTIC
5. Bluff:      TELL LIES      TELL THE TRUTH      PRETEND      FAKE
6. Embarrassed      WITH CONFIDENCE      ASHAMED      AWKWARD      UNEASY
7. Mumbled      INDISTINCT SPEECH      MURMUR      SHOUT      MUTTER

### Circle the word or phrases that do not fit in the group.

8. Scowl      Growl      Yell      Grin
9. Conviction      Belief      Certainty      Disbelief
10. Quiver      Shake      Tremble      Remain still
11. Elective      Italian      Math      Home      Economics
12. Sheepishly      Shyly      Boldly      Timidly
13. Bustle      Dynamic      Full      Active      Relaxed
14. Harmony      Unison      Discord      Accord
15. Catechism      Church      Math Class      Religion      Class

**“Seventh Grade” Vocabulary and Citations**  
**(You may do this on the back of this handout)**

1. Find each of the vocabulary words from the list below in the context of the short story on page 6 of the Read XL book.
2. Then, copy the sentence in which the word appears. Use quotations around the sentences you copy from the story, and place **citation parentheses** after each quote.
3. Finally, **underline** the word in the sentence that you copied.

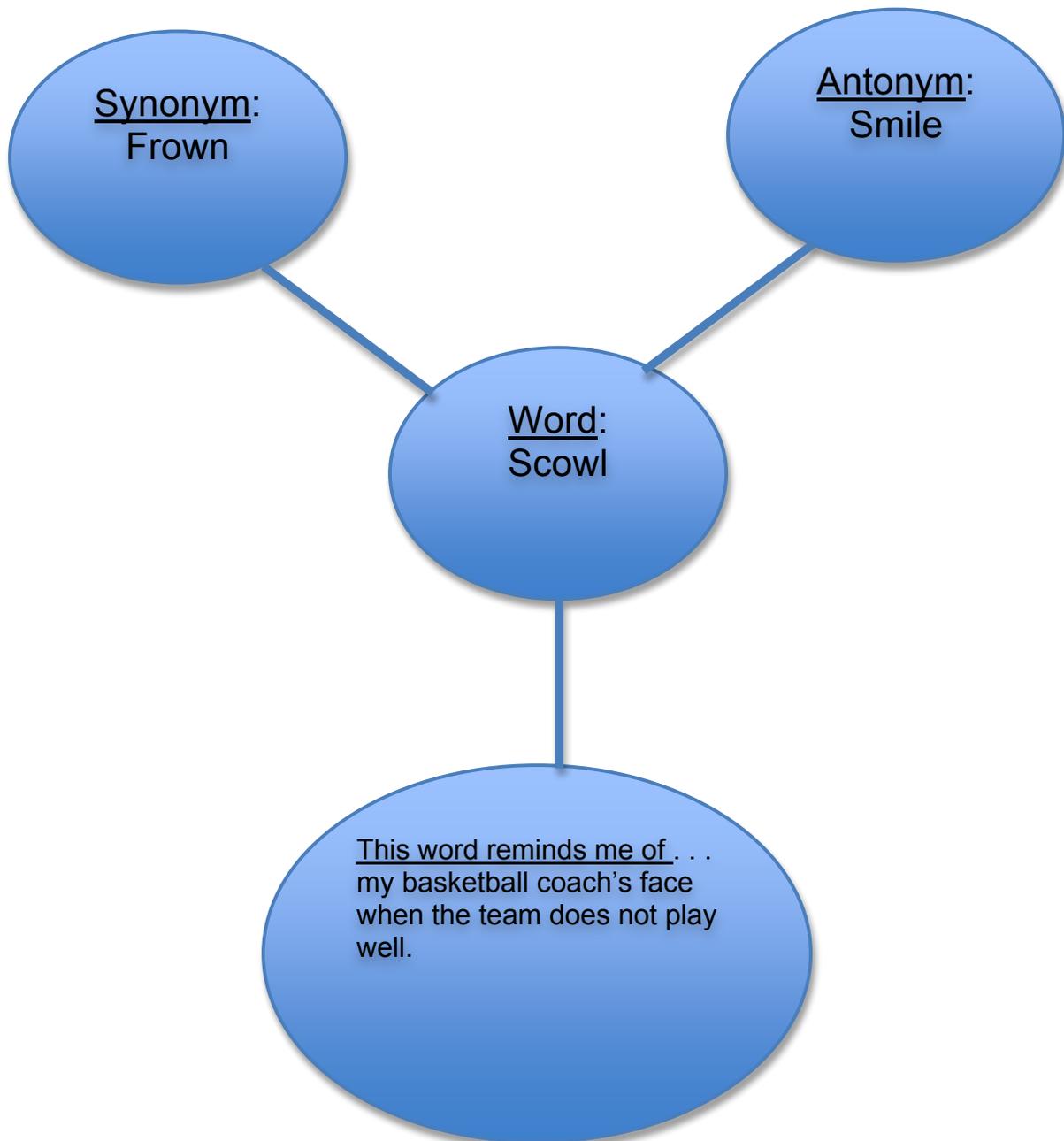
**Use the model below to guide your work.**

Model—“He was handed a packet of papers and a computer card on which he listed his one elective, French” (Soto 32).

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## Word Web for “Seventh Grade” Vocabulary

Make a word web with the following information for ten words from the list above. **You will create a total of ten separate webs.**



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