“Seventh Grade” Vocabulary

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5. ferocity  fierceness, anger
6. conviction  firm belief
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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.
7. Our teacher truly believes the ________________ that his 7th 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.

Word: Scowl

Synonym: Frown

Antonym: Smile

This word reminds me of . . . my basketball coach’s face when the team does not play well.