**Robust Vocabulary Explanations—Theme 5**

Lesson 19

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| rapidly | If you are walking rapidly, you are walking very fast. |
| devious | A devious person is not being truthful and might try to trick you. |
| courteous | Someone who is courteous is very polite. |
| gullible | If you believe everything you hear, even very silly things, you are gullible. |
| hastily | If you do things hastily, you are doing them in a big hurry. |
| unreasonable | If you are unreasonable, you do things that don’t make sense. |

Lesson 20

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| grumbling | If you are grumbling, you are complaining or letting others know you are unhappy about something. |
| chided | If I chided you, I corrected you. |
| realized | If you realized something you suddenly understood or knew it. |
| bitterly | A place that is bitterly cold is very, very cold. |
| dwelling | A dwelling is a place where people live. |
| amusement | If you do something for amusement, you do it for fun. |

Lesson 21

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| sympathy | When you let others know you are sorry they feel bad, you are showing sympathy. |
| sensitive | If you are sensitive, you care about other people’s feelings. |
| devoted | If you are devoted to someone, you love and want to take care of that person. |
| alarmed | If you are alarmed, you feel scared or worried. |
| mysterious | If something is mysterious, it is strange or puzzling. |
| overjoyed | When you are overjoyed, you are very, very happy. |

Lesson 22

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| incident | An incident is something unusual that happens and often is an accident. |
| gradual | If something happens in a gradual way, it happens slowly. |
| downpour | A downpour is a large amount of rain that falls in a short time. |
| seek | When you seek something, you look for or try to find it. |
| oblivious | If you are oblivious to something, you do not see it or realize it is happening. |
| indecisive | When you are indecisive, you cannot make up your mind about something. |

Lesson 23

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| asserted | If you asserted something, you said in a strong way what you believe. |
| offended | If you feel offended, you feel hurt or upset by something someone did or said. |
| retorted | If you retorted, you answered in an angry way to something someone else said. |
| congenial | A congenial person is very nice and friendly. |
| congregate | When people congregate at a place, they gather there and spend time there. |
| cheerful | When you are happy and smiling, people say you are cheerful. |

Lesson 24

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| pleased | When you are pleased with something, you are happy with it. |
| joy | When you feel joy, you feel very happy. |
| stammered | If I stammered, I had a hard time speaking. I kept stopping and repeating the same sounds without even knowing it. |
| puzzling | When something is puzzling, it is confusing. |
| probing | When you are probing, you are searching for answers. |
| unrelenting | When you are unrelenting, you do not give up until you do what you wanted to do. |