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Ruth had disagreed—and worked—her way into being a lawyer and professor.

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ALL ANSWER KEYS NOT PICTURED, BUT ARE INCLUDED

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Use the text and picture clues to help you infer the meaning of these words.

WORD PART OF SPEECH BOOK CLUES YOUR DEFINITION

prejudice noun There were signs not allowing types of people opinion not based on someone's character

protested verb Ruth is left-handed and didn't write with her right took a stand or showed disapproval

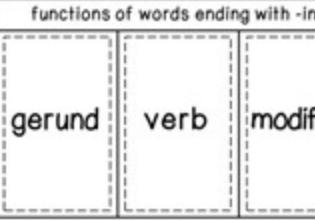
objected verb Ruth didn't sing well until teacher stopped her said something to disagree

excluded verb she made friends, but others didn't like Jewish girls kept out or not included

concur verb Ruth's family didn't find it strange that she didn't cook agree

dissent verb When Ruth didn't agree, she wrote about her opinion disagree or oppose

GERUNDS
Gerunds are words that are typically verbs, but they act as nouns. They always end with -ing. Gerunds can be the subject of the sentence or an object (such as, a preposition). Sometimes, the words ending with -ing can also be modifiers, helping to describe a noun. Cut out the activity and glue it into your notebook, cutting up so there are three flaps. Under each flap, glue the sentences that match the function listed on the front.



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Describe major events in each stage of Ruth's life.

EARLY LIFE
Ruth lived in Brooklyn with many other immigrants. Ruth's mother helped her to see and believe that girls could do anything. She excelled at school, just as cooking, sewing, or singing. Ruth's mother died the day before graduation.

COLLEGE & LAW SCHOOL
Ruth was one of few girls that went to college. She met her husband, Martin. People did not think Ruth should go to law school. Ruth and Martin were married and had a baby. Jane excelled in law school.

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Describe Ruth's character in the text through her thought actions.

PRESIDENT DAY
Ruth is still a justice of the Supreme Court. She is the oldest member of the Supreme Court. Ruth makes change happen and helps change people's minds.

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Sketch an illustration from the book, and explain how it helped support the mood of the text.

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could be the page with the signs announcing prejudice

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SHADES OF MEANING

Place the vocabulary words in the boxes to demonstrate their shades of meaning, and explain why you put each word where you did.

protest object concur dissent

AGREE

ACCEPT

BELIEVE

KNOW

disagree

dislike

dislike

Do these situations demonstrate the word correctly? Why or why not?

1. Jake revealed his prejudice when he wouldn't allow girls to join his club.
X yes ... no

He formed an opinion based on gender and not the person

If she loved books, she wouldn't show disapproval

3. Joona wasn't tired, so she objected an early bedtime.
X yes ... no

She would say she didn't want to go to bed

4. Rhoda excluded the neon pink beads because she loves bright colors.
... yes X no

She wouldn't leave out neon colors if she likes bright colors

You agree people are heroes for saving lives

A Fair judge won't agree with a law that isn't fair

5. People believe the firefighters who save lives are heroes, and I concur.
X yes ... no

6. Fair judge will dissent from an unfair law.
X yes ... no

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7. Someone who has prejudice about boys would most likely be ... to boys.

a. caring b. cruel c. cooperative

8. Someone who doesn't like vegetables would most likely object ... to carrots.

a. carrots b. watermelon c. ice