Vocabulary:
“Does TikTok Belong in School?”

1. **associate** (uh-SOH-she-eyt) **verb**; As it is used in the article, *associate* means “to connect one person or thing with something else in one’s mind.” For example, you might associate fries with hamburgers and expect them to come together at a restaurant. Many people associate memories with certain songs; when they hear a song, it reminds them of an experience from their past.

2. **excessive** (ik-SES-iv) **adjective**; Something excessive is over the top and more than what is necessary or reasonable. Most people would agree that $50 is an excessive amount to charge for a pizza. If you eat an excessive amount of candy, you might get a stomachache.

3. **frivolous** (FRIV-uh-luhs) **adjective**; If something is frivolous, it is silly, unimportant, and unnecessary; it doesn’t have any serious purpose or value. Some might consider a taco costume for a cat to be frivolous.

4. **prohibit** (proh-HIB-it) **verb**; To prohibit something is to forbid it or not allow it. Many states prohibit smoking in public places. Your parents might prohibit your older brother from staying out past a certain time at night.

**Directions:** Below or on the back of this page, list any other words from the article whose definitions you are not sure about. For each word, use context clues to try to figure out the meaning. Then look up the word in a few different dictionaries. Discuss the primary meaning of the word with your teacher or another adult. Then write a definition for the word and one example sentence using the word.
Vocabulary Practice
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Directions: Choose the best answer to each question.

1. Which could be considered a frivolous purchase?
   □ a pair of socks to replace a pair that is worn-out and full of holes
   □ a life-sized toy unicorn that sprays glitter out of its horn

2. Which could be considered excessive?
   □ arriving 15 minutes early for a movie
   □ arriving 2 hours early for a movie

3. Which is more likely to be prohibited at school?
   □ leaving campus before the end of the day
   □ turning your homework in on time

Directions: Below are summaries for imaginary TV shows. Read each summary, then fill in the blank with the best word to complete the show’s title. Briefly explain your choices.

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4. After finding gum stuck under several desks, the principal decided to prohibit/associate the chewing of gum in class.

5. My grandma spends a(n) frivolous/excessive amount of money on outfits for her poodle Louis. The dog has more clothes than me!

6. I prohibit/associate lemonade with summertime, so it seemed strange to me to have lemonade on such a cold day.

7. Whether it’s collecting frogs, organizing closets, or decorating for the holidays, the people on this show take things to the extreme.
   Title: ________________ Pursuits
   Why I chose this word: __________________________
   __________________________
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8. Throughout U.S. history, there have been laws against all kinds of surprising things. Learn about some of them in this entertaining series.
   Title: Sorry, but That’s ________________
   Why I chose this word: __________________________
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9. A Hollywood insider reveals some of the totally useless but very expensive items that celebrities have spent their money on.
   Title: Lifestyles of the Rich and ________________
   Why I chose this word: __________________________
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