Vocabulary:
“I Live in a Refugee Camp”

1. *arduous* (AHR-joo-uhs) *adjective*; A task that is arduous is very difficult. It requires a lot of physical or mental effort. Running 20 miles is arduous. Relaxing in a comfortable chair is not.

2. *durable* (DUHR-uh-buhl) *adjective*; Something that is durable is strong and lasts a long time, even with frequent use. A pair of sneakers is more durable than a pair of flip-flops, which can fall apart easily.

3. *famine* (FAHM-in) *noun*; A famine is a severe shortage of food that affects many people over a wide area. During a famine, much of a population goes hungry and many people die of starvation and disease. Famines are usually caused by a combination of factors such as drought, crop failure, war, and poor decisions made by governments.

4. *inadequate* (in-AD-uh-kwit) *adjective*; If something is adequate (AD-uh-kwit), there’s enough of it. You might be late to school if you don’t leave yourself adequate time walk to the bus stop. *Adequate* can also mean “good enough.” A metal folding chair is not that comfortable, but it is an adequate option for sitting.

   The prefix in– means “not.” Something that is inadequate is not adequate—it’s lacking in the quality or quantity required. A thin T-shirt might be inadequate on a chilly evening. If you check out a really long book at the library, you might find the two-week loan period inadequate.

5. *integrate* (IN-tih-greyt) *verb*; To integrate means “to combine two or more things into a whole, or to make one person or thing part of another group or thing.” The members of a group might do research separately and then integrate their work for a presentation. To integrate things is to bring them together.

6. *landmark* (LAND-mahrk) *noun*; One meaning of landmark is “an event, achievement, or change that marks a turning point or an important stage in something.” When the first two humans landed on the moon in 1969, it was a landmark in space exploration. A landmark moment in history is one that shapes history—in other words, that has a major effect on the future. A landmark law is a law that causes some sort of big change in society.
7. **nongovernmental organization** (NAHN-guhv-ern-MEN-tuhl awr-guh-nuh-ZEY-shuhn) *noun*; A nongovernmental organization, often referred to as an NGO, is a group that is not part of a government but that does some of the things a government does in order to help people. For example, an NGO might help people get better health care, education, or access to clean water. NGOs are nonprofit organizations, meaning their main purpose is something other than making money for the organization’s owners. The American Red Cross is an NGO that provides emergency assistance and disaster relief in the United States.

8. **perilous** (PEHR-uh-luhs) *adjective*; The noun *peril* (PEHR-uh-l) means “serious and immediate danger.” Something that is *perilous* is full of danger or risk. Blizzards can cause perilous driving conditions: They can make it very hard to see the road.

9. **relish** (REL-ish) *verb*; If you relish something, you really enjoy it and appreciate it. The USA women’s soccer team relished their moment of glory after winning the 2019 World Cup, staying on the field to delight in the cheering crowd and falling confetti. If you’ve been tired all day, you might relish an afternoon nap.

10. **remote** (rih-MOHT) *adjective*; Something that is remote is far away and hard to get to. A fishing village located on a tiny island in the middle of the ocean could be described as remote.

11. **resettle** (ree-SET-uhl) *verb*; Resettle means “to move to another place to live” or “to be helped or forced to move to another place to live,” as in:

   “Patrick’s family left Ireland and resettled in the United States in the 1800s.”

**Directions:** 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 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 word or phrase that is most similar in meaning to each word in bold.

1. **famine**
   - A plenty
   - B shortage

2. **integrate**
   - A mix
   - B separate

3. **landmark**
   - A meaningless moment
   - B important moment

4. **perilous**
   - A safe
   - B dangerous

5. **resettle**
   - A move
   - B stay

**Directions:** Fill in the circle next to the best answer to each question.

6. Which is an arduous task?
   - A eating an ice cream sundae
   - B walking two miles through deep snow

7. Tim doesn’t like to sit still. He enjoys physical challenges. Which activity would he relish?
   - A competing in an obstacle-course race
   - B sitting through a 10-hour movie marathon

8. Which place is remote?
   - A a house 80 miles from the nearest town
   - B a house in a big city

9. Which is a nongovernmental organization?
   - A Amazon, the world’s most profitable online business
   - B Doctors Without Borders, a group that provides free medical aid to those who need it most

**Directions:** Complete each unfinished sentence in a way that makes the meaning of the boldfaced word clear.

10. The cake recipe said to **integrate** the eggs and the vanilla, so I __________________________

11. We had an **inadequate** amount of food and drink on movie night because __________________________

12. This backpack is very **durable**. I __________________________