

Grade 6 Vocabulary Reading Passage

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Instructions:

Read the passage carefully. Pay attention to how each vocabulary word is used in context. After reading, you will write sentences using these words.

The Island Doctor's Journey

Dr. Maria Santos had always dreamed of traveling the world, but she never imagined her **journey** would take her to such a remote location. As a doctor, she had spent years working in the busy hospitals of her home **province**, earning a comfortable **salary** that allowed her to save **million** of dollars over time. However, money alone could not bring her happiness. She wanted to make a real difference in people's lives.

One day, Maria received an urgent message from a **tropical** island in the Pacific Ocean. The **islanders** desperately needed medical help, as their only doctor had recently **passed away**. **Unless** someone came to help them soon, many people would suffer without proper medical care. Maria knew she had to go, even though it meant leaving behind her **luxurious** apartment and comfortable lifestyle.

The trip to the island was an adventure in itself. **Whereas** wealthy tourists might travel to such places on a fancy **yacht**, Maria had to take a small plane and then transfer to a simple wooden **raft** for the final part of her journey. The contrast was striking—she was **somewhat** nervous about the rough waters, but her determination kept her going. She believed it was her **fate** to help these people, and her strong **faith** in doing good work gave her courage.

When Maria arrived, she found the island to be a **pleasant** surprise. The air was **pure**, free from the pollution and **impurities** of city life. The local people welcomed her warmly, and she quickly set up a small clinic. Her **primary** goal was to **diagnose** and treat the sick villagers who had been waiting for medical attention.

Maria soon discovered that **among** the island's population, there were several different groups. Some families had lived there for generations, while others were more **nomadic**, moving between islands seasonally. She had to **categorize** the different health needs of each group to provide the best care possible. The island had become a **refuge** for people seeking a simpler life, away from the stress of modern cities.

One of her most challenging cases involved a young boy who had a mysterious illness. Maria had to **admit** that she was initially puzzled by his symptoms. She ran several tests and carefully studied the results. **Therefore**, after much investigation, she was able to identify the problem and begin treatment. The boy's recovery brought joy to the entire community.

As weeks turned into months, Maria realized that helping these islanders was worth more than any amount of money—even a **billion** dollars couldn't buy the satisfaction she felt. She often thought about how different her life had become. Back home, she had used computer **simulation** programs to practice complex medical

procedures in **simulated** environments. Here, she relied on her basic skills and instincts.

Looking at her reflection in the mirror one evening, Maria barely recognized the **figure** staring back at her. She had changed so much during her time on the island. She had found her true purpose, and she knew that this experience would shape the rest of her life. The islanders had given her far more than she had given them—they had shown her what truly mattered in life.

Dr. Maria Santos decided to stay on the island permanently, choosing to **favor** a life of service over material wealth. Her story inspired many other doctors to volunteer in remote areas, proving that one person's choice can make a difference in the world.

Vocabulary Exercise

Write a complete sentence using each vocabulary word. Your sentence should show that you understand the meaning of the word.

1. unless

2. whereas

3. among

4. therefore

5. somewhat

6. favor

7. diagnose

8. passed away

9. pure

10. impurities

11. categorize

12. tropical

13. admit

14. yacht

15. raft

16. luxurious

17. islanders

18. simulation

19. simulated

20. fate

21. faith

22. pleasant

23. salary

24. journey

25. figure (noun)

26. billion

27. million

28. province

29. nomadic

30. refuge

31. primary
