



Read the article to find the meanings of these words, which are also in "Langston Hughes: Poet of the People":

- ◆ concerned
- ◆ decent
- ◆ stable
- ◆ strive
- ◆ pleading
- ◆ tensely
- ◆ paces
- ◆ opportunities

Vocabulary Strategy

Word Structure gives us clues about a word's meaning. The meaning often changes when a prefix or a suffix is added to a root word. Look at the word *concerned*. Review the suffix *-ed* and the root word *concern* to figure out the word's meaning.

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Vocabulary

Warm-Up

"I'm really **concerned** about our new business," Miguel said.

"What do you mean?" asked Jamar, puzzled. "We have been bringing in a **decent** amount of money, haven't we?"

"Yes, the income has been **stable** so far," Miguel admitted. "It is the future I am worried about."

"You've lost me, buddy," said Jamar.

"When we started Wash-N-Walk six months ago, everyone wanted us to groom and exercise their dogs," said Miguel.

"We had to **strive** to keep up with all our customers. Now, it seems like we are **pleading** with people for business."

Jamar laughed.



"What's so funny?" Miguel asked **tensely**.

"I'm sorry," Jamar said smiling. "You just remind me of my dad. He always **paces** back and forth like you are doing now. But I will tell you what is happening. We started our business late in the fall. The setting was perfect. People were too busy to wash their dogs, and it was too cold to get out and walk them. Now summer is on the way. People want to be outside. But in six months, we will be back in business!"

"That makes sense," Miguel said. "But what are we going to do in the meantime?"

"Well, we can either take the summer off," Jamar said, "or we can think of other business **opportunities** for the warmer months."

"How about a lemonade stand?" Miguel suggested.

"Keep thinking, buddy!" Jamar laughed.

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Classmate Quiz

Write each of the eight vocabulary words in a notebook. Beside each word, write its definition. Study the words and definitions for a few minutes with a classmate. On another page, write only the vocabulary words. Without looking, see whether you can write the correct definition beside each word from memory. Have your classmate grade your "quiz."

Concept Vocabulary

This lesson's concept word is **consider**. *Consider* means "to think carefully about something before deciding." There are many situations in life where it is best to consider your options before making a decision. One is spending a lot of money on a certain item. What other situations can you think of where it is important to take time for consideration?

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- ◆ Use the vocabulary words on **Transparency 33** to create fill-in-the-blank sentences. Have students identify the appropriate vocabulary words. For example, "The boy was _____ with his mother to buy him the game at the toy store." *pleading*
- ◆ Discuss the concept vocabulary word *consider*. Ask students how they think the word *consider* relates to the theme Risks and Consequences. As students read the selections in this unit, encourage them to think about other words that relate to the theme.
- ◆ Have students copy the selection vocabulary and concept vocabulary words and definitions into the vocabulary section of their Writer's Notebooks. They also can include other words they think of that relate to the theme.

GAME

- ◆ Have students play the Card Game during Small-Group Time.

Differentiating Instruction

English Learner

IF . . . students need extra help with selection vocabulary, **THEN . . .** use **English Learner Support Guide**, Unit 1, Lesson 4, or use pictures, objects, drawings, or pantomime to help them visualize the words.