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Vocabulary Study

CLOZE PRACTICE

animate	dogged	formidable	indomitable	intimidate	invincible
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A. Directions: As your teacher reads each sentence, listen for the boldfaced word. Then discuss the possible meaning of the word.

1. Hearing the music will help to **animate** the little boy and interest him in the lesson.
2. His **dogged** nature led him to experiment until he found a possible cure for the condition.
3. The immense size of the wrestler made him appear a **formidable** opponent.
4. The **indomitable** spirit of the British people during the war enabled them to take hardships, such as rationing and fuel shortages, in stride.
5. The glare from the judge was an effort to **intimidate** the quarreling lawyers into silence.
6. The vaccination helped to protect them from the worst effects of the disease but did not make them **invincible**.

B. Directions: Listen as your teacher reads the story. Then complete the story, using words from the box.

Weighing in at two hundred twenty pounds and measuring over six feet tall, Aunt Bertha is a _____ presence at any family gathering. Her booming voice and her abrupt manner of speaking have been known to _____ younger relatives, who often hide to avoid catching her eye. There is no hope for them, however. Aunt Bertha is nothing if not _____ in her quest to speak to everyone present. Besides being highly social, her other contribution is to _____ the crowd, usually by introducing a highly controversial topic that results in cousins, brothers and sisters, children and parents, shouting at each other while she looks on approvingly. Attempts to exclude her from celebrations have been disastrous. With _____ spirit, she calls around until someone cracks under the pressure and gives her the time and date of the next event. Although well over eighty years old now, she seems _____ untouched by the ravages of time. The great-grandchildren are starting to believe she is going to outlive them!