**Vocabulary Unit 3**

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| **Word** | **Definition** |
| Corporation | A company recognized by law as a single body with its own powers and liabilities |
| Semicircle | **Half** of the area or circumference of a circle |
| Incredulous | Unable or unwilling to believe something or completely unconvinced by it |
| Reflex | Occurring automatically and involuntarily; An involuntary physiological reaction |
| Episode | An event that is part of but distinct from a greater whole and that often has specific significance |
| dormant | In an inactive state, when growth and development slow or cease, in order to survive adverse environmental conditions;  Temporarily inactive or not in use |
| Periodic | Recurring or reappearing from time to time |
| Eureka | Expressing triumph |
| Pseudologue | Pathological liar, making up conversation |
| lecture | An educational speech on a subject made before an audience;  A lengthy reprimand or scolding concerning something |
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| **HOMONYMS WEEK 7** | |
| **By-near**  I live by my best friend. | **Bye-automatically advanced in a tournament**  The Bears had a bye last week.  I said good-bye to my visitors.  **Buy-to purchase**  I need to buy new pencils. |
| **It’s – the contraction of it is**  It’s a fact that sugar if sweet. | **Its-the possessive form of it**  The minnow has teeth in its throat. |
| **Loose-free or untied**  My pants are too loose since I lost 5 pounds. | **Lose-to fail to win**  I don’t want to lose the game.  **Loss-something lost**  My recent weight loss is very exciting. |
| **Maid-a female servant**  Our maid cleaned our hotel room each day. | **Made-past tense of make**  Sarah made me promise not to tell her secret. |

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| 1. **levity**   (Sadlier-Oxford Lvl C) | n | A lack of seriousness or earnestness, especially about things that should be treated with respect; buoyancy, lightness in weight | Giddiness, humor |
| 1. **patriarch** | noun | A man who is the head of a family or group | Father |
| 1. **pseudonym**   (Sadlier-Oxford Lvl C) | n | A pen name, a name assumed by a writer | Nom de plume, alias |
| 1. **nonentity**   (Sadlier-Oxford Lvl C) | n | A person or thing of no importance | Nobody, insignificant |
| 1. **adage**   (Sadlier-Oxford Lvl C) | Adj | A Proverb. A wise saying. | Proverb, maxim, wise saying |

**Sample Sentences**

1. The only moment of **levity** during the class came when one of the students started clucking like a chicken while working on their narrative.
2. My grandfather is the clear **patriarch** of the family.
3. For her book, the author, Ms. Creagh, decided to use a **pseudonym** and used the name Ms. Crabtree.
4. He stood there, a **nonentity**, surrounded by people of importance, feeling like nothing.
5. An old **adage** is "Cheaters never win and winners never cheat."