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Words to Know SkillBuilder

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arbitrate disproportionate iniquity subservient
ascertain fanatic predilection

A. Decide which Word to Know best completes each sentence below. Write the word on the blank line on the right. Some words may be used more than once.

An atmosphere of fear can exist when a (1) ruthlessly pursues his or her goal. _____ (1)

Mistreating those who are helpless is a special kind of (2). _____ (2)

People who feel that they have no power sometimes assume a (3) attitude. _____ (3)

Victims who have suffered serious financial losses may have to spend a (4) amount of money to resolve their situation. _____ (4)

Outside observers who do not know if attacks are valid may find the truth hard to (5). _____ (5)

Some people take their cases to court, where a judge will (6) and try to determine the truth. _____ (6)

Generally, people respect justice and have a strong (7) for following the law. _____ (7)

Respect for the law sometimes deters even someone who is overzealous, such as a (8). _____ (8)

B. Find the Word to Know that best matches each clue below. Write the word in the blank.

1. inclined that way _____

2. the need to know _____

3. witch hunt person _____

4. more than it should be _____

5. settling an argument _____

6. worthy of punishment or shame _____

7. working hard without power or authority _____

C. Choose two characters from Act One of The Crucible, and write a few lines of dialogue for them. Use at least **four** Words to Know in your dialogue.