

## Cloze to Assess Vocabulary Understanding

**DIRECTIONS:** In the blank, write the appropriate word or phrase from the list below that is the correct synonym/definition for each of the word or phrase in parentheses. To make sure that the synonym/definition makes sense, read the sentence substituting the synonym/definition for the word or phrase in parentheses.

- *showing prejudice against*
- *unplanned*
- *huge*
- *comfort*
- *bullied*
- *fell down*
- *place*
- *warned*

Ten years ago on September 11, a group of men took over two planes and flew them into the World Trade Center, a pair of skyscrapers in downtown Manhattan. (New York City) After several (enormous) \_\_\_\_\_ explosions, both buildings (collapsed) \_\_\_\_\_, killing many people. On that same day, two additional planes were hijacked by the same group. One was flown into the Pentagon in Washington, DC, while the other crashed in a field in Pennsylvania killing all on board. Though it was never proven, that last plane was thought to be on its way to the White House or the Capitol.

In the days after 9/11, people in New York City came together to (console) \_\_\_\_\_ and support each other during this difficult time. They set up (impromptu) \_\_\_\_\_ memorials to remember the victims, including some that called for peace and no war. People from other parts of the country, including children and young people, sent cards and gifts, and some came to

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the city to help out. At the same time, though, some people were (threatened) \_\_\_\_\_  
and even attacked because other people thought they looked like those who were behind the attacks.  
Political leaders, including then President George W. Bush, (cautioned \_\_\_\_\_  
that 9/11 should not be an excuse for (discriminating against) \_\_\_\_\_  
anybody. The (site) \_\_\_\_\_ where the buildings came down has been known as Ground  
Zero ever since. It has become a place for people to go and honor and remember those who were killed  
that day.

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