



## Chance Striker: One in a Million Vocabulary Worksheet

Instructions: Read the following excerpts from the book and complete the sentence from the list below. If you don't know the word in bold, use context clues to try and guess the word's meaning.

1. Ronnie laughs and hands me a photocopy of a hand-drawn, laminated map of the school. How in the world he managed that, I have no idea, but he's like that. If there's a business opportunity— like selling school maps to **traumatized**, terrified, totally lost 7th graders—he'll sniff it out.

**Traumatized means:**

- a) Hopeful
- b) Upset
- c) Sleepy
- d) Calm



2. "I think there's a better way," I say. "I've got little brothers—*twins*. And, here's the thing, everybody is always trying to treat them exactly the same. They are used to getting equal amounts of everything."

Nick's like, "So?"

I explain that our game plan against the Egg Twins is playing right into what they're used to. In my experience, if you wanna to drive a couple of twins insane, you do the opposite: you pay lots of attention to one, and zero attention to the other one.

Gum Egg will feel like the bigger threat, which will make him feel more important than No-Gum Egg. No-Gum, on the other hand, will feel **neglected** and less important.

**Neglected means:**

- a) Careful
- b) Strong
- c) Curious
- d) Ignored



3. When the game starts, I, Chance Striker, am suddenly King of the Pigeons. As soon as I begin running, pigeons come out of nowhere and start circling above me.

On my first touch, I head straight for him, the feathered **squadron** behind me.

**A squadron is a:**

- a) Group of things that swim
- b) Soccer team
- c) Group of things that fly
- d) Halloween prank



4. Instead of Monopoly, Scrabble, and all the usual stuff, Ronnie introduced the **retirees** to the joys of mobile gaming. The old-timers got hooked, but they didn't care too much about all the gems, coins, and chests they were earning. They just liked playing the games. Go figure!

**Retirees are people who:**

- a) Play sports
- b) Have jobs
- c) Run marathons
- d) Don't have jobs



5. Ronnie explains that in the world of **espionage** (cuz he's apparently some kind of expert now), blowback is what they call it when the one side plants bad info and lets the other side find it on purpose.

**Espionage means:**

- a) Spying
- b) Eating
- c) Playing soccer
- d) Calm



6. Then it hits me, that running low can be a good thing—a profitable thing. Especially at JFK Middle, which seems to be running low on a very valuable **commodity**: toilet paper. According to a special announcement by Principal Sprag, if students have to use the bathroom, they need to ask for a roll of toilet paper from Assistant Principal Freehold at the front desk. Pretty ridiculous . . . and embarrassing.

**A commodity is something that is:**

- a) Not important
- b) Made of paper
- c) White
- d) Hard to get

