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Vocabulary Divorce

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Vocabulary Divorce Teacher Key

- 1. Abandonment :** to leave completely and finally; forsake utterly; desert: to abandon one's farm; to abandon a child; to abandon a sinking ship.
- 2. Alimony:** an allowance paid to a person by that person's spouse or former spouse for maintenance, granted by a court upon a legal separation or a divorce or while action is pending.
- 3. Child Support:** the entitlement of all children to be supported by their parents until the children reach the age of majority or become emancipated -- usually by marriage, by entry into the armed forces or by living independently. Many states also impose child support obligations on parents for a year or two beyond this point if the child is a full-time student.
- 4. Custody:** the right of determining the residence, protection, care, and education of a minor child or children, esp. in a divorce or separation.
- 5. Socio-Economic:** relating to, or involving a combination of social and economic factors.
- 6. Selfishness:** devoted to or caring only for oneself; concerned primarily with one's own interests, benefits, welfare, etc., regardless of others.
- 7. Non-custodial:** of or being a parent who does not have sole custody of a child or who has custody a smaller portion of the time.
- 8. Promiscuous:** characterized by or involving indiscriminate mingling or association, esp. having sexual relations with a number of partners on a casual basis.
- 9. Economic stability:** the quality, state, or degree of being stable financially.
- 10. Visitation:** the right of a parent to visit a child as specified in a divorce or separation order.