**Concept Vocabulary Resource 1.7**

Decipher

Newfangled

Improvisations

Contraption

Ingenuity

Paraphernalia

**Why These Words**? These concept words help to describe Uncle Marcos’s cleverness. For example, Uncle Marcos manages to decipher an instruction manual written in English in order to build his flying machine. Uncle Marcos’s hard work and creativity in trying to understand the manual written in a foreign language tells the reader that he was totally dedicated to creating this machine.

1. How does the concept vocabulary help the reader understand Uncle Marcos as an inventor?

2. What other words in the selection describe Uncle Marcos’s inventions?

**Practice** The concept vocabulary words appear in “Uncle Marcos.” Complete each sentence with the correct word.

1. A person who prefers old-fashioned objects might not want something \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

2. A spy might have to\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a code to find the hidden message.

3. If things do not go according to plan, you might have to make \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

4. You might admire a creative person’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in solving problems.

5. People might call a strange or unusual machine a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

6. Sports \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ might include a ball, goal or basket, and uniform.

**Word Study**

Latin suffix: -ity The **Latin suffix** -ity means “state or quality of.” The author of this story refers to Severo’s legal ingenuity, or his quality of being ingenious (original, clever, and resourceful).

Use what you know about the Latin suffix -ity to answer these questions.

1. How does the Latin suffix -ity help you understand the meaning of the word ability as it is used in paragraph 5?

2. Using what you know about the Latin suffix -ity, explain what the word responsibility means. Then give an example of something that could be considered a responsibility.