**Vocabulary in Action**

**On your paper, write the vocabulary word that best fills in the blanks in the passage below**

Everyone respects Miss Strangeworth. Her gracious way of life is PROVERBIAL among townspeople, who often speak of it with pride. They gaze with RAPT pleasure at her roses. They appreciate her concern about how the library spends its APPROPRIATION She does not, however, return the respect that the townspeople feel for her. She keeps her feelings hidden, of course, and speaks INDULGENTLY to everyone. Inwardly, though, she regards her neighbors as REPREHENSIBLE people, wicked through and through. They have done few wrongs so far, but she sees their POTENTIAL evil. She believes that if this evil goes UNCHECKED, it will take over the world.

It is CONSEQUENTLY strange that the most REPREHENSIBLE, or blameworthy, actions in the story are performed by Miss Strangeworth. Her cruel letters are all based on suspicions, which she finds much easier to deal with than facts. One of the persons who receives a letter, however, gets revenge on Miss Strangeworth. This person doesn’t BANISH her, making her leave forever; the person just kills what she loves most in the world – her roses.