### Planning Sheet for Vocabulary Instruction

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| **converging** (verb or adj) | • To come together  
• to meet at a certain point | converge  
converges  
converged |
| **Spanish Support:** convergente | | |

**Example sentences:**
- If you hike in the country, you will often see converging paths, roads, and lanes.
- Two rivers or streams can converge into one.

**Activities:**
1. Provide synonyms and ask students to provide antonyms
2. Show photos of converging paths, rivers, etc.
3. If you are driving down a street and you know that three streets are converging into one, what might happen? Brainstorm with a partner; A’s go first, then B’s. Use the sentence stem:
   
   If three streets are converging, ___________________. (Oral practice only)

4. Write a sentence:
   When several roads are converging, drivers need to __________________. 

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| **belligerent** (adjective) | • unfriendly and wanting to fight  
• belli = Latin root meaning war | |
| **Spanish Support:** beligerante | | |

**Example sentences:**
- The coach turned belligerent after the referee called a 20-yard penalty on his team.
- Some people get friendly and easy-going after a few beers; others become angry and belligerent.
- The judge told the lawyer that he had better tone down his belligerent attitude, or else he would be thrown in jail for contempt of court.

**Activities:**
- Here are some antonyms for belligerent: calm, mild-mannered, and agreeable. With your partner, think of at least 3 more.
- Now think of as many synonyms for belligerent as you can in one minute.
- Can you think of a situation in which you might have to calm down someone who has become belligerent?
- Sentence frame: I might try to calm down someone who was belligerent by ___________.
- Completed example sentence frame: I might try to calm down someone who was belligerent by telling her to imagine that her grandmother just walked in the room.
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**Spanish Support:**
ferozmente

**Example sentences:**
- The winds raged ferociously during the tropical storm.
- The children were scared of their grandfather's ferocious temper.

**Activities:**
1. Synonyms for ferocious include: wild, savage, violent
   What are some antonyms for ferocious?
2. What animals do you think are ferocious? Brainstorm with your partner.
3. Show pictures of ferocious-looking animals.
4. Discuss with your partner: Why do dogs bark ferociously?
   Use the sentence stem: Dogs sometimes bark ferociously because__________________________.
5. Yes or No activity:
   a. Can you scream ferociously?
   b. Can you eat ferociously?
   c. Can you sleep ferociously?
   d. Can you yawn ferociously?
   e. Can you grab something ferociously?
   f. Can you write ferociously?
   g. Can you scratch ferociously?
6. Complete the sentence frame: One day, I was so _________ (hungry, angry, itchy) that I ___________(use past tense) ferociously.
   My example:
   One day, I was so angry at my sister that I pulled her hair ferociously.

**Review activities or activities to develop in-depth word knowledge (using multiple words):**

**Wrap-up:**
Write all new words on board or screen. Say: “I’m going to say the brief definition, and then I want the whole class to respond together, out loud, and tell me which word fits the definition. Wait until I say “what word” and then give me the answer.”
- Which word means aggressive and easy to make angry? (belligerent)
- Which word means joining together? (converging)
- Which word means wild and frightening? (ferocious)

**Relationships Among Words:**
**Ask:**
- If you constantly argued with other students, would your friends think you were ferocious or belligerent? (belligerent)
- If everyone in the school rushed toward the bathrooms at the same time, would they be converging or ferocious? (converging)
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| **Relationships Among Words:** |
| **Ask:** |
ferociously

Meaning

Use it in a sentence

Examples

Synonyms

Target word

Antonyms

Use it in a sentence

Antonyms

Examples
Darkness at Noon
Harold Krents

Blind from birth, I have never had the opportunity to see myself and have been completely dependent on the image I create in the eye of the observer. To date it has not been narcissistic.

There are those who assume that since I can’t see, I obviously also cannot hear. Very often people will converse with me at the top of their lungs, enunciating each word very carefully. Conversely, people will also often whisper, assuming that since my eyes don’t work, my ears don’t either.

For example, when I go to the airport and ask the ticket agent for assistance to the plane, he or she will invariably pick up the phone, call a ground hostess and whisper: “Hi, Jane, we’ve got a 76 here.” I have concluded that the word “blind” is not used for one of two reasons: Either they fear that if the dread word is spoken, the ticket agent’s retina will immediately detach, or they are reluctant to inform me of my condition, of which I may not have been previously aware.

On the other hand, others know that of course I can hear, but believe that I can’t talk. Often, therefore, when my wife and I go out to dinner, a waiter or waitress will ask Kit if “he would like a drink” to which I respond that “indeed he would.”

This point was graphically driven home to me while we were in England. I had been given a year’s leave of absence from my Washington law firm to study for a diploma in law at Oxford University. During the year I became ill and was hospitalized. Immediately after admission, I was wheeled down to the X-ray room. Just at the door sat an elderly woman—elderly I would judge from the sound of her voice. “What is his name?” the woman asked the orderly who had been wheeling me.

“What’s your name?” the orderly repeated to me.

“Harold Krents,” I replied.

“Harold Krents,” he repeated.

“When was he born?”

“When were you born?”

“November 5, 1944,” I responded.

“November 5, 1944,” the orderly intoned.

This procedure continued for approximately five minutes, at which point even my saintlike disposition deserted me. “Look,” I finally blurted out, “this is absolutely ridiculous. Okay, granted I can’t see, but it’s got to have become pretty clear to both of you that I don’t need an interpreter.”

“He says he doesn’t need an interpreter,” the orderly reported to the woman.

The toughest misconception of all is the view that because I can’t see, I can’t work. I was turned down by over forty law firms because of my blindness, even though my qualifications included a cum laude degree from Harvard College and a good ranking in my Harvard Law School class.

The attempt to find employment, the continuous frustration of being told that it was impossible for a blind person to practice law, the rejection letters, not based on my lack of ability but rather on my disability, will always remain one of the most disillusioning experiences of my life.

Fortunately, this view of limitation and exclusion is beginning to change. On April 16 [1976], the Department of Labor issued regulations that mandate equal-employment opportunities for the handicapped. By and large, the business community’s response to offering employment to the disabled has been enthusiastic.

I therefore look forward to the day, with the expectation that it is certain to come, when employers will view their handicapped workers as a little child did me years ago when my family still lived in Scarsdale.

I was playing basketball with my father in our backyard according to procedures we had developed. My father would stand beneath the hoop, shout, and I would shoot over his head at the basket attached to our garage. Our next-door neighbor, aged five, wandered over into our yard with a playmate. “He’s blind,” our neighbor whispered to her friend in a voice that could be heard distinctly by Dad and me. Dad shot and missed; I did the same. Dad hit the rim; I missed entirely; Dad shot and missed the garage entirely. “Which one is blind?” whispered back the little friend.

I would hope that in the near future when a plant manager is touring the factory with the foreman and comes upon a handicapped and nonhandicapped person working together, his comment after watching them work will be, “Which one is disabled?”