

WORDS YOU MAY NOT KNOW

You may hear some strange or unfamiliar words in connection with your sibling's abduction. Don't be afraid to ask a trusted adult or older sibling what these words mean. Look them up in the dictionary. Talk to someone if you're still not clear. Here are some of the words you may not know the exact meaning of:

abduction – to carry a person off by force; to kidnap; to lure away.

abnormal – unusual or unexpected, something that is not normal.

accustomed – something that is familiar, something that you are used to.

biodegradable – environmentally friendly, recyclable.

capitalize – to benefit from or to get the most out of.

confidential – something that is secret or private.

conflicting – something that is contradictory or at odds; disagreeing with.

depression – the state of being sad; people suffering from depression may feel sad, have no energy, and feel as if they have no value.

designated liaison – someone your family chooses to be the spokesperson when talking to the media.

eliminate – to get rid of, to remove.

empathetic – to be sympathetic, concerned, compassionate, or understanding,

evidence – proof of something, confirmation of facts, to verify.

exploited – used unfairly; taken advantage of.

inappropriate – not suitable or fitting; an incorrect action.

invasive – tending to intrude, as in invading privacy.

journal – a diary you keep to write down your thoughts, feelings, and what happened that day.

kidnap – to steal or carry off by force.

law enforcement – the people who make sure the law gets followed; for example, the police, detectives, sheriffs, and the FBI.

media – a form of communication, information or entertainment; for example, newspaper, radio, television.

normal (or normalcy) – regular or usual.

obsessively – to be overly preoccupied, something you can't stop thinking about or doing.

perpetrator – the person who commits the abduction, the person who is guilty.

polygraph – a lie detection instrument; it is used by law enforcement to see if someone is telling the truth.

sibling – a brother or sister.

suspect – a person the police think may have committed the crime.

tap (as in phone) – a device used to listen to or record a phone conversation.

thrive – to flourish, succeed, blossom.

vulnerable – exposed or open to being easily hurt; you can be physically vulnerable or emotionally vulnerable.