

Word Meanings

Mr. and Mrs. Miller love the beautiful home, and they often tell the story of the time they were forced to abandon it. It was late on a summer afternoon, and Mr. Miller was just getting home from work. He had seen several police cars in the neighborhood, and as he pulled into the driveway, a police car pulled in behind him. "You have to leave," the policeman told him. "There is a chemical spill on the highway. A cloud of poisonous gas is heading in this direction!" Mr. Miller ran to the door and called to his wife, and they jumped in his car together and drove away from the hazardous conditions, not sure if they would ever be able to come back. For the duration of time that they were gone, they sat in a hotel room twenty miles away and watched the event unfold on the news. It was three days before the all-clear was given, and they could finally return home.

Look up each word in the dictionary. Write its meaning on the line.

- 1. abandon _____
- 2. hazardous _____
- 3. duration _____
- 4. Which of the following are *hazardous*? Circle all that apply.

rat poison flour chlorine milk gasoline

5. *Duration* is a measurement of: length time distance

6. Use each word in an original sentence.


