

Vocabulary: Match the words to the sentences

advantage, extraordinary, significant, useless
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Match the words to the definitions:

_____ very special, unusual, or strange

_____ something that does not work well or has no effect

_____ something good about a situation that helps you

_____ important or noticeable

Answers:

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