

Amputation

“Because the cancer spreads quickly, doctors felt Fox’s best chance for survival was amputation of his right leg, followed by chemotherapy.”

The action of surgically cutting off a limb.

Appeal

“Despite the efforts of the Nova Scotian Black community to assist her appeal, Viola Desmond was unable to remove the charges against her...”

A proceeding in which a case is brought before a higher court for review of a lower court’s judgment for the purpose of convincing the higher court that the lower court’s judgment was incorrect.

Arc

“Like ‘duck on a rock’, the ball would be have to be thrown in an arcing motion in order to score.”

Move with a curving trajectory.

Balcony

“The ticket seller handed Desmond a ticket to the balcony instead, the seating generally reserved for non-White customers.”

The upstairs seats in a theatre, concert hall, or auditorium.

Beautician

“Viola Desmond built a career as a beautician and was a mentor to young Black women in Nova Scotia through her Desmond School of Beauty Culture.”

A person whose job is to do hair styling, manicures, and other beauty treatments.

Cancer

“After losing his right leg to cancer at age 18, Terry Fox decided to run across Canada to raise awareness and money for cancer research.”

A disease in which some of the body’s cells grow uncontrollably and spread to other parts of the body.

Chaplain

“In 1916, Naismith volunteered as a chaplain for the Kansas Army National Guard and served with the First Kansas Infantry.”

A person serving in a religious capacity with an institution (such as the armed forces, or in a prison, hospital, etc.)

Chemotherapy

“As with everything he did, Fox practiced hard, his hands blistered and bleeding as he learned a different way to play basketball, all while undergoing chemotherapy.”

The use of chemical agents in the treatment or control of disease, especially cancer.

Civil Rights

“Viola Irene Desmond (née Davis), businesswoman, civil rights activist (born 6 July 1914 in Halifax, NS; died 7 February 1965 in New York, NY).”

The rights of individuals to be protected against unfair treatment based on certain personal characteristics like race, gender, age, or disability.

Defraud

“Viola Desmond was brought to court and charged with attempting to defraud the provincial government based on her alleged refusal to pay a one cent amusement tax.”

To take or keep something illegally from someone by deceiving the person.

Entrepreneur

“In the early part of the 20th century, with the advent of new hair styles that demanded special product... beauty parlours offered opportunities for female entrepreneurs.”

A person who organizes and operates a business or businesses, taking on greater than normal financial risks in order to do so.

Foul

“A foul is striking at the ball with the fist, violation of Rules 3,4, and such as described in Rule 5.”

A breaking of a rule in a game or sport.

Kinesiology

“Fox’s classmates from the kinesiology program at SFU brought his homework to the hospital.”

The study of the principles of mechanics and anatomy in relation to human movement.

Lob

“Kids realized that trying to throw the rock directly past the guard like a baseball wasn’t effective. Instead, they began lobbing it high in the air, arcing over the guard.”

To throw something so that it goes high in the air in a curve.

Orthopedic

“Rolly Fox drove his son to the Royal Columbian Hospital in New Westminster, where they were quickly seen by an orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Michael Piper.”

Relating to the branch of medicine dealing with the correction of deformities of bones or muscles.

Osteogenic Sarcoma

“From the X-rays, Piper suspected that Fox had osteogenic sarcoma, a type of bone cancer that often starts in the knee.”

A type of bone cancer that begins in the cells that form bones. It is most often found in the long bones — more often the legs, but sometimes the arms — but it can start in any bone.

Pardon

“On 15 April 2010, Viola Desmond was granted a free pardon by Nova Scotia Lieutenant-Governor Mayann Francis at a ceremony in Halifax.”

Release (an offender) from the legal consequences of an offense or conviction, and often implicitly from blame.

Physiotherapy

“In addition to physiotherapy, Fox began a 16-month program of chemotherapy at the British Columbia Cancer Control Agency in Vancouver.”

The treatment of disease, injury, or deformity by physical methods such as massage, heat treatment, and exercise rather than by drugs or surgery.

Pneumonia

“After undergoing months of treatment for cancer, Terry contracted pneumonia in June 1981 and went into a coma on 27 June.”

A disease of the lungs marked by inflammation, congestion, fever, cough, and difficulty in breathing and caused especially by infection.

Prosthesis

“With the use of a customized running prosthesis, he set out from St. John’s, Newfoundland, on 12 April 1980 and covered 5,373 km in 143 days...”

An artificial device to replace or augment a missing or impaired part of the body.

Segregation

“In 1954, segregation was legally ended in Nova Scotia thanks in large part to... Viola Desmond and others like her who fought to be treated as equal human beings.”

The practice or policy of separating a race, class, or group from the rest of society.

Theology

“Naismith went on to study theology at nearby Presbyterian College and earned money to pay for his tuition by teaching physical education at McGill...”

The study of religion.

YMCA

“Naismith invented the game of basketball while working as an instructor at the YMCA International Training School in Springfield, Massachusetts.”

An international organization that promotes the spiritual, intellectual, social, and physical welfare originally of young Christian men.

YWCA

“By 1900, the sport was being played in YMCAs and YWCAs and in clubs and schools across the United States and Canada.”

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