

Vocabulary:

"Whispers From the Grave"

1. **allegedly (uh-LEJ-id-lee)** *adverb*; having been stated as fact without proof; reportedly
example: Brooke and Mary are in the principal's office. They allegedly made some inappropriate comments about Kari, although I have never heard them say anything mean about anyone.
2. **alluring (uh-LOOR-ing)** *adjective*; very attractive or tempting; enticing
example: I cannot wait another second to sink my teeth into this alluring chocolate cake.
3. **blueprint (BL00-print)** *noun*; a detailed plan or outline
example: The contractors who are remodeling our kitchen did not follow the blueprint; they put the space for the refrigerator on the wrong wall.
4. **eccentricity (ek-suhn-TRIS-ih-tee)** *noun*; oddness; peculiarity; unusualness
example: I would hate it if Uncle Ralph put away his brightly colored clothes and crazy hats and started dressing like everyone else. I love his eccentricity!
5. **paranormal (par-uh-NAWR-muhl)** *adjective*; not scientifically explainable; supernatural
example: This Halloween, my friends and I are going to be ghost hunters, searching for paranormal activity in the abandoned house near the railroad tracks.
6. **rattled (RAT-uhld)** *adjective*; unnerved, frightened, or confused
example: On Halloween night, a strange creature with glowing eyes ran in front of Jake's car, causing him to swerve violently. Jake was so rattled that he missed his next turn.
7. **recluse (REK-loos)** *noun*; a person who lives apart from society
example: The character in the story that I am writing is a recluse; he lives in a small cabin on a mountain and has no contact with the outside world.
8. **skepticism (SKEP-tuh-siz-uhm)** *noun*; doubt that something is true; disbelief
example: I understand your skepticism, but I swear I had a conversation with an alien last night.
9. **tuberculosis (too-bur-kyuh-LOH-sis)** *noun*; a highly contagious bacterial disease that usually affects the lungs but can also affect other parts of the body, such as the brain, kidneys, or spine
example: Tuberculosis can be spread through coughing, speaking, laughing, singing, or sneezing.
10. **vengeful (VENJ-fuhl)** *adjective*; desiring or seeking revenge
example: When Claire returned from a long trip, her vengeful cat threw up in Claire's shoe.

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Vocabulary Practice:

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Directions: In each group of words, circle the word that does not belong.

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| 1. hostile | vengeful | forgiving | spiteful |
| 2. recluse | socialite | solitary | hermit |
| 3. certainty | belief | confidence | skepticism |
| 4. eccentricity | ordinariness | normality | commonness |

Directions: Choose a word from the Word Bank that has **the same, or nearly the same, meaning** as the boldface word in each sentence. Write the word on the line that follows the sentence.

Word Bank		
allegedly	blueprint	rattled
alluring	paranormal	vengeful

5. He wrote the **enticing** first line of the story. _____
6. The thunder **disturbed** the dog. _____
7. They were **supposedly** questioned by the police. _____
8. She looked at the **plan** for the new building. _____
9. Eric's **unforgiving** sister is waiting for him at home. _____
10. Sophie loves to read books about the **unexplained**. _____

Directions: Use each pair of words below in a sentence.

11. rattled, paranormal _____

12. allegedly, tuberculosis _____
