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

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.

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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
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12. allegedly, tuberculosis
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