

It's the **Mystery**
Word
of the
Week



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A Note From Jen

The Mystery Word of the Week (MWotW) is a strategy I have created to encourage students to discuss words, their meanings, and share their reasoning. My secret: don't tell them if they are correct. Instead, tell them to record their thinking and prove their reasoning. When the word is unveiled on Friday, you may hear, "I was right! I knew pedestrian was a noun, begins with *p*, and means a person walking!" Keep a few dictionaries (or dictionary apps) available for students. Talk about the multiple meanings of words, even though this packet refers to one meaning.

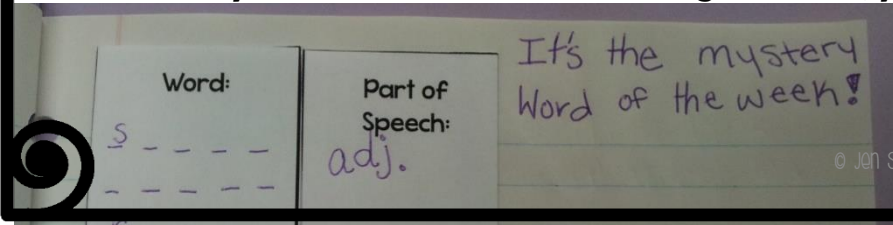
The Mystery Word of the Week can be an interactive bulletin board, part of morning meeting, led by a student volunteer, or be modified to fit the needs of your individual classroom. Some years, I combined 2 & 3 all year to do our MWotW (Mystery Word of the Week) in 4 days. Feel free to skip words, and use them in the order you prefer. This bundle includes 90 weeks, so you can have 2 years without repeating words. This is a small, fun, and powerful routine to boost vocabulary.

I appreciate your questions, feedback, suggestions, and support I hope your class enjoys the MWotW as much as we do! If you have suggestions, please pass them along at hellomrissykes@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing your success story!

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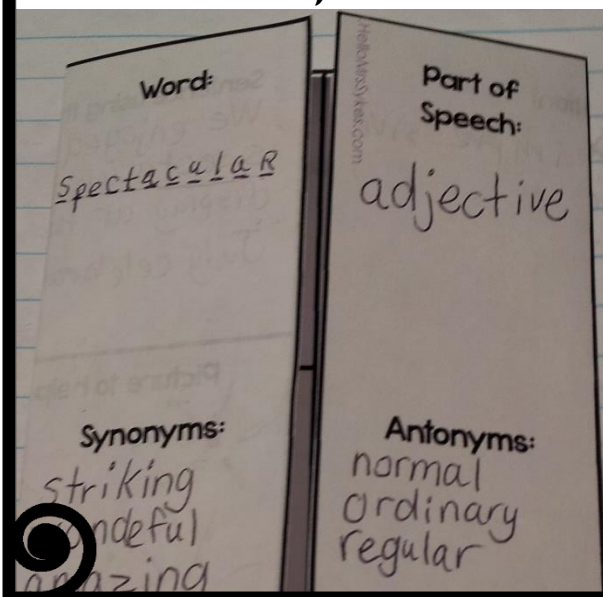
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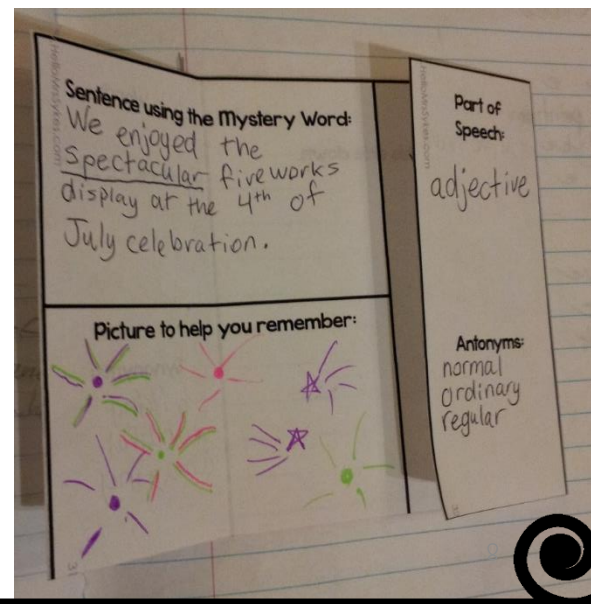
Teacher Directions

- * **Day 1 (2-4 minutes):** Introduce the first clue for the week. This clue includes the first letter, shows how many letters are in the word, and tells the part of speech. Student can record the clues in their word study notebook.
- * **Days 2-4 (2-4 minutes):** Introduce a new word clue each day. Usually, clue 2 is synonyms, clue 3 is antonyms or alternate meanings, and clue 4 is using the word in a sentence.
- * **Day 5 (10-15 minutes):** Clue 5 includes: the Mystery Word, the definition, and a context sentence.




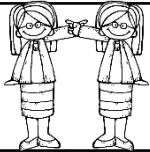


An interactive foldable is included. Run front to back, cut, fold, paste, and learn. 😊 After 3-4 weeks, encourage your students to create their own foldable using a plain index card or scrap paper.

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Student Directions:

Use the clues to solve the Mystery Word. The clues follow the same pattern for each word. Remember, to use your resources to help you solve the Mystery Word!

Clue #	Symbol	The Clues
1		First letter, Part of speech, # of letters
2		Synonyms
3		Antonyms
4		Context Sentence
5	Depends on Word	Definition, Word, Context Sentence



Enjoy!!

Sentence using the Mystery Word:

Definition:

Picture to help you remember:

Sentence using the Mystery Word:

Definition:

Picture to help you remember:

**Part of
Speech:**

Antonyms:

Glue this side down

Word:

Synonyms:

**Part of
Speech:**

Antonyms:

Glue this side down

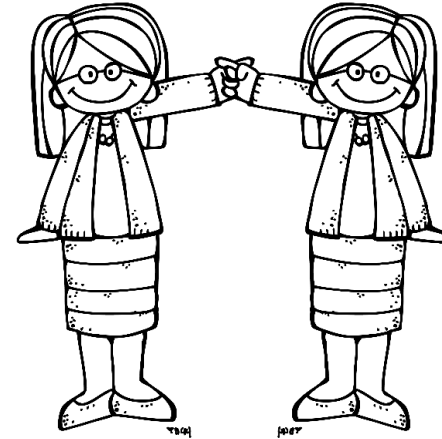
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Synonyms:

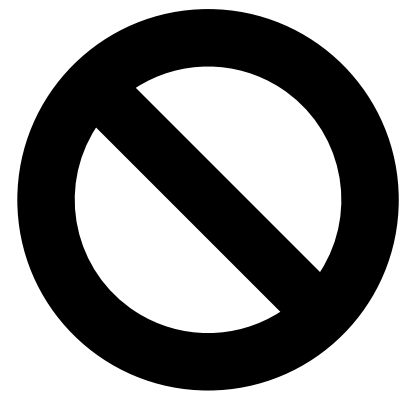


S _____ **r**

The *Mystery Word* is an eleven letter adjective that begins with “s” and ends with “r.” This word is used to describe something very impressive or dramatic.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *striking*,
wonderful, and
amazing.**



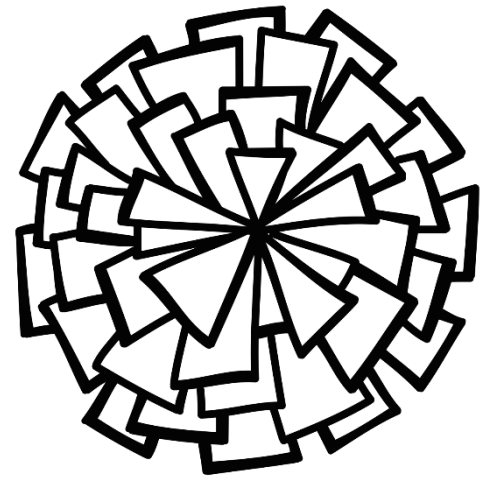
**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
*normal, ordinary, or
regular.***



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

**We saw a _____
production of The
Lion King while we
were on vacation.**

**The Mystery Word is
spectacular.**



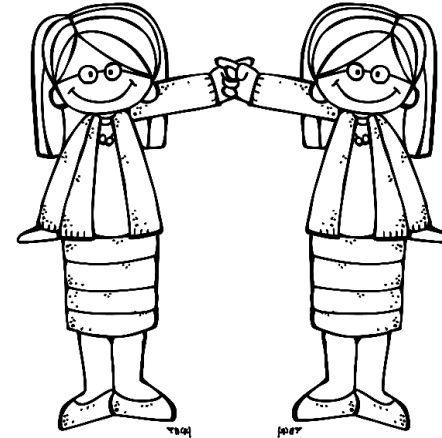
Spectacular (*adjective*) wonderful, impressive

**We enjoyed the
spectacular fireworks
display at the town
celebration.**

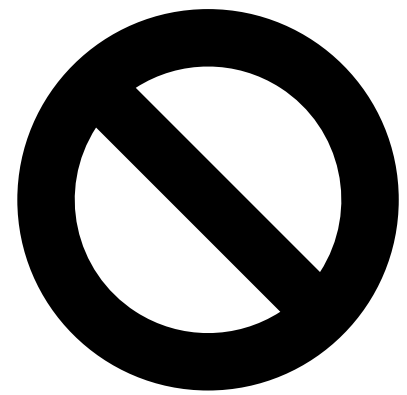


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The Mystery Word is an eight letter adjective that begins with “f.” This word is used to describe something that smells nice or sweet.

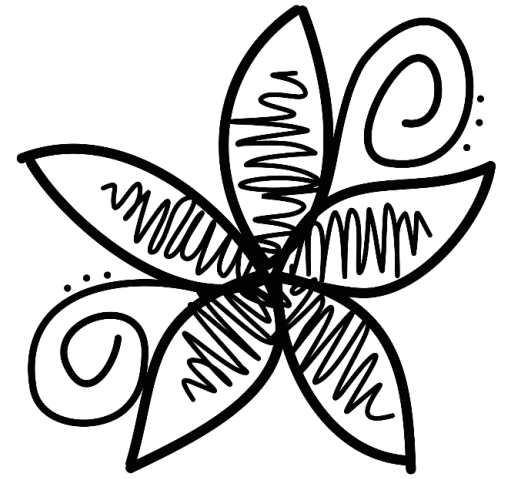


**The Mystery Word
is similar to *scented*,
aromatic, and *sweet-
smelling*.**



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
*stinky, putrid, or
odorless.***

**The Mystery Word is
fragrant.**



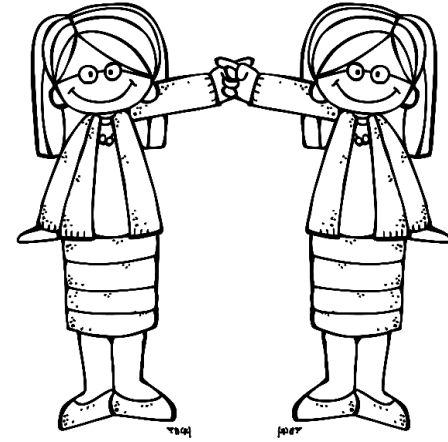
**Fragrant (*adjective*) having a sweet or pleasing
smell**

**The fragrant flowers
caused everyone who
passed to stop and smell
the roses.**

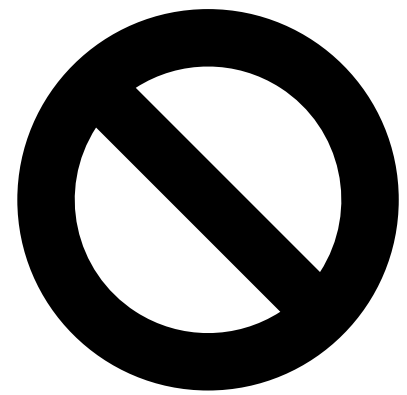


p _____

The Mystery Word is a ten letter noun that begins with “p.” This word is used to name a person who travels on foot, especially in the city.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *person*
on foot and *walker*.**



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
*someone driving,
skating, or biking.***



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

Many roads have a special sidewalk attached for _____ use only; bikes are not allowed.

**The Mystery Word is
pedestrian.**



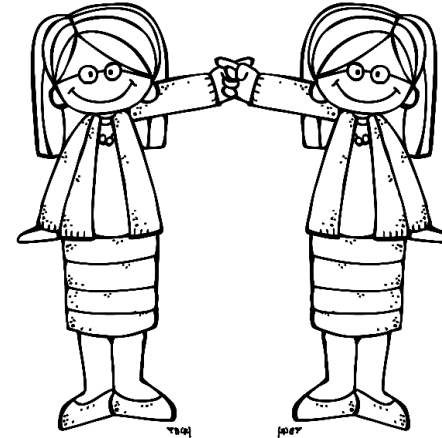
**Pedestrian (*noun*) a person who is walking,
especially on a road or in a city**

**The pedestrian was
drenched from head to toe
as he walked home through
a rain shower.**

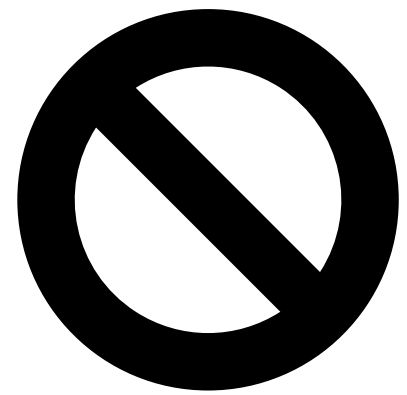


f _____

The Mystery Word is a seven letter noun that begins with “f.” This word is another word for plant leaves.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *leafage*,
plant life, and
vegetation.**



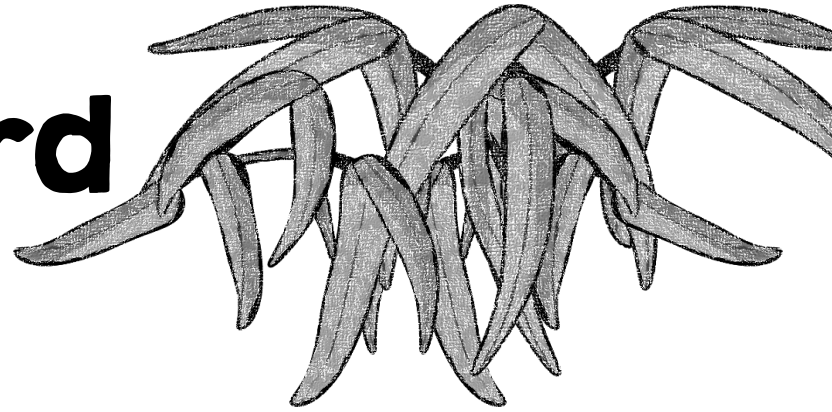
**The Mystery Word
is not similar to *a
single leaf.***



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

If a plant does not receive enough water, its _____ will wither and die.

**The Mystery Word
is foliage.**



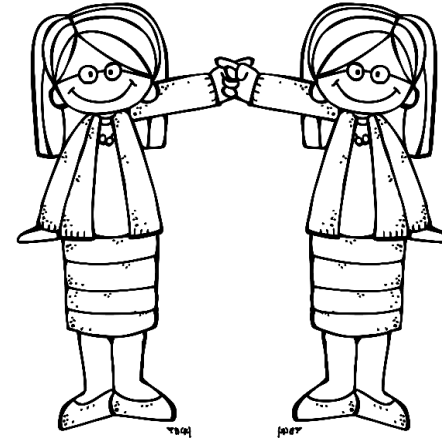
Foliage (*noun*) the leaves of a plant or tree

**We watched a giant
panda feast on the
foliage of bamboo plants.**

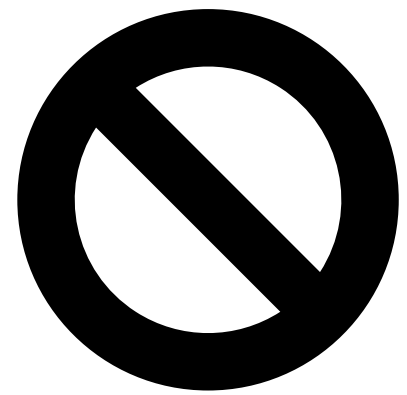


r _____

The Mystery Word is an eight letter adjective that begins with “r.” This word is used to describe someone or something that is very hungry.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *famished*
and *starving*.**



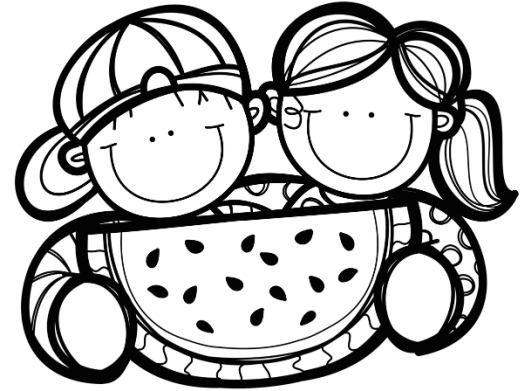
**The Mystery Word
is not similar to *full*,
sated, or *satisfied*.**



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

During the night, the _____ deer ate all of the plants from our vegetable garden.

**The Mystery Word is
ravenous.**



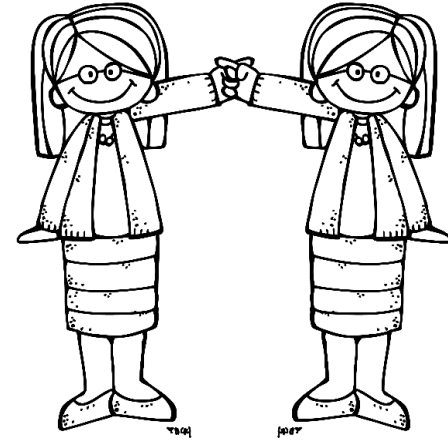
Ravenous (*adjective*) very hungry

**James' parents keep
extra snacks in the car
since he is ravenous after
soccer practice.**

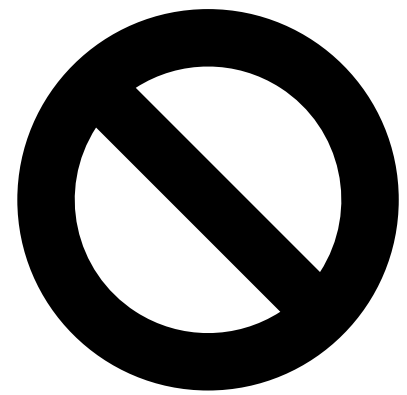


I _____

The Mystery Word is an eight letter adjective that begins with “I.” This word describes something that is glowing or reflecting light.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *bright*,
radiant, and *lustrous*.**



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to *dull*
or *lackluster*.**



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

The campers moved swiftly through the darkness, guided by the _____ glow of their lanterns.

**The Mystery Word is
luminous.**



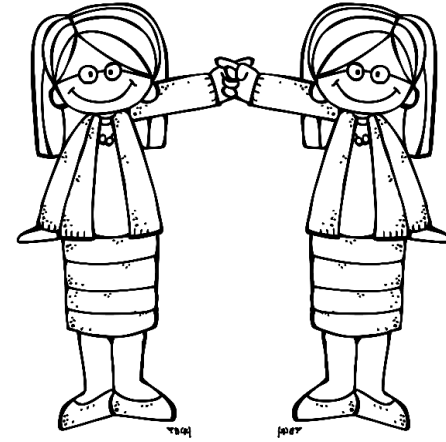
**Luminous (*adjective*) glowing or reflecting
light; radiant**

**The luminous full moon
was clearly reflected in
the water.**

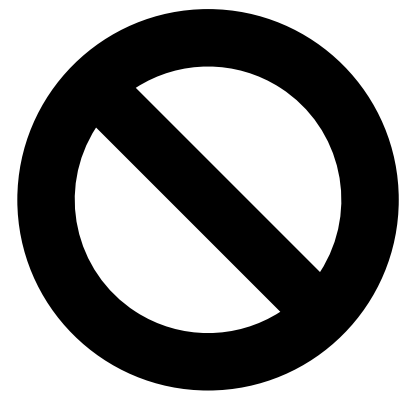


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The *Mystery Word* is a six letter noun that begins with “!” This word is names something that is handed down from the past.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *heritage*,
inheritance, and
tradition.**



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
*disown, dispossess, or
loss.***



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

His _____ for his children included a house at the beach and a love of nature.

**The Mystery Word is
legacy.**



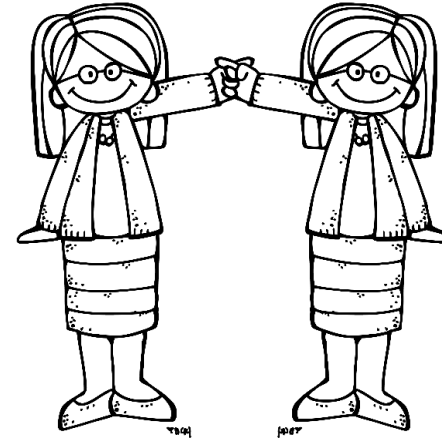
Legacy (*noun*) something handed down from generation to generation, such as property, money, or a tradition

**The family shop was a
legacy, passed down
through four generations.**

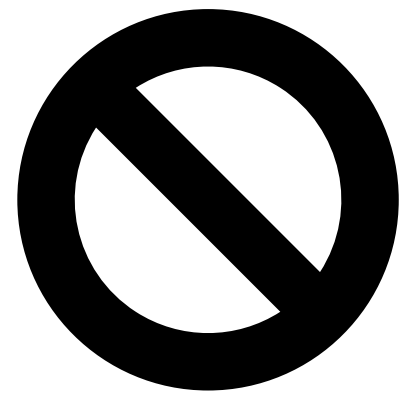


S _____

**The Mystery Word is an eight letter verb that begins with “s.”
This word describes being full of anger.**



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *raging*,
livid, and *furious*.**



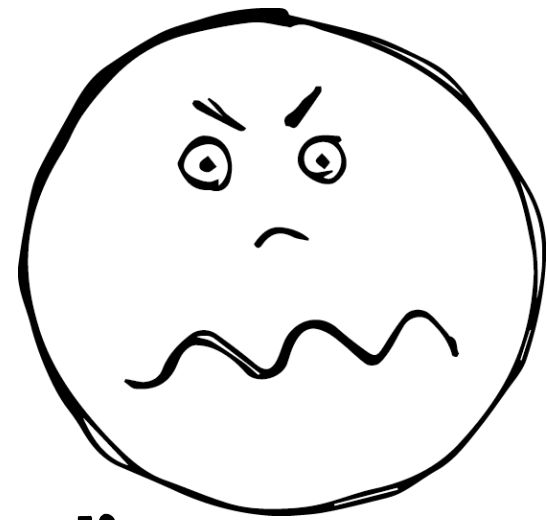
**The Mystery Word
is not similar to *a
feeling of mild
irritation.***



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

**My aunt was _____
when Sam dented her
brand new car and didn't
tell her right away.**

**The Mystery Word is
seething.**



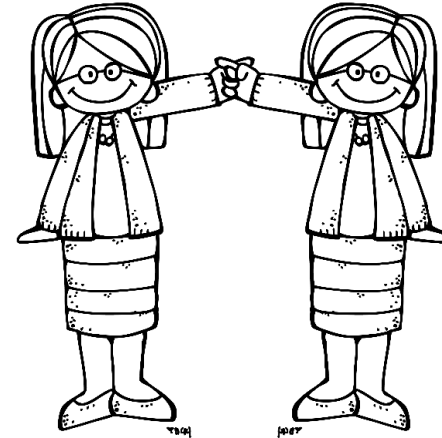
Seething (*verb*) full of angry feelings

**Sean was seething after
being repeatedly teased
by the bullies.**

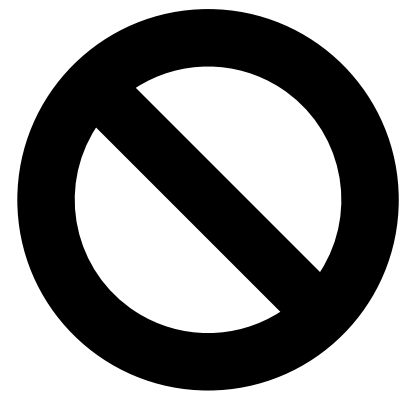


m _ _ _ _ _

The Mystery Word is a six letter adjective that begins with “m.” This word describes someone who has a withdrawn and gloomy attitude.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *crabby*,
depressed, and *sullen*.**



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
*cheerful, happy, or
joyful.***



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

I felt _____ after losing the iPad I received as a special birthday gift.

**The Mystery Word
is morose.**



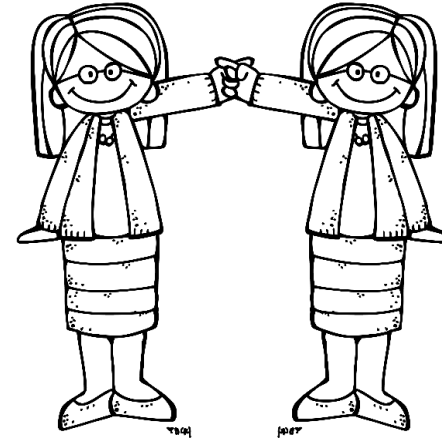
Morose (*adjective*) someone who has a withdrawn and gloomy attitude

**Ben has been morose
ever since his best friend
moved away.**

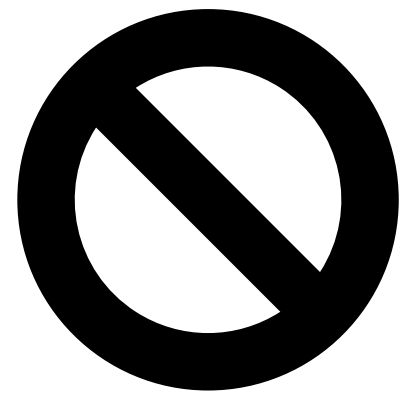


e _____

The Mystery Word is an eight letter noun that begins with “e.” This word names an exciting or reckless adventure.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *incident,*
experience, and
*shenanigans.***



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
boring and *everyday*
*experience.***



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

The parents were upset to learn that their children had been involved in a dangerous _____ off school grounds.

**The Mystery Word is
escapade.**



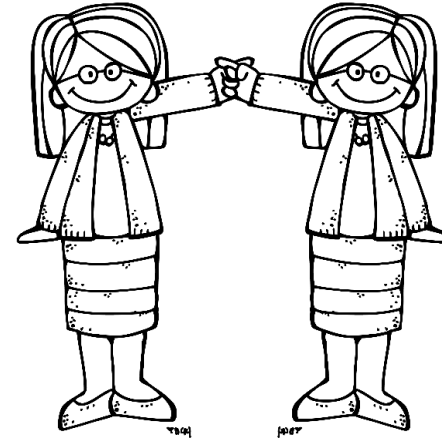
**Escapade (*noun*) a daring adventure or
prank**

**The kids couldn't wait to
get home and tell their
families about their surfing
escapade.**

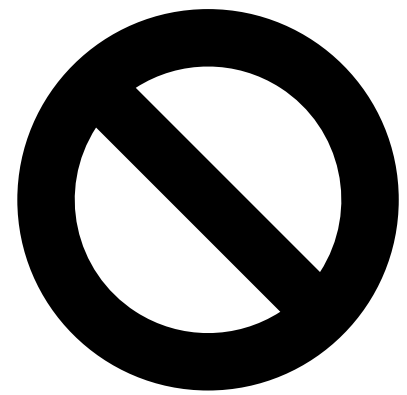


r _ _ _ _ _

The Mystery Word is a five letter noun that begins with “r.” This word names someone competing against someone else.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *opponent*,
contestant, and
challenger.**



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
teammate or *friend*.**



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

Some songbirds sing to warn _____ birds to stay away from their territories.

**The Mystery Word is
rival.**



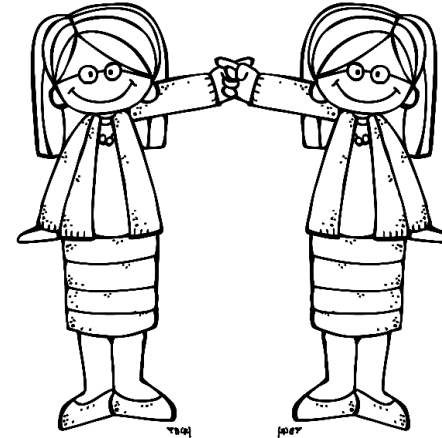
Rival (*noun*) someone who is competing for the same object or goal as someone else; competitor

The soccer teams were rivals in the competition; only one team could win the championship.

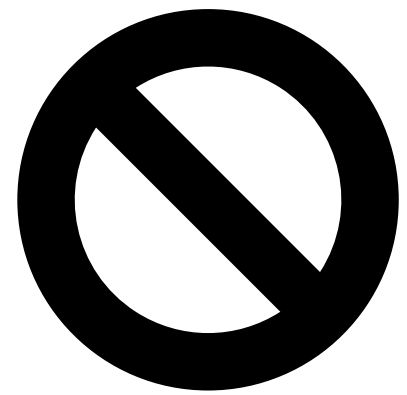


a _____

The Mystery Word is a seven letter adjective that begins with “a.” This word describes something requiring hard work or continuous effort.



The Mystery Word
is similar to *a difficult*
job or task.



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to *easy*
to achieve or *simple*
*to master.***



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

Writing a novel is an _____ task that can take a writer years to complete.

**The Mystery Word is
arduous.**



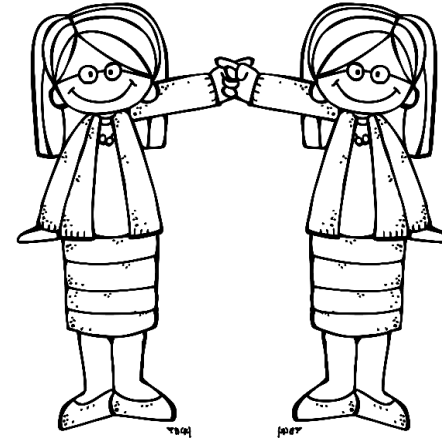
**Arduous (adjective) very hard, requiring
continuous effort or work**

**Climbing to the summit
of Mount Everest is an
arduous undertaking.**

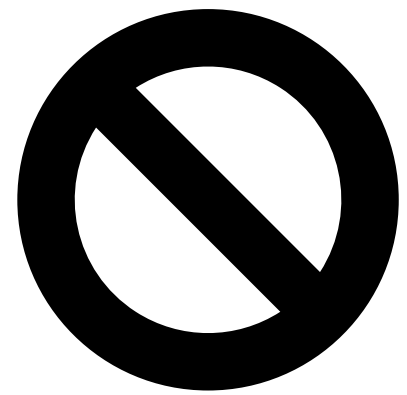


C _____

The Mystery Word is an eleven letter adjective that begins with “c.” This word describes something difficult to understand.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *intricate*,
involved, and
difficult.**



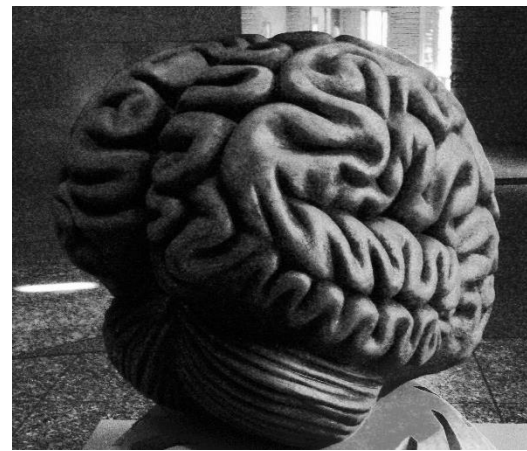
**The Mystery Word
is not similar to *easy*
or *simple*.**



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

The math problem was so _____, the entire class worked together to find the solution.

**The Mystery Word is
complicated.**



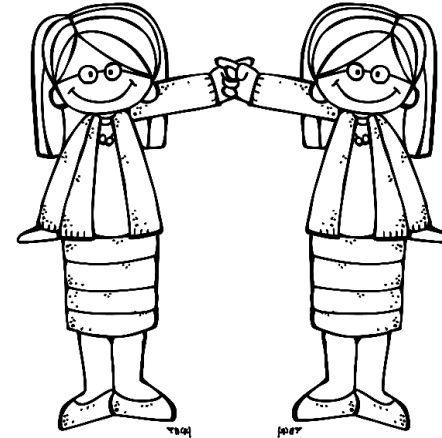
**Complicated (*adjective*) difficult to
analyze, understand, or explain**

**The central nervous
system is one of the most
complicated systems in the
human body.**

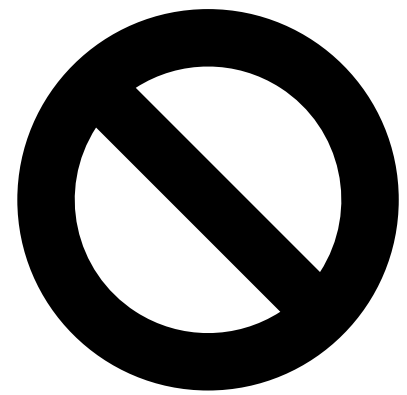


m _____

The Mystery Word is an eleven letter adjective that begins with “m.” This word describes something beautiful or impressive.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *splendid,*
superb, and *lavish.***



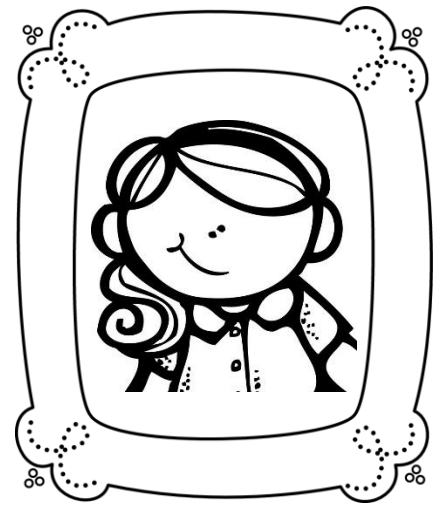
**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
*modest, ordinary, or
poor.***



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

From the top floor of the building, we had a _____ view of the entire city.

**The Mystery Word
is magnificent.**



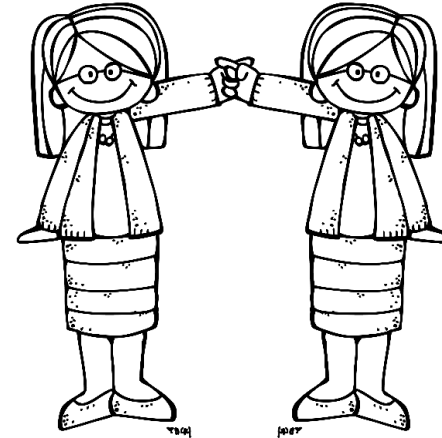
**Magnificent (*adjective*) beautiful,
amazing, or extraordinary**

**The Mona Lisa is widely
considered one of the
most magnificent
paintings in the world.**

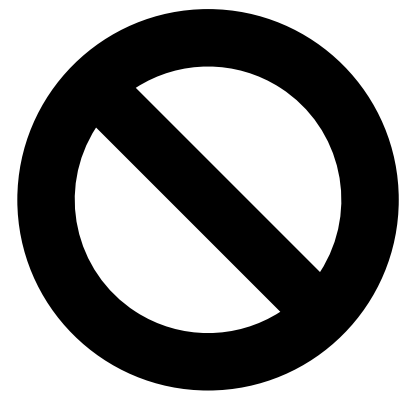


O _____

The Mystery Word is a nine letter adjective that begins with “o.” This word describes something that is annoying or offensive.



The Mystery Word
is similar to *annoying*,
objectionable, and
hateful.



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
*polite, pleasant, and
delightful.***



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

The child's behavior was so _____ during the play that the audience could not hear the actors speak.

**The Mystery Word
is obnoxious.**



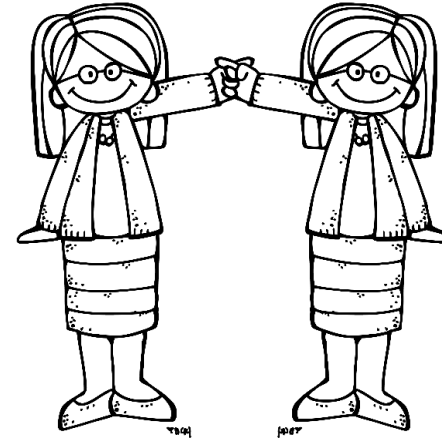
Obnoxious (*adjective*) highly annoying or objectionable

**When startled, a
skunk will release an
obnoxious odor.**

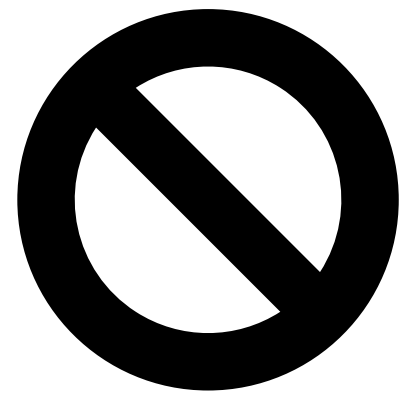


m _____

The Mystery Word is an eight letter noun that begins with “m.” This word names a salesperson or shopkeeper.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *clerk*,
storekeeper, and
retailer.**



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to *client*
or *customer*.**



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

The customers were pleased to purchase their books from the _____ in the city square.

**The Mystery Word is
merchant.**



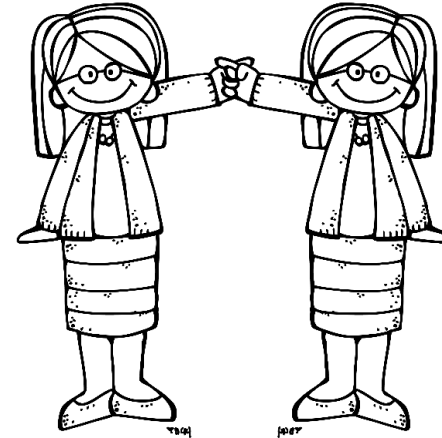
**Merchant (*noun*) salesperson or
shopkeeper**

**Sandra bought a
sweater for her mom
from a local merchant
down the street.**

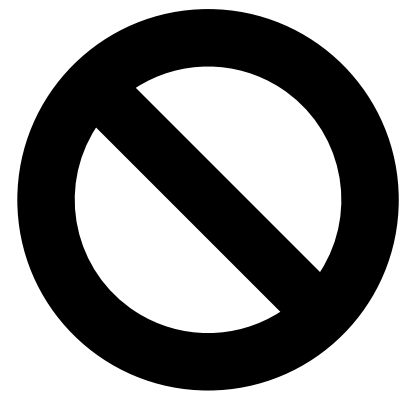


r _____

The Mystery Word is a seven letter verb that begins with “r.” This word means you need something.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *need*,
necessary, and
demand.**



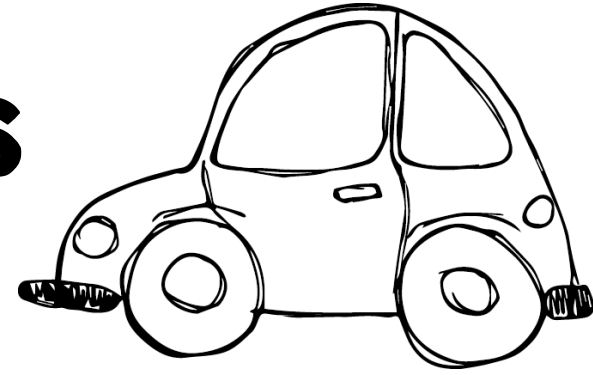
**The Mystery Word
is not similar to *go*
without or *not*
*needed.***



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

A deep cut may _____ stitches to heal properly.

**The Mystery Word is
require.**



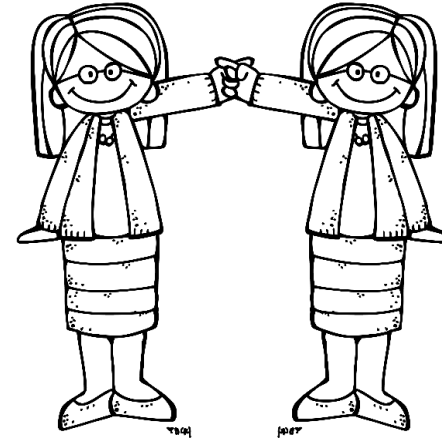
**Require (verb) to need something; to order
to do something.**

**In some countries, laws
require every passenger to
wear a seatbelt in a car.**

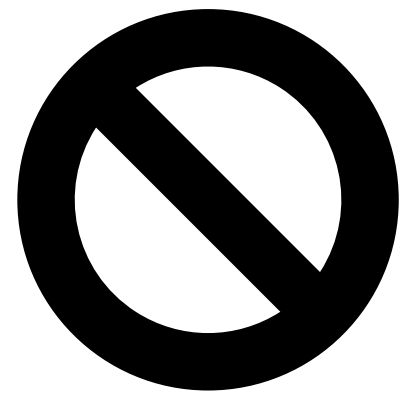


t _ _ _ _

**The Mystery Word is a four letter verb that begins with “t.”
This word means to take care of something.**



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *look*
after and *care for*.**



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
*ignore.***



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

The doctor needed time to _____ to each of her patients during their stay at the hospital.

**The Mystery Word is
tend.**



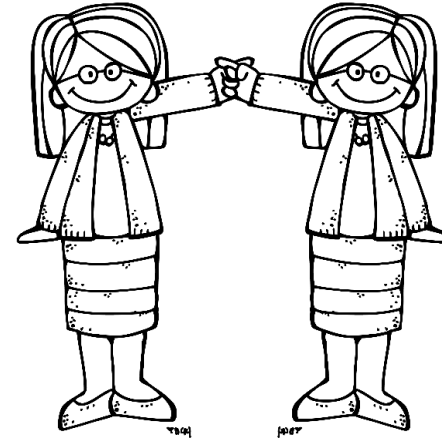
Tend (*verb*) to care for; to attend to

**Laura's garden was
stunning because she
would tend to the flowers
and plants daily.**

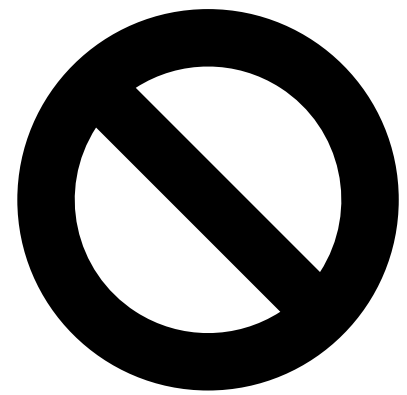


m _ _ _ _ _

The Mystery Word is an eight letter verb that begins with “m.” This word means to keep going.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *continue*,
preserve, and *keep
up*.**



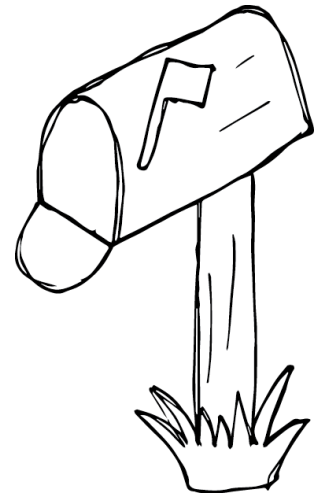
**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
discontinue or *stop*.**



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

Jacob studies hard every night to _____ his high grades.

**The Mystery Word is
maintain.**



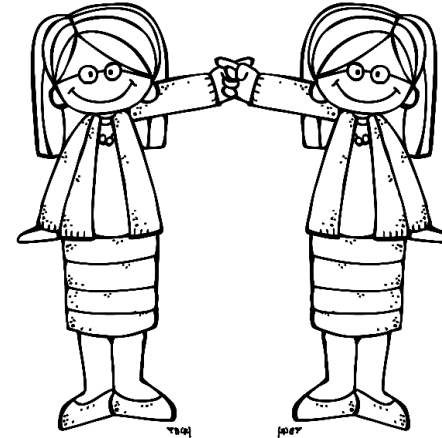
**Maintain (*verb*) to preserve, retain, or
keep up**

**Friends who live in
different states can maintain
their friendship through
letters, phone calls, and
email.**

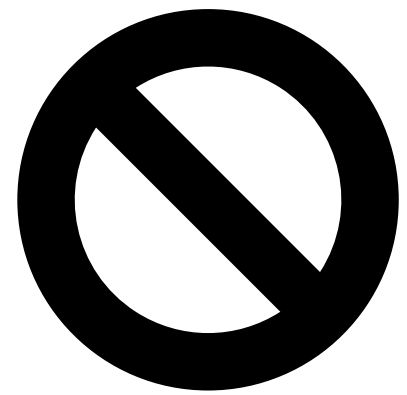


p _ _ _ _ _

The Mystery Word is a seven letter verb that begins with “p.” This word means to act or to do something.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *act, make
music, and follow a
command.***



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to *avoid*,
cease, and *destroy*.**



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

Justin was nervous when he started to _____ his juggling tricks for his friends.

**The Mystery Word
is perform.**

**Perform (*verb*) to act in a play or
entertain others; to do something**

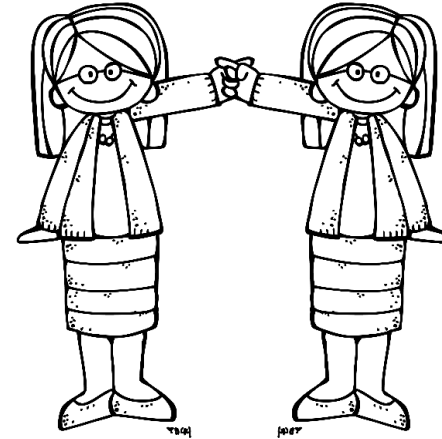


**The audience was thrilled
to watch the band perform
their favorite song during
the concert.**

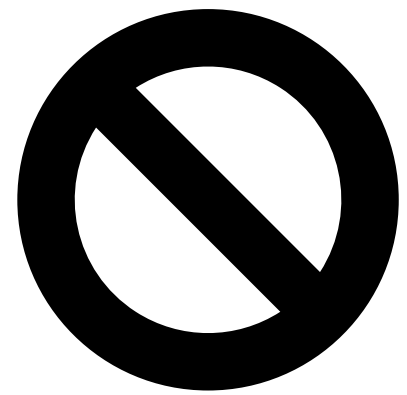


f _ _ _ _ _

The Mystery Word is a nine letter adjective that begins with “f.” This word describes something good that comes from something unexpected.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *lucky*,
prosperous, and
favored.**



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
unlucky or
unsuccessful.**



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

**Some classrooms
are _____ enough
to have their own
bathroom.**

**The Mystery Word is
fortunate.**



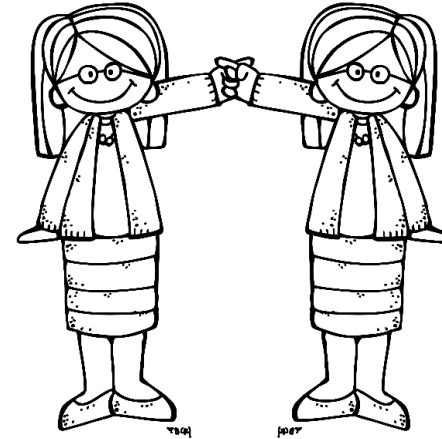
**Fortunate (*adjective*) having good luck;
lucky**

**I felt quite fortunate when
I got the lead role in the
play; more than 30 people
had auditioned for the part.**

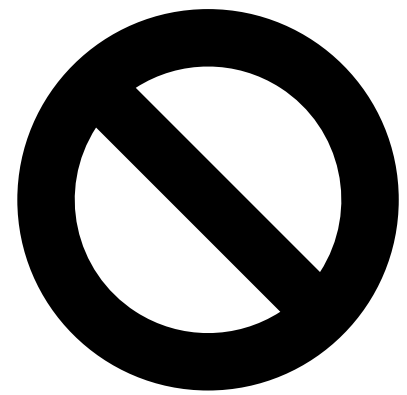


b _____

The Mystery Word is a ten letter adjective that begins with “b.” This word describes someone who is kind.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *kind*,
charitable, and
tolerant.**



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to *cruel*
or *selfish*.**



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

The _____ man was well known in his community due to his charity donations.

**The Mystery Word is
benevolent.**



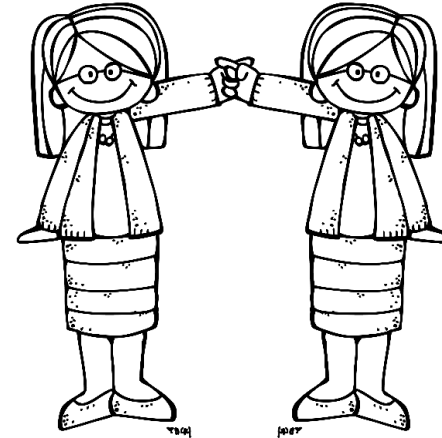
**Benevolent (adjective) expressing
goodwill or kindly feelings**

**The benevolent
stranger paid for all of
the students to attend the
field trip.**

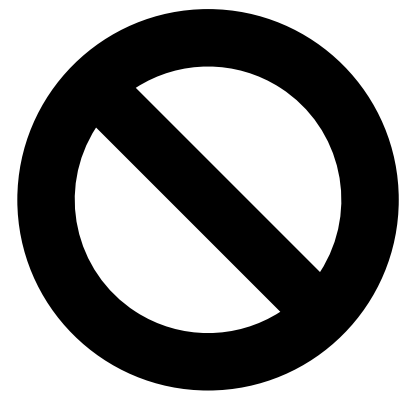


W _ _ _ _ _

The Mystery Word is a six letter verb that begins with “w.” This word means to lean from side to side.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *tremble,*
quaver, and *waver.***



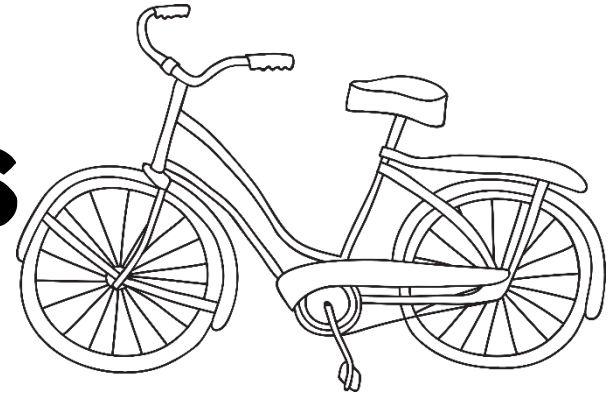
**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
steady and *stabilize*.**



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

The uneven legs caused the table to _____ each time anything was placed on the table.

**The Mystery Word is
wobble.**



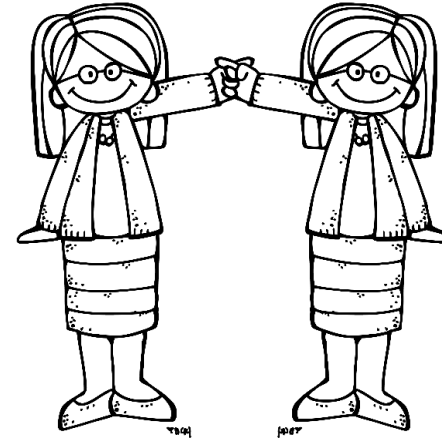
Wobble (*verb*) to lean unsteadily from side to side; to show unsteadiness

Jacob rode his bicycle by himself with only a slight wobble of the front wheel.

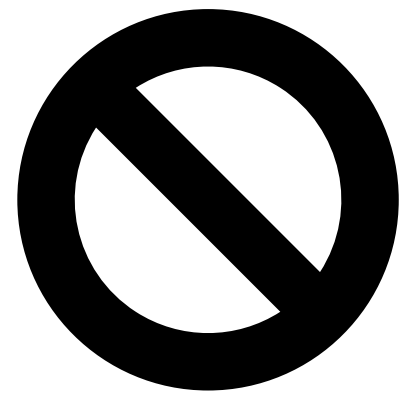


j _ _ _ _ _

The Mystery Word is a seven letter noun that begins with “j.” This word means fairness and morally right.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *lawful*,
righteousness, and
fair.**



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
*wrong, dishonest, or
inequality.***

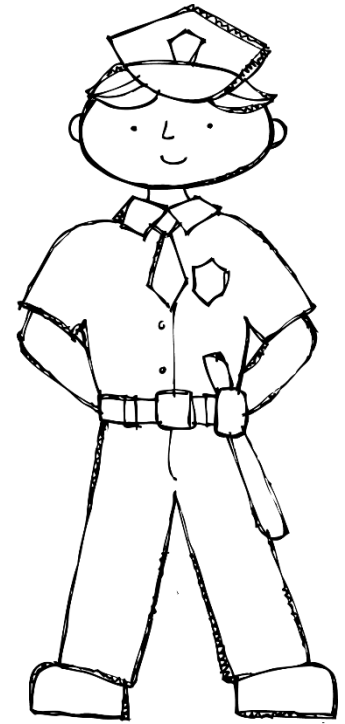


The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

The workers wanted _____ for the dangerous conditions they were forced to work in.

**The Mystery Word is
justice.**

**Justice (*noun*) fairness, moral
rightness, lawful**

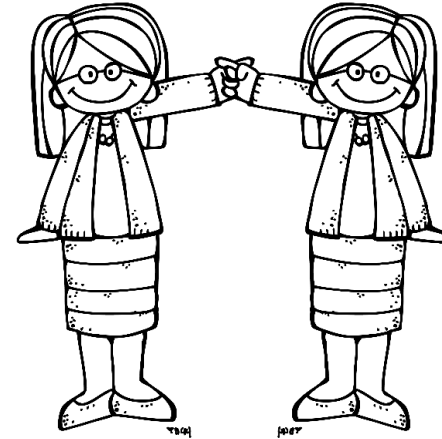


**The criminal was
brought to justice and sent
to prison for his crimes.**

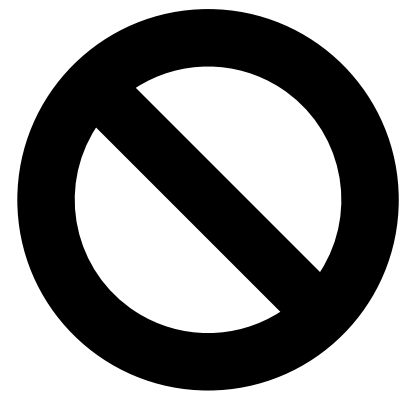


p _ _ _ _ _

The Mystery Word is a six letter verb that begins with “p.” This word means to follow, chase, or work hard for something.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *strive to*
attain or *accomplish*.**



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
*avoid, flee, and
evade.***



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

**The police moved
quickly to _____ the
suspect as he ran away
from the crime scene.**

**The Mystery Word
is pursue.**



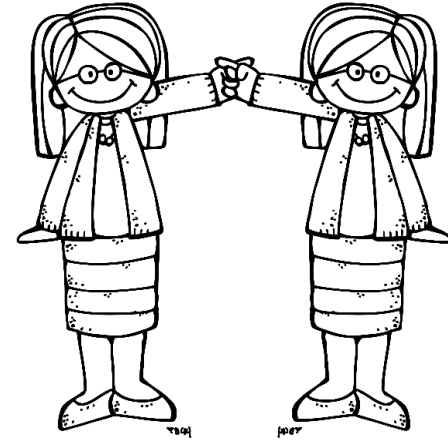
Pursue (*verb*) to chase, follow, or try to attain.

**Shannon is working to
pursue her dream of
attending medical school.**

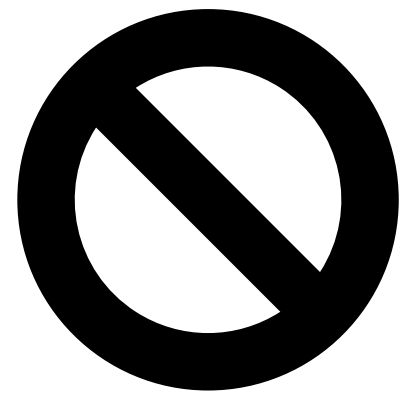


p _____

The Mystery Word is a ten letter noun that begins with “p.” This word means something that is owned.



The Mystery Word is similar to *property*, *asset*, and *resource*.



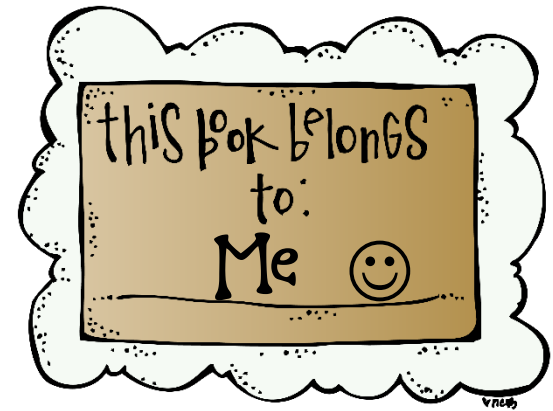
**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
unowned or
*relinquished.***



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

After losing almost everything, he was left with only one important _____, his home.

**The Mystery Word is
possession.**



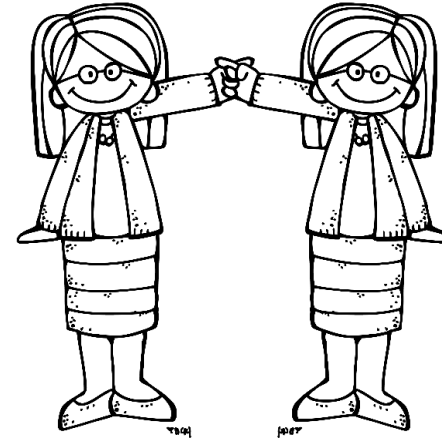
Possession (*noun*) something that is owned

**The museum's most
prized possession is the
red diamond, known
around the world.**

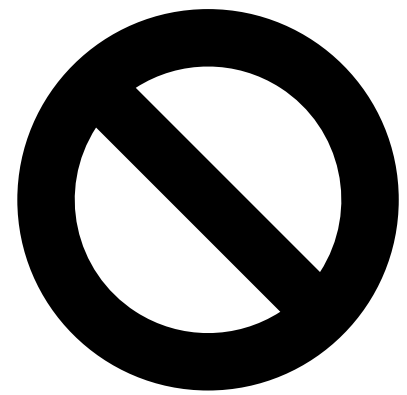


r _____

The Mystery Word is a six letter noun that begins with “r.” This word means a cure.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *heal*,
cure, and *solution*.**



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
*worsening, hurt, or
trouble.***



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

A bowl of hot chicken noodle soup is my favorite _____ when I feel sick.

**The Mystery Word is
remedy.**



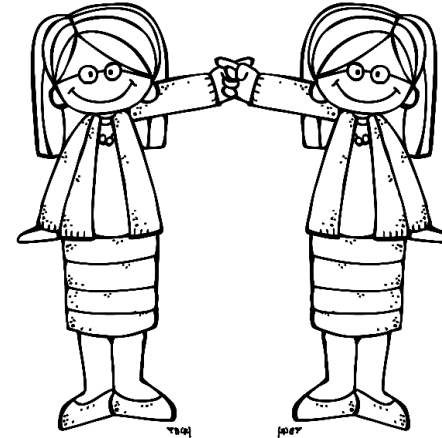
**Remedy (noun) something that cures or
relieves a disease; a healing medicine,
application, or treatment**

**The cast was an
effective remedy for
Cameron's broken arm.**

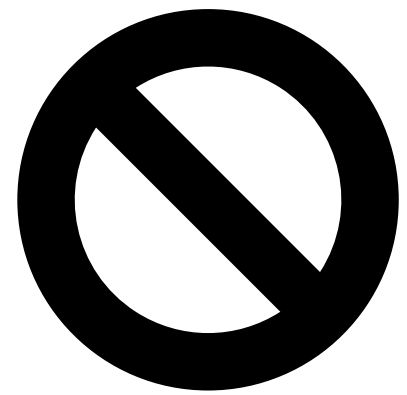


v _ _ _ _ _

The Mystery Word is a six letter verb that begins with “v.” This word means to disappear.



The Mystery Word
is similar to
disappear from sight
and *become*
invisible.



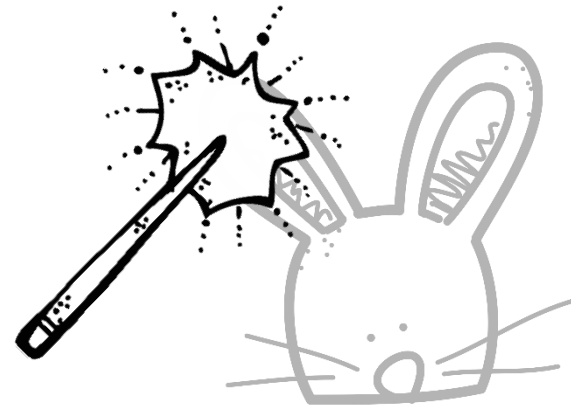
**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
appear and *come
into view.***



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

The audience gasped when the magician made the rings _____ into thin air.

**The Mystery Word is
vanish.**



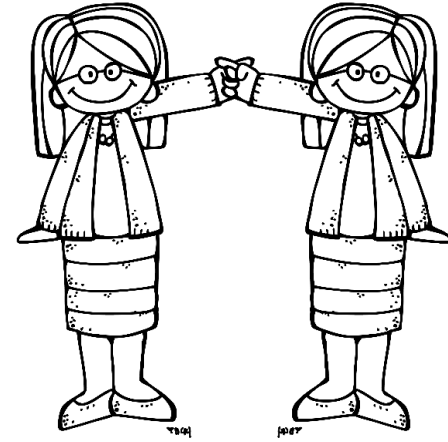
**Vanish (*verb*) to disappear from sight,
especially quickly; to go away; to come to
an end**

**My pain seemed to
vanish after I had my
medicine.**

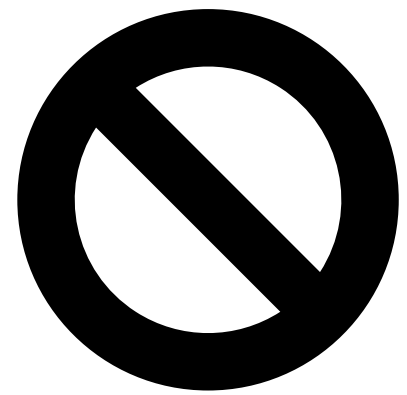


C _____

The Mystery Word is a ten letter adjective that begins with “c.” This word describes something that can spread easily.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *endemic*
and *spreading*.**



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
noncommunicable or
harmless.**



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

You should stay home when you have the flu because you are _____ and you could get other people sick.

**The Mystery Word is
contagious.**



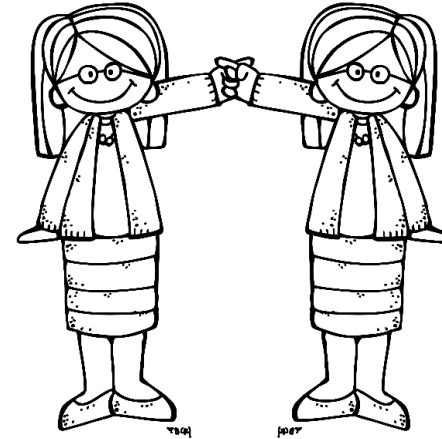
**Contagious (*adjective*) tending to spread
easily from person to person**

**Jeremy's laughter was
so contagious that
everyone in the room
began laughing.**

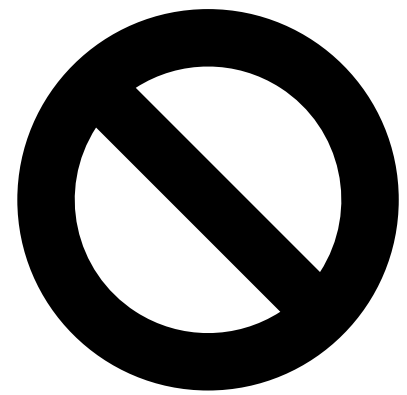


d _ _

The Mystery Word is a three letter noun that begins with “d.” This word names two of something.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *pair*,
team, and *couple*.**



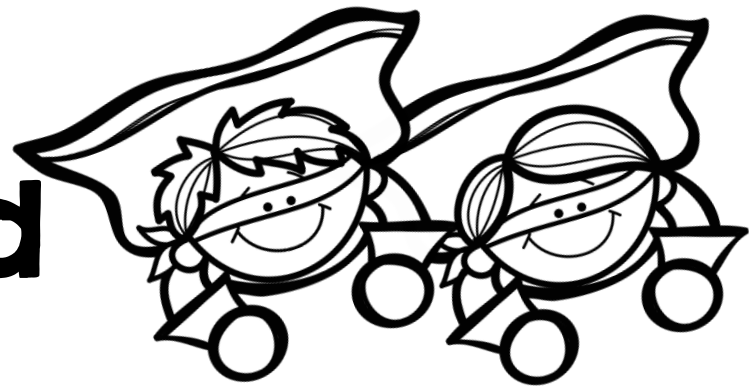
**The Mystery Word
is not similar to *alone*
and *single*.**



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

Everyone knows that peanut butter and jelly are a delicious _____ on a sandwich.

**The Mystery Word
is duo.**



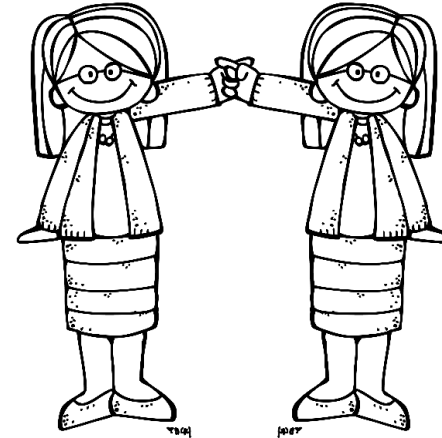
Duo (*noun*) two of something; a pair

**Batman and Robin are a
well known crime
fighting duo.**

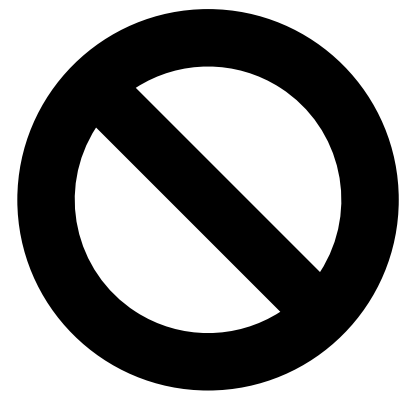


C _____

The Mystery Word is a nine letter noun that begins with “c.” This word names a person who is with someone else.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *friend*,
mate, and *match*.**



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to *foe*,
enemy, or *adversary*.**



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

The boy spent the summer with his dog, a faithful _____ who rarely left his side.

**The Mystery Word is
companion.**



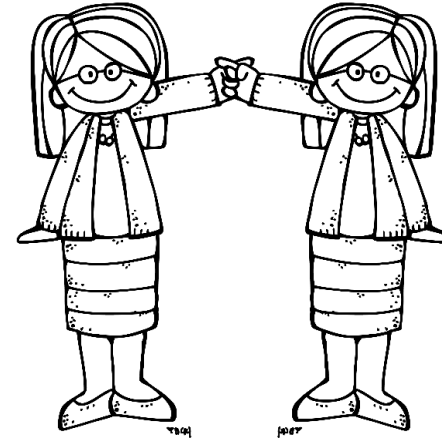
Companion (*noun*) a person who is frequently in the company of someone else

Throughout the summer, my daughter and her two companions spend Saturdays playing soccer.

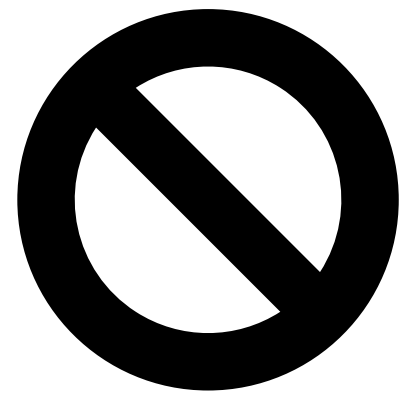


S _____

The Mystery Word is a seven letter adjective that begins with “s.” This word describes objects that resemble each other in some way.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *like*,
resembling, and
comparable.**



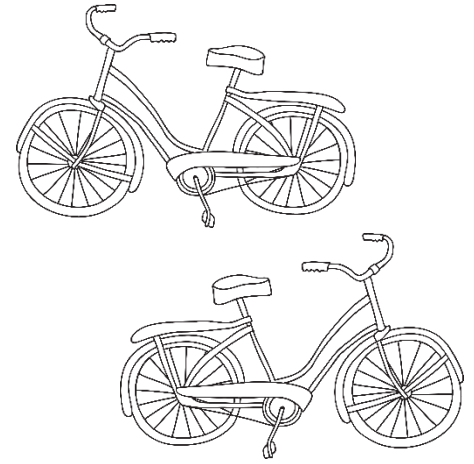
**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
*different.***



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

Although the paintings looked quite _____, you could see small differences if you look closely.

The Mystery Word is similar.



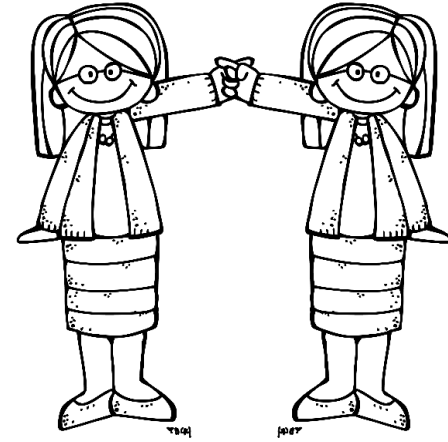
Similar (adjective) having a resemblance to something else, particularly in a general way

My bike looks so similar to Jacob's bike that we mixed them up one day.

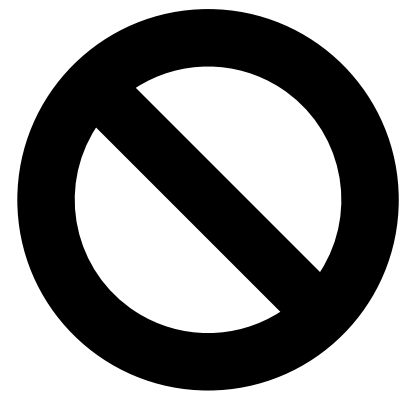


e _ _ _

The Mystery Word is a four letter verb that begins with “e.” This word means to want something someone else has.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *covet*,
discontent, and *ill*
will.**



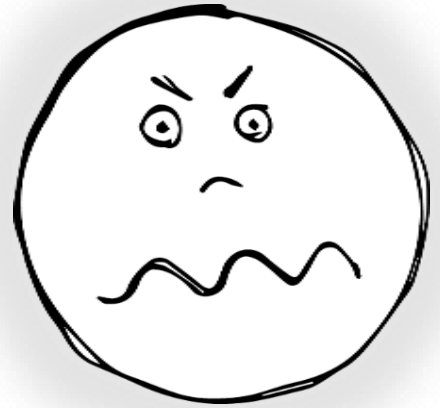
**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
*comfort, content,
and good will.***



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

Brooke plays the guitar and sings so well that many people _____ her talent.

**The Mystery Word is
envy.**



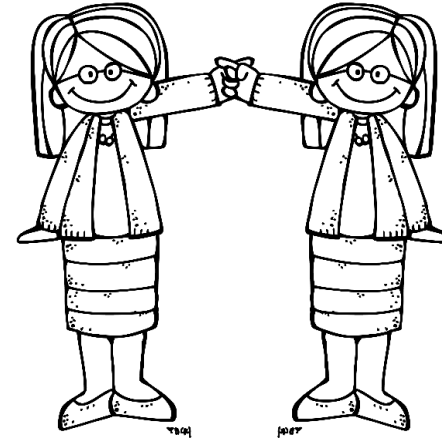
**Envy (*verb*) to be discontented with
someone else's possessions or talents
Common idiom: "green with envy"**

**Rachel was green with
envy when she saw my
cool new iPod.**

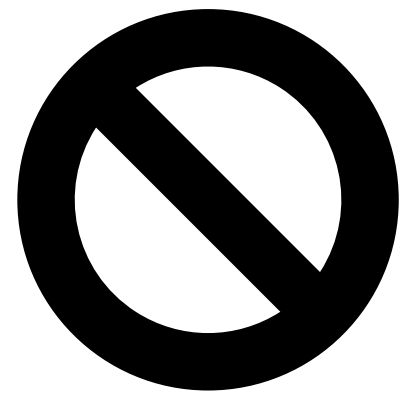


i _ _ _ _ _

The Mystery Word is a six letter verb that begins with “i.” This word means to make someone mad or upset by being rude to them.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *offend*,
outrage, and *injure*.**



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
encourage or
compliment.**



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

It would _____

Skylar if her friends called her new shoes ugly.

**The Mystery Word is
insult.**



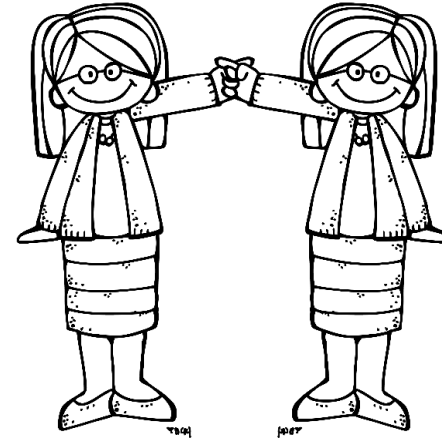
**Insult (*verb*) to treat rudely;
to anger someone by being rude**

**The kids made mean
faces to insult their
teammate when the coach
wasn't looking.**

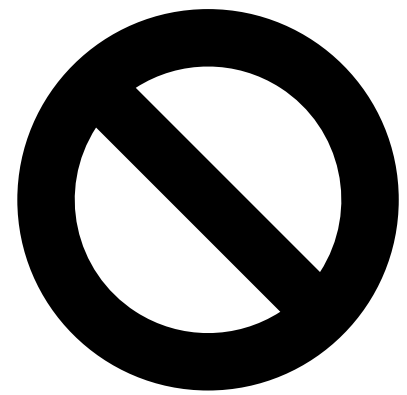


a _____

The Mystery Word is an eight letter noun that begins with “a.” This word names the people watching something.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *listeners,*
onlookers, and *the*
*public.***



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to *actor*
and *absence*.**



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

The pageant was a community event in which the _____ was singing and clapping along with the performers.

**The Mystery Word
is audience.**



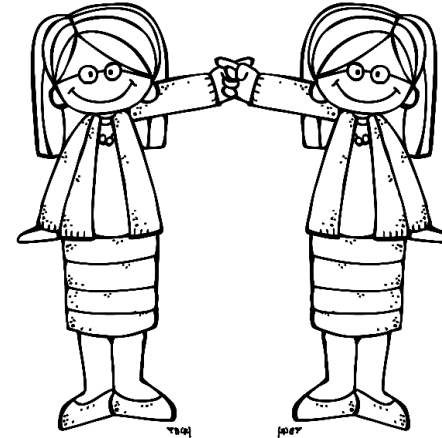
Audience (*noun*) the group watching an event

Shelby was nervous when she faced the audience; she almost forgot the words to her song!

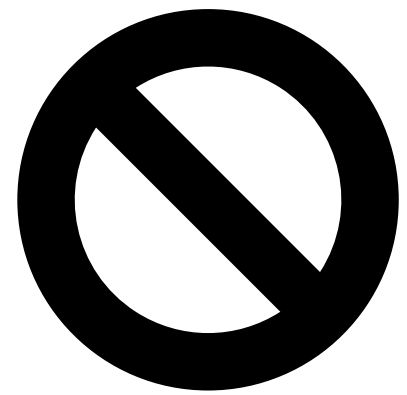


U _ _ _ _ _

The Mystery Word is a six letter adjective that begins with “U.” This word means something needs to be done right away.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *pressing*,
compelling, and
immediate.**



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
moderate,
unimportant, or
*unnecessary.***



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

When I fell off my bike and broke my leg, I needed _____ medical attention.

**The Mystery Word is
urgent.**



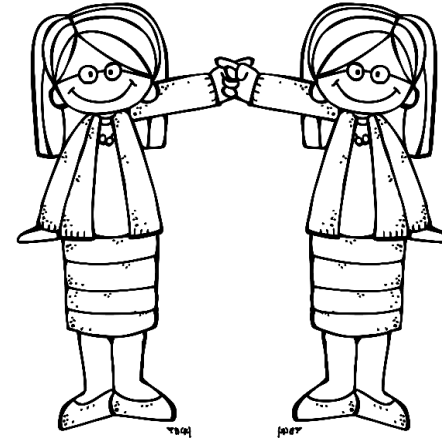
Urgent (*adjective*) needing immediate attention, needs to be done right away

I called my mom right away when I read her urgent text message.

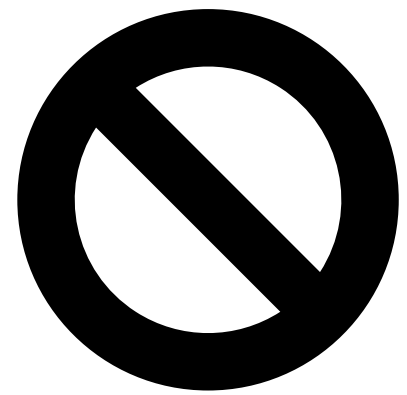


e _____

The Mystery Word is a nine letter adjective that begins with “e.” This word means extremely tired.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *sleepy*,
drained, and
weakened.**



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
*strengthened, alert,
or rejuvenated.***



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

**Jamie played
basketball all afternoon;
he was _____ when
he returned home.**

The Mystery Word is exhausted.



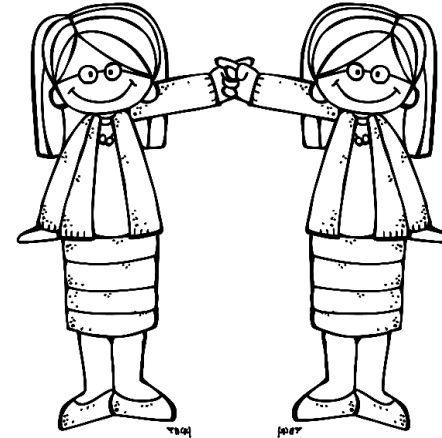
Exhausted (adjective) extremely tired

My dad was so exhausted after work that he fell asleep before we ate dinner.

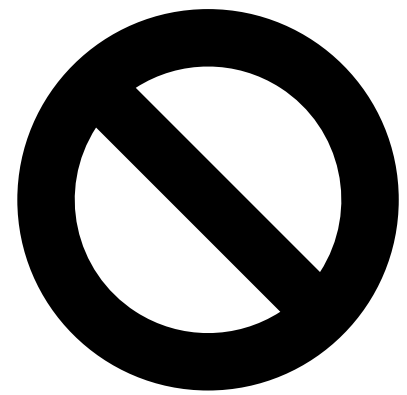


O _____

The Mystery Word is an eight letter adjective that begins with “o.” This word describes something that is not very exciting.



**The Mystery
Word is similar to
*plain, usual, and
customary.***



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
*outlandish, fancy, and
unexpected.***



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

We planned to have our _____ snack, but Rachel surprised us with cupcakes.

**The Mystery Word is
ordinary.**



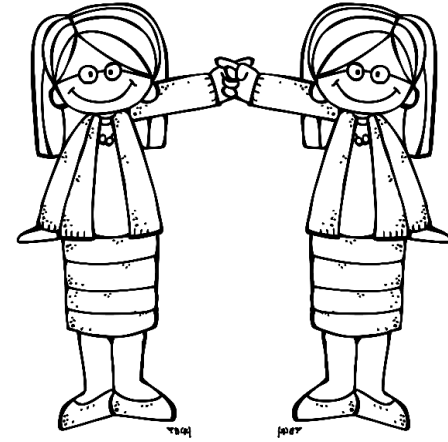
**Ordinary (*adjective*) plain or usual;
commonplace**

**We were having an
ordinary day until the
principal ran into our
classroom holding a parrot.**

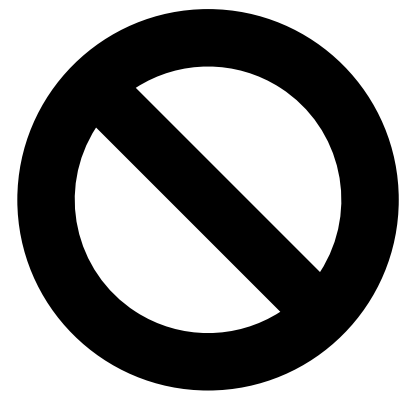


a _ _ _ _ _

The *Mystery Word* is a seven letter verb that begins with “a.” This word means to examine closely and in detail.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *examine*,
investigate, and
scrutinize.**



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
ignore or *overlook*.**



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

A team of doctors had to _____ the data for hours to determine the cause of the mysterious illness.

**The Mystery Word is
analyze.**



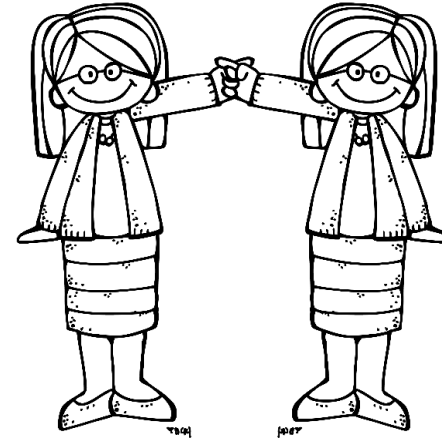
Analyze (*verb*) to examine closely

**Since Jacob is allergic
to peanuts, he always
takes time to analyze the
labels before buying
groceries.**

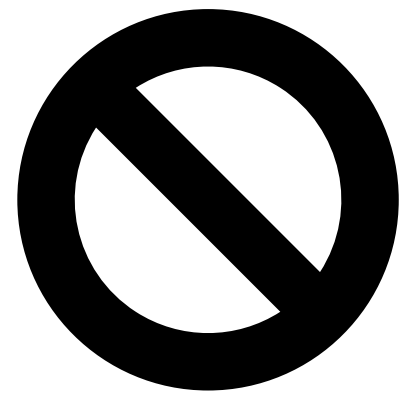


S _____

The Mystery Word is a seven letter verb that begins with “s.” This word means to remain alive, especially against the odds.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *remain*,
endure, and *continue*.**



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
*cease, stop, or die.***



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

It was not easy for the plants to _____ the drought this summer.

The Mystery Word is *survive*.

Survive (*verb*) to live,
especially against the odds

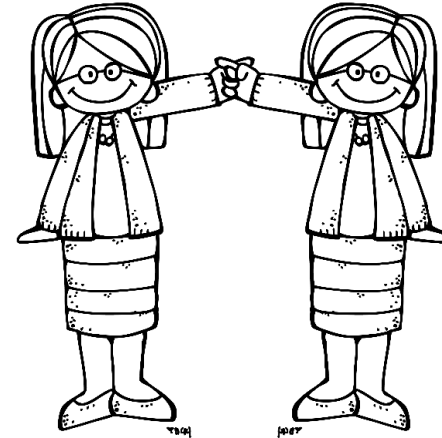
Despite the increased
access to the internet, the
printed newspaper has
continued to *survive*.



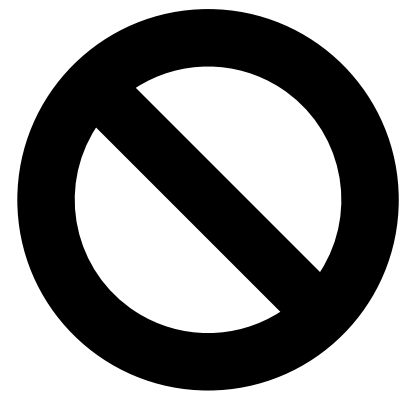


V _____

The Mystery Word is a nine letter verb that begins with “v.” This word means to form a picture in your mind.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *dream up*
and *envision*.**



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
*ignore, disbelieve,
and disregard.***



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

While one student reads the passage, another student closes their eyes to _____ the scene using the author's description.

**The Mystery Word is
visualize.**



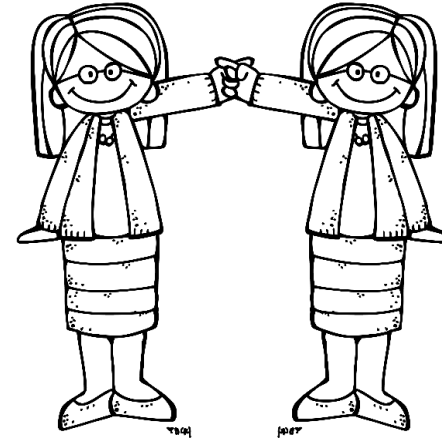
Visualize (*verb*) to recall or form a mental image

When you are overwhelmed by a task, it may help to visualize what your task will look like when it is finished.

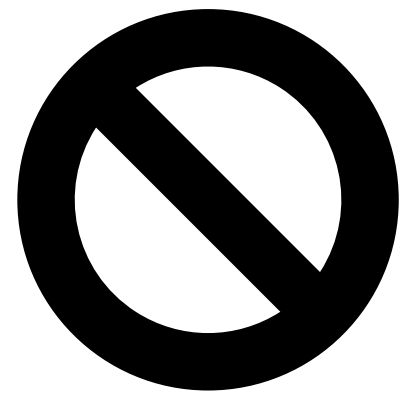


O _ _ _ _ _

The Mystery Word is a seven letter adjective that begins with “o.” This word indicates that something bad may happen.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *sinister*
and *threatening*.**



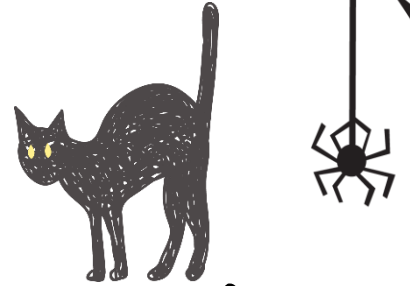
**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
*favorable, promising,
or harmless.***



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

**The _____ and
creepy music played every
time the evil villain crept
onstage.**

**The Mystery Word is
ominous.**



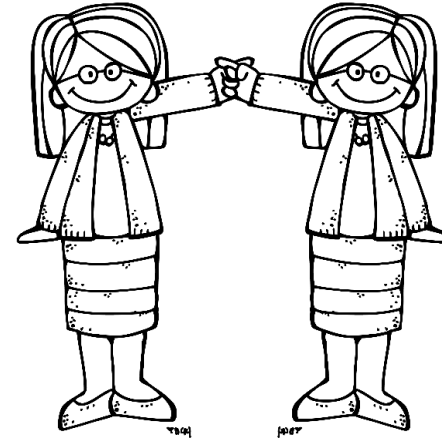
Ominous (*adjective*) being or showing a sign of misfortune, evil, or a threat

The neighborhood kids avoided the ominous looking abandoned house, which was covered in spider webs.

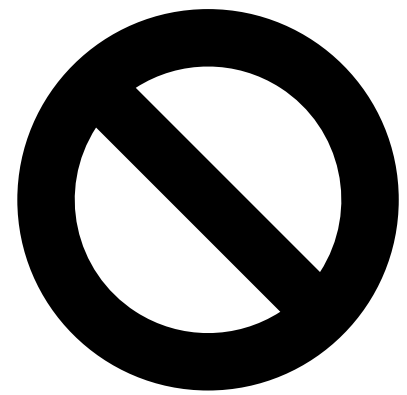


C _ _ _ _ _

The Mystery Word is a seven letter verb that begins with “c.” This word is an action, meaning to twist or bend something out of shape.



The Mystery Word
is similar to
misshape, knot, and
distort.



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
aligned and *straight*.**



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

The magician's assistant had to _____ his body to fit into the oddly shaped box, so it looked like it he was getting sawed in half.

The Mystery Word is **contort.**



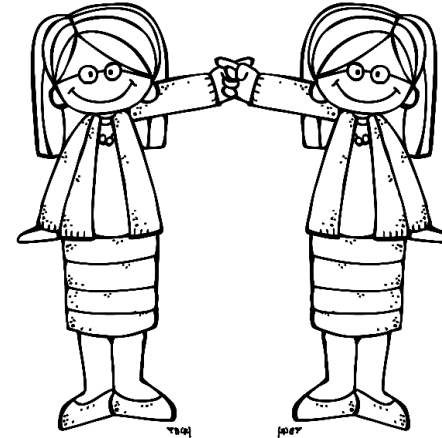
Contort (*verb*) to twist, bend, or make out of shape; to distort

Advanced gymnasts must be flexible to contort their bodies into all kinds of unusual positions.

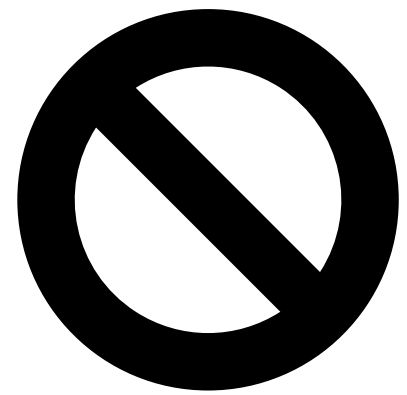


h _____

The Mystery Word is a ten letter noun that begins with “h.” This word names something that is not proven, but can be assumed.



The Mystery Word
is similar to
conjecture, theory,
and assumption.



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to *a
scientific fact.***



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

In order to test our _____ that plants need light, we conducted an experiment.

The Mystery Word is hypothesis.



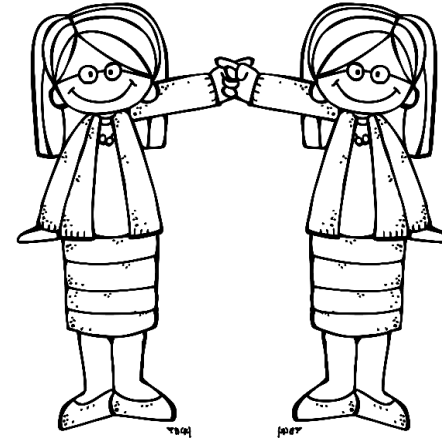
Hypothesis (*noun*) an idea that is assumed, but not proven; something assumed for the sake of argument

The scientists worked to prove their hypothesis of how best to treat the common cold.

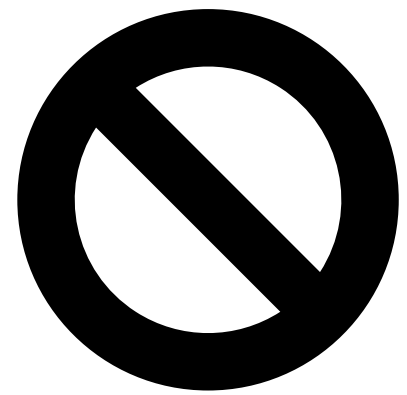


a _____

The Mystery Word is a ten letter verb that begins with “a.” This word means to gather or increase.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *amass*,
stockpile, and
squirrel away.**



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
deplete and *discard*.**



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

During the night, the snowfall is expected to _____ over six inches on the roads.

**The Mystery Word is
accumulate.**



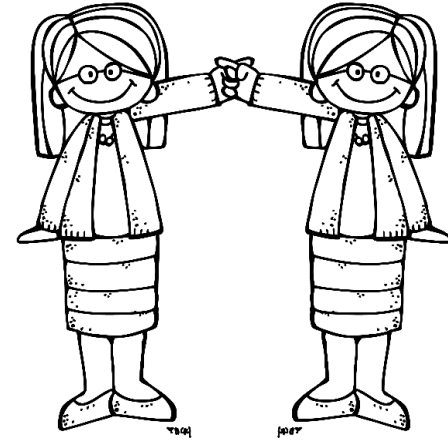
Accumulate (*verb*) to gather or pile up; to increase

If you save twenty dollars a month, your savings will accumulate steadily.

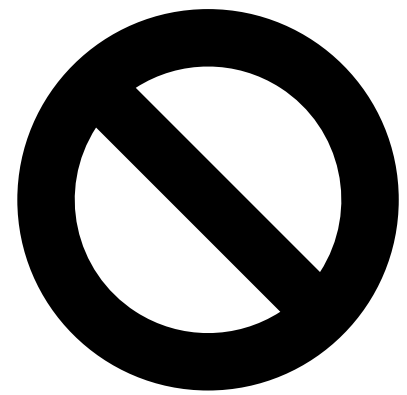


d _ _ _ _ _

The Mystery Word is an eight letter noun that begins with “d.” This word names an amount taken off a regular price.



The Mystery Word
is similar to
reduction, deduction,
and markdown.



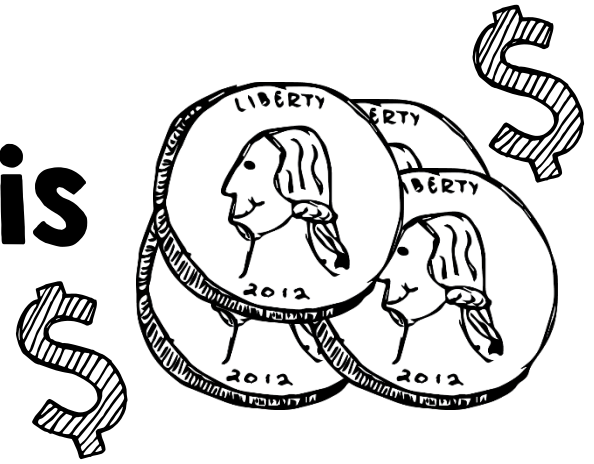
**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
markup and
additional cost.**



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

Shoppers lined up around the block to buy the newest iPhone at a deep _____.

**The Mystery Word is
discount.**



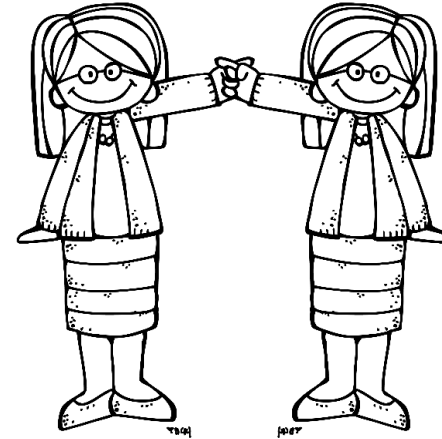
Discount (*noun*) an amount taken off a regular price

As a perk, the store offers a special 10% discount for all employees.

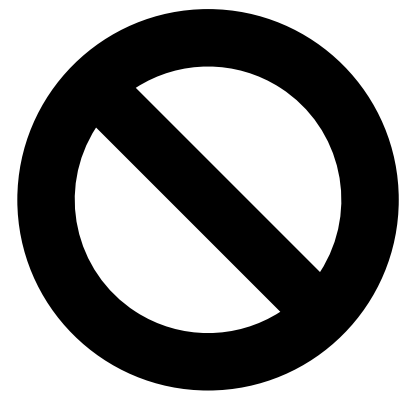


S _____

The Mystery Word is a ten letter adjective that begins with “s.” This word describes something that is fixed in place.



The Mystery Word
is similar to
motionless, immobile,
and unchanging.



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
*moving, changing, or
in motion.***



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

The car remained _____ with the engine running when I ran inside to get my glasses.

The Mystery Word is stationary.

Stationary (*adjective*) fixed in a station, course, or position

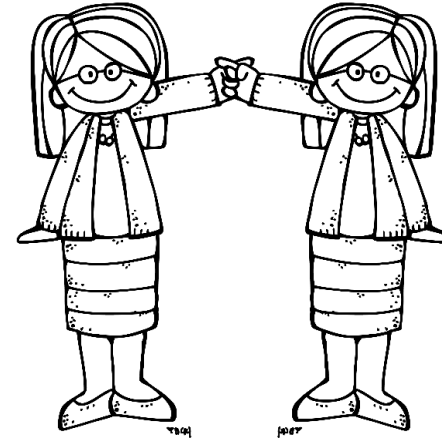
Be sure the ladder is in a stationary position before climbing up the rungs.



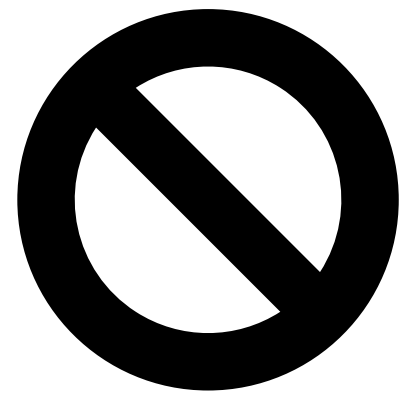


a _____

The Mystery Word is a nine letter adjective that begins with “a.” This word describes something that is very bad, evil, or cruel.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *terrible*,
appalling, and
dreadful.**



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to *nice*,
kind, or *wonderful*.**



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

The _____ weather kept the villagers huddled by their fires for warmth all week.

**The Mystery Word is
atrocious.**



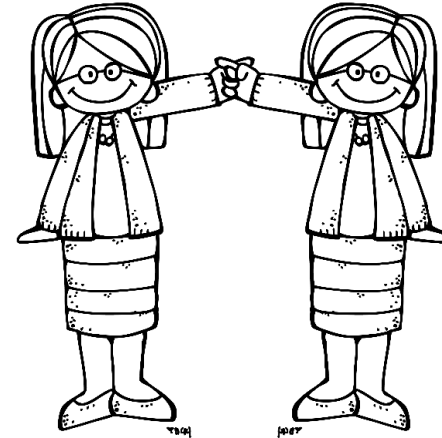
Atrocious (*adjective*) terrible, evil, or cruel

**The relief workers saw the
atrocious living conditions
after the storm, as they handed
out blankets and bottled water.**

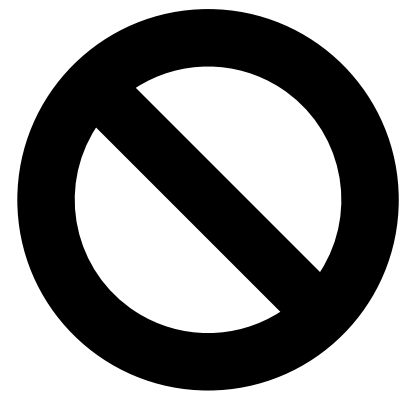


! _ _ _ _ _

The Mystery Word is a six letter noun that begins with “I.” This word names a lack of appropriate seriousness.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *funny*,
hysterical, and
absurd.**



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
*solemn, grave, or
serious.***



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

**Adding some _____
to the ceremony, Sean wore
a green wig with his
distinguished graduation
robes.**

The Mystery Word is levity.



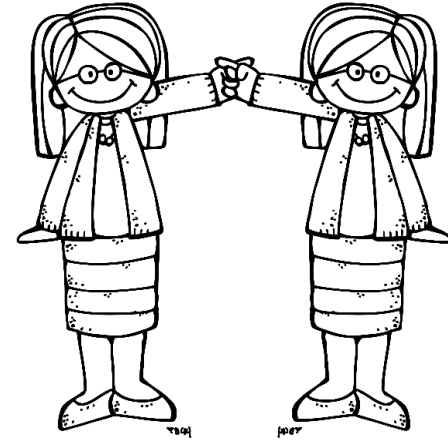
Levity (*noun*) a lack of seriousness, often at an improper time

The principal treated the day like any other, despite the levity caused by her striped tights and tutu.

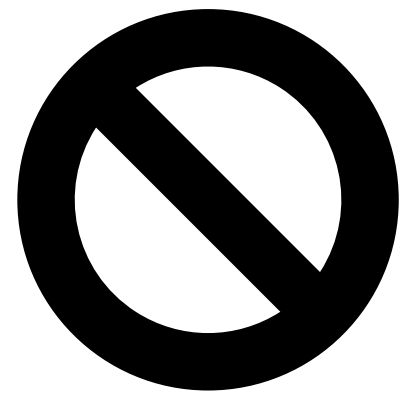


r _____

The Mystery Word is a seven letter verb that begins with “r.” This word describes the act of conducting an active and quick search.



The Mystery Word
is similar to search,
***look through,* and**
ransack.



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
organize and *clean*.**



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

My grandmother lets us _____ through her attic whenever we need props for a costume party.

**The Mystery Word is
rummage.**



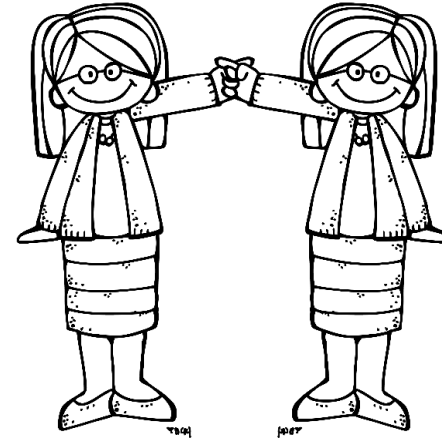
Rummage (*verb*) to search thoroughly for something, especially by moving objects around

**Dylan had to _____
through over one hundred
books before he found the title
he was searching for.**




h _ _ _ _ _

The Mystery Word is a seven letter noun that begins with “h.” This word names an environment in which something grows.



The Mystery Word
is similar to *home* and
***abode*.**



**EXTRA
INFORMATION**

**The *Mystery Word*
describes a place or type
of place where something
usually grows.**



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

The classmates carefully observed the baby birds in their natural _____, so as not to disturb them.

**The Mystery Word is
habitat.**



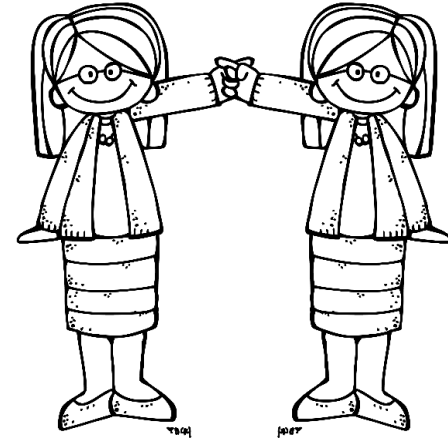
Habitat (*noun*) environment in which an animal or plant lives or grows.

**It is important to protect the
habitat of endangered sea
turtles.**

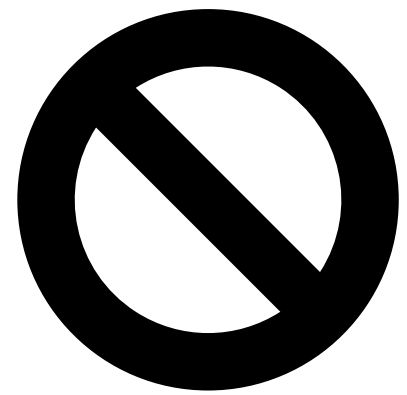


O _ _ _ _ _

The Mystery Word is a seven letter verb that begins with “o.” This word means to pay special attention.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *notice*,
watch, and *see*.**



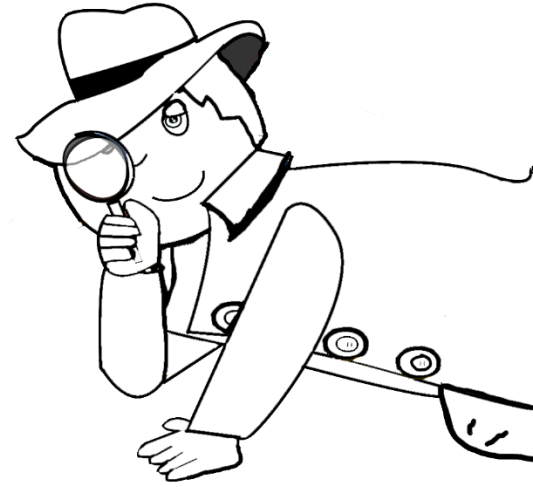
**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
*ignore.***



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

During an experiment, you should carefully _____ the changes that occur.

**The Mystery Word is
observe.**



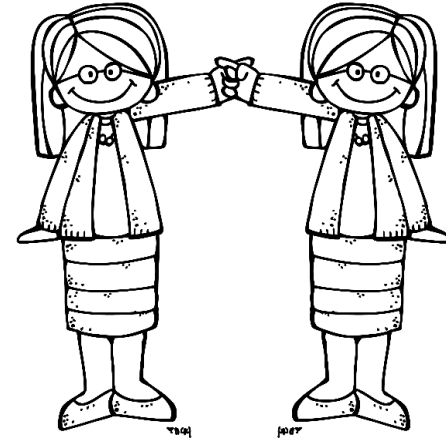
Observe (*verb*) to see, watch, or notice.

**The students carefully observe
each butterfly as it emerges
from the chrysalis.**




p _ _ _ _ _

The Mystery Word is an eight letter noun that begins with “p.” This word names a characteristic or trait.



**The Mystery Word is
similar to *quality* and
attribute.**



**EXTRA
INFORMATION**

**The Mystery Word
describes a
distinctive feature.**



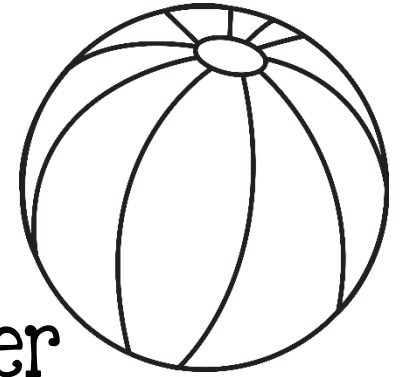
The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

Scientists note the _____ of different elements when experimenting.

bouncy

**The Mystery Word is
property.**

round



smells like rubber

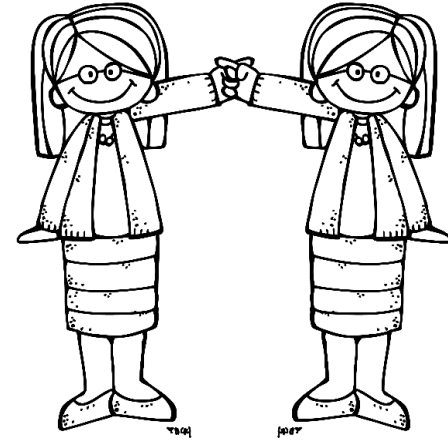
Property (*noun*) a quality or characteristic trait of something.

**The scientists tested the
properties of the substance to
learn if it was magnetic.**

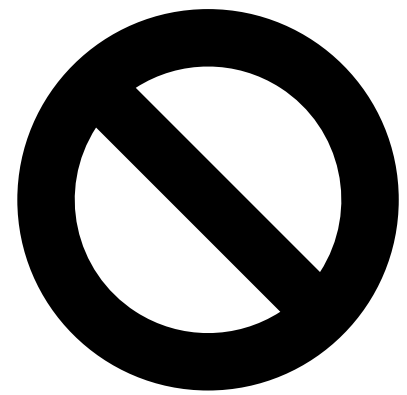


C _ _ _ _ _

The Mystery Word is a seven letter verb that begins with “c.” This word means to observe similarities and likenesses between two or more items.



**The Mystery Word is
similar to *liken* and
equate.**



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
*contrast.***



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

When shopping, I was sure to _____ several different bikes to choose the best bike for me.

**The Mystery Word is
compare.**



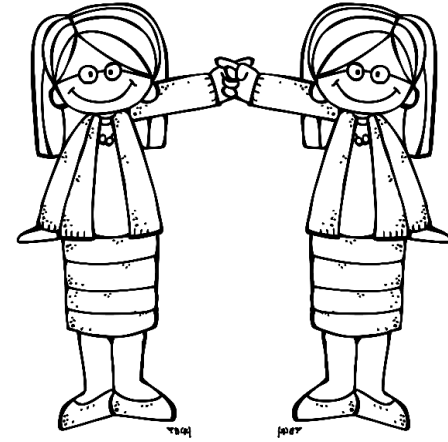
Compare (*verb*) to observe similarities and likenesses between two or more items.

The classmates do their math homework individually, and then compare their methods used to solve each problem.

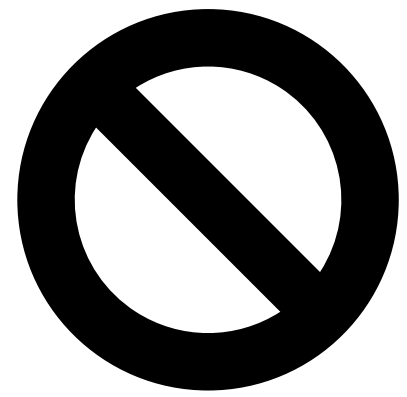


C _ _ _ _ _

**The Mystery Word is an eight letter verb that begins with “c.”
This word means to arrange in groups.**



**The Mystery Word is
similar to *sort* and
categorize.**



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
*disarrange, disorder,
and jumble.***



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

The students were asked to _____ the materials based on different properties, such as color, size, and shape.

**The Mystery Word is
classify.**



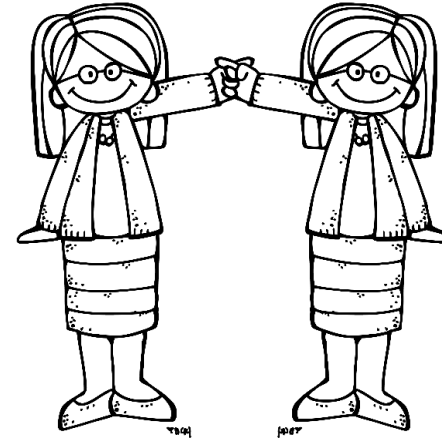
Classify (*verb*) to arrange in groups based on properties.

Scientists often classify minerals based on hardness and softness.

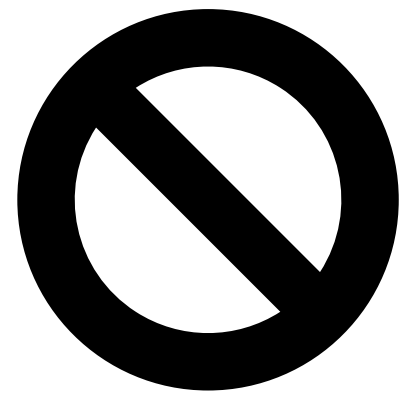


O _ _ _ _ _

The Mystery Word is a nine letter noun that begins with “o.” This word names a child or descendant.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *child*,
young, and *progeny*.**



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to a
*parent.***



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

The _____ of a butterfly actually emerge from the egg as a caterpillar.

**The Mystery Word is
offspring.**



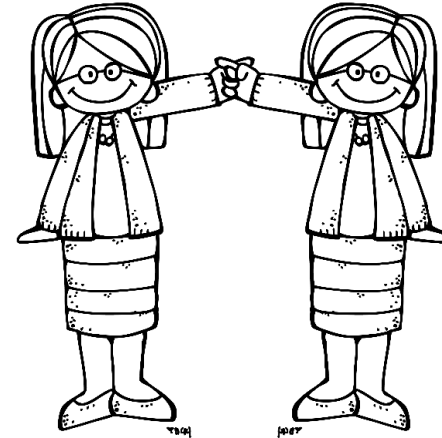
Offspring (*noun*) the young, or child, of an animal or plant

**Most mammals care for their
offspring until they mature.**

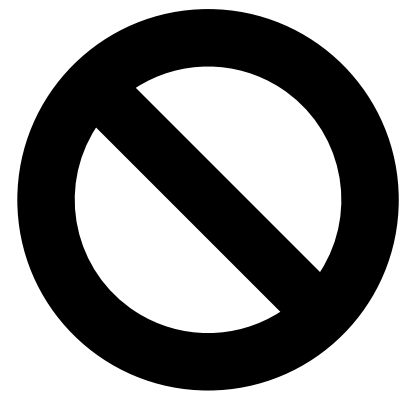


S _____

The Mystery Word is a seven letter verb that begins with “s.” This word means to continue to live.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *live*,
persist, and *outlive*.**



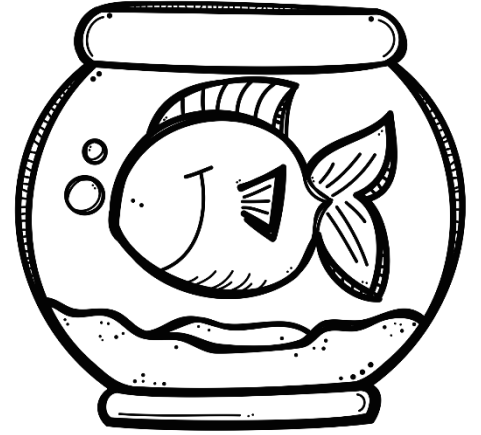
**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
*perish, decease, or
cease.***



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

Plants require air, water, and food in order to _____.

**The Mystery Word is
survive.**



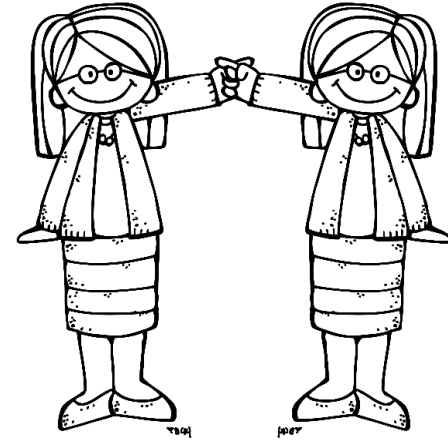
Survive (*verb*) continue to live; to exist

**Only two percent of all
hatched salmon will survive
until adulthood.**



C _____

The Mystery Word is a nine letter noun that begins with “c.” This word names a protective covering for a pupa.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *pupal*
case and *cocoon*.**



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INFORMATION**

**The Mystery Word
names a distinctive
feature in a stage of
the life cycle of a
butterfly.**



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

The _____ of many butterflies are suspended from a silk pad and abdominal hooks.

The Mystery Word is **chrysalis.**

Chrysalis (*noun*) a hardened outer protective layer of a pupa

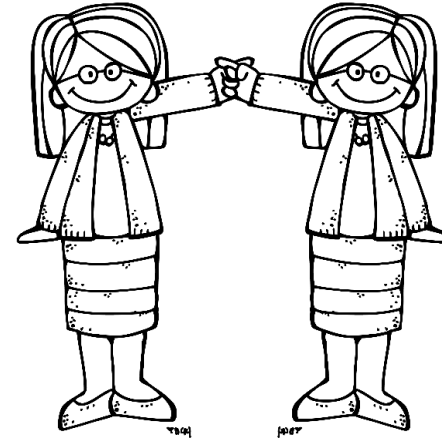


About a day before the adult butterfly emerges, the chrysalis typically becomes transparent.

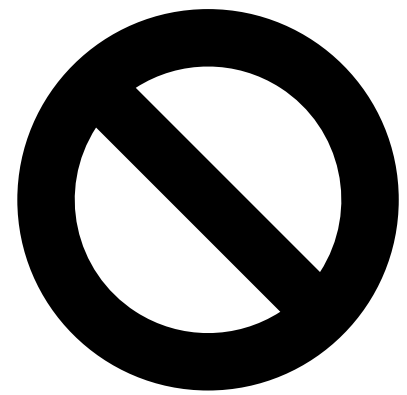


I _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

The *Mystery Word* is actually two words - a four letter word and a five letter word. This noun names the series of life all animals undergo to become adults.



The Mystery Word
is similar to
***biorhythm* and the**
“circle of life.”



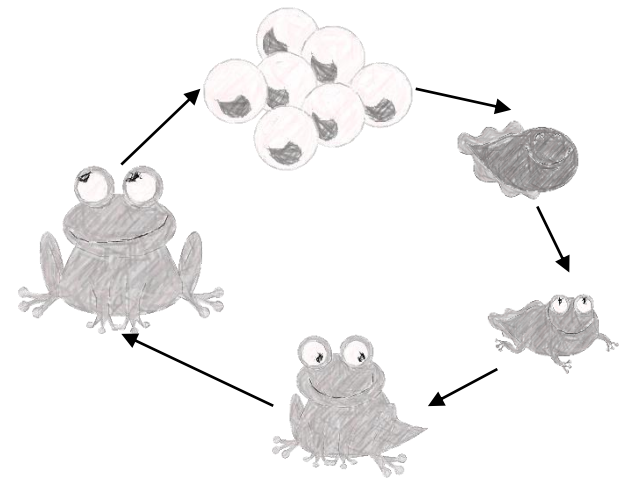
**The Mystery Word
is not similar to *death*
or *inorganic*.**



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

There are four stages in the _____ of a butterfly.

The Mystery Word is life cycle.



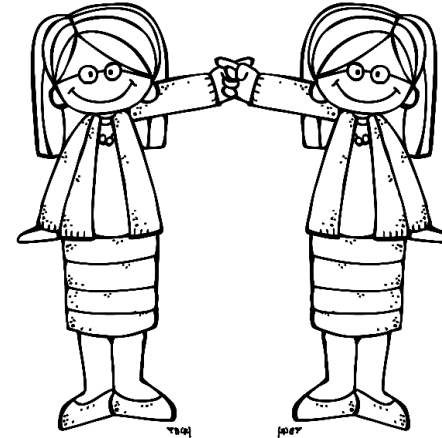
Life Cycle (*noun*) the series of life all animals and plants undergo to become adults

Our class was able to see the life cycle of a frog by hatching their eggs in a special aquarium.

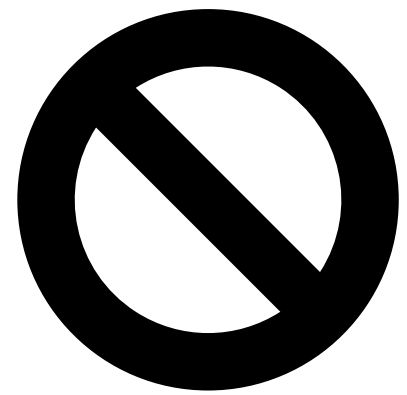


m _____

The Mystery Word is a thirteen letter noun that begins with “m.” This word names a major change of form or structure.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *change*,
alteration, and
transformation.**



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
unchanging and
stagnant.**



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

Our class learned about how a caterpillar goes through _____ to become a butterfly.

**The Mystery Word is
metamorphosis.**



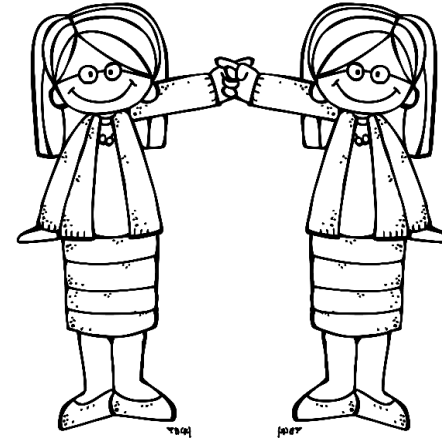
Metamorphosis (*noun*) major change of form or structure of some animals and insects during a stage of their life cycle

The butterfly emerges from the chrysalis when the metamorphosis is complete.

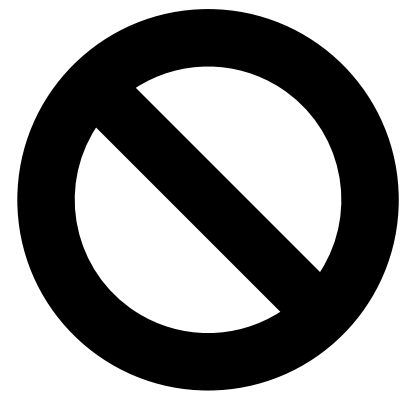


g _____

The Mystery Word is a nine letter adjective that begins with “g.” This word describes something that is misshapen, unnatural, or abnormally hideous.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *freaky*,
monstrous, and
bizarre.**



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
*attractive, beautiful,
and shapely.***



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

When the bike was hit by a car, it was practically twisted into a _____ knot.

The Mystery Word is grotesque.



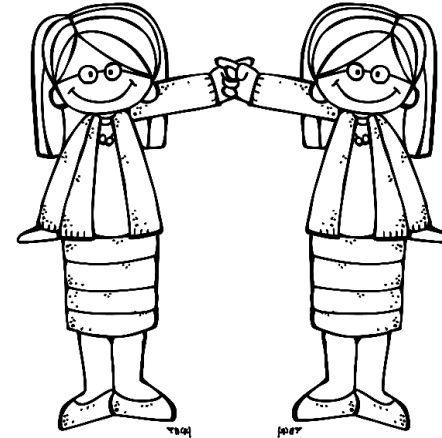
Grotesque (*adjective*) describes something that is malformed or unnatural; abnormal

The crowd was shocked at the grotesque appearance of the villain in the second scene!

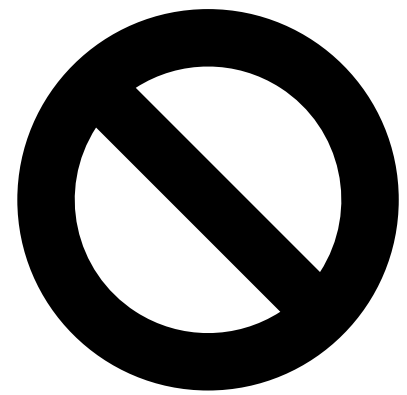


S _____

The Mystery Word is an eight letter noun that begins with “s.” This word tells the order, or series, to be followed.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *items in a
series, and in
consecutive order.***



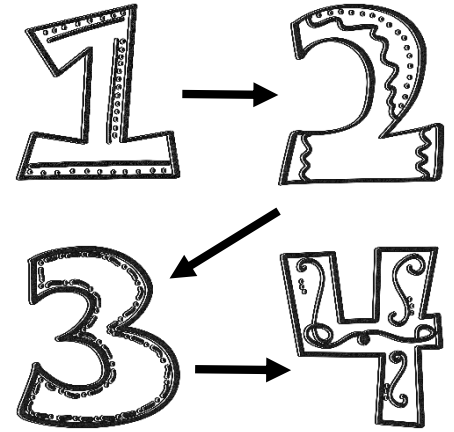
**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
*haphazard, random,
or chaotic.***



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

When cooking, it is important to follow the recipe steps in the correct _____.

**The Mystery Word is
sequence.**



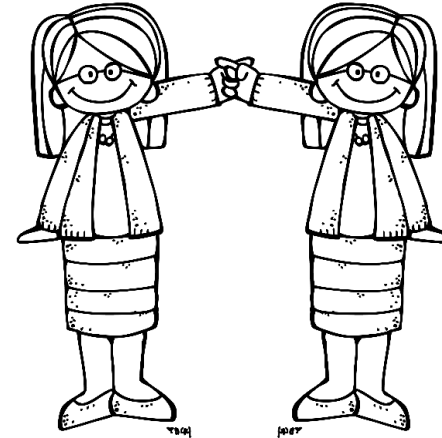
Sequence (*noun*) the order things are related or connected

After an unusual sequence of events, including a white rabbit with a pocket watch, Alice found herself in Wonderland.

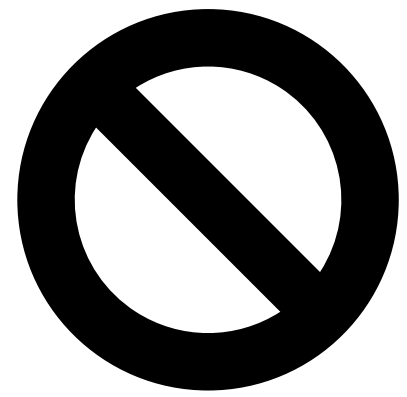


d _____

The Mystery Word is a ten letter adjective that begins with “d.” This word describes something that is extremely small.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *tiny* and
miniature.**



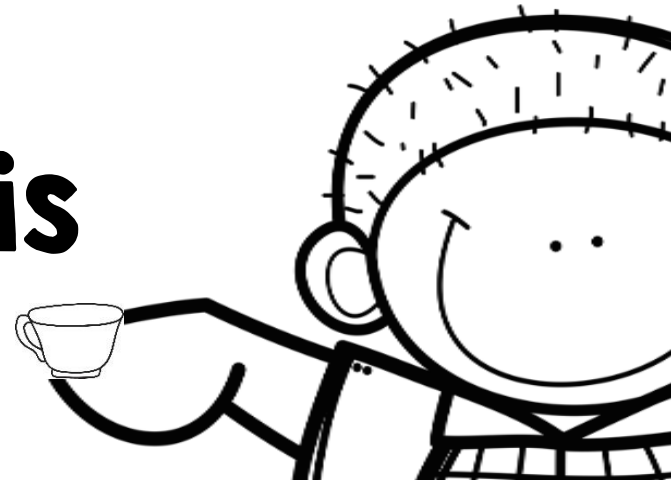
**The Mystery Word
is not similar to *huge*,
large, or *tall*.**



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

The kitten was able to slide between the slats of the fence due to its _____ size.

**The Mystery Word is
diminutive.**



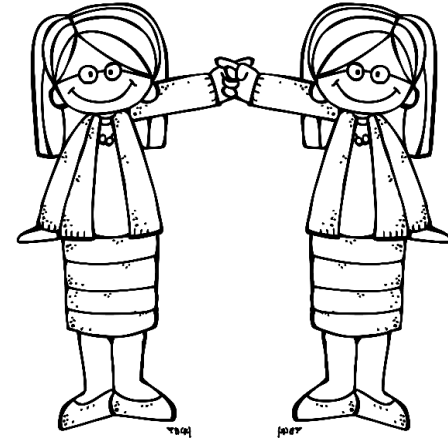
**Diminutive (*adjective*) something extremely
small or short**

**The diminutive teacup looked
even smaller in the hands of the
giant.**

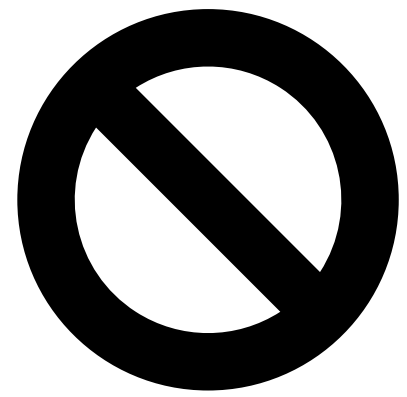


t _ _ _ _ _

The Mystery Word is a six letter verb that begins with “t.” This word means to push or drive, using force.



The Mystery Word
is similar to *shove* and
***pierce*.**



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to *pull*
or *gentle*.**



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

I knew Stephen was upset when he _____ the knife into a loaf of bread.

The Mystery Word is thrust.



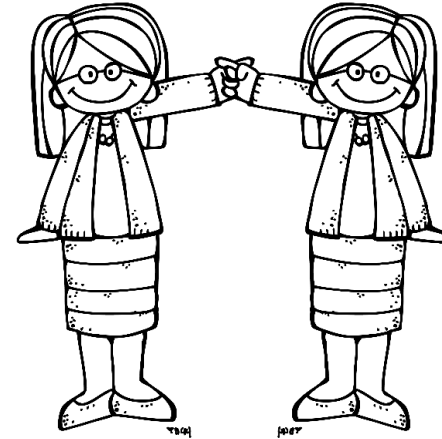
Thrust (*verb*) to push or drive with force

Charlie thrust the key in the lock, rushed inside, and slammed the door before looking back at the dog that was chasing him.

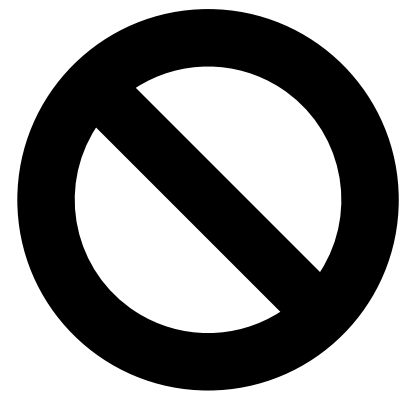


a _ _ _ _ _

The Mystery Word is a seven letter verb that begins with “a.” This word means to enlarge or increase.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *expand*,
elaborate, and
enlarge.**



**The Mystery
Word is not similar
to *condense* and
muffle.**



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

Using an electric guitar allows you to _____ the sound of your music.

**The Mystery Word is
amplify.**

**Amplify (*verb*) to enlarge or
increase in strength**

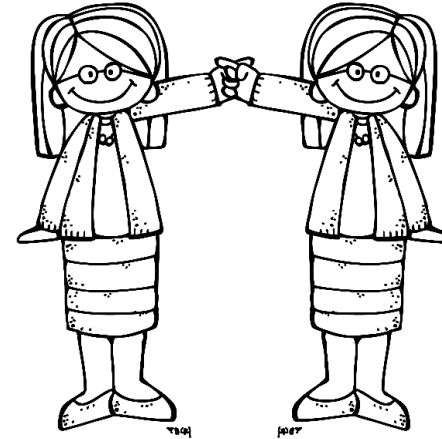


**The soft and freshly-
turned soil seemed to
amplify the shaking during
the earthquake.**

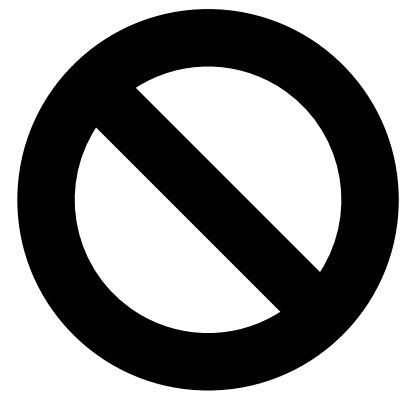


n _ _ _ _ _

The Mystery Word is a six letter adjective that begins with “n.” This word describes something that grows naturally in an area.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *local*,
domestic, and
indigenous.**



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to *alien*,
immigrant, and
acquired.**



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

The ecosystem was disturbed by the construction, and many _____ species of birds were threatened.

**The Mystery Word is
native.**



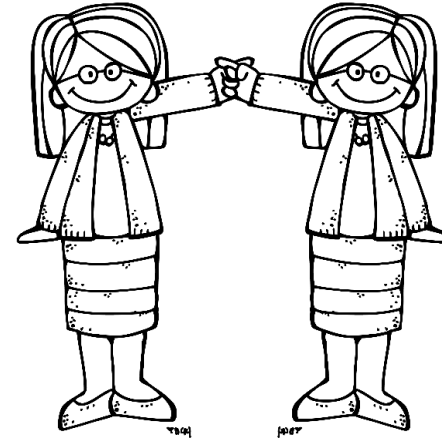
**Native (*adjective*) describes something living
and/or growing naturally in an area**

**Tigers and gazelles are
not native to the same
continents.**

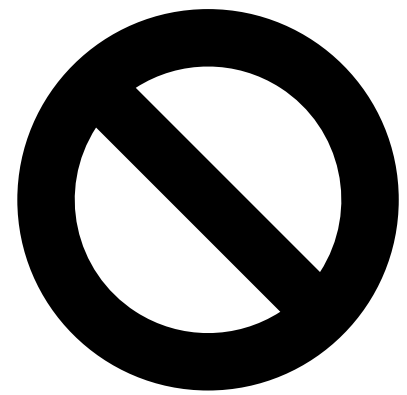


C _____

The Mystery Word is a ten letter noun that begins with “c.” This word names a feeling of right and wrong.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *morals*,
guilt, and *principles*.**



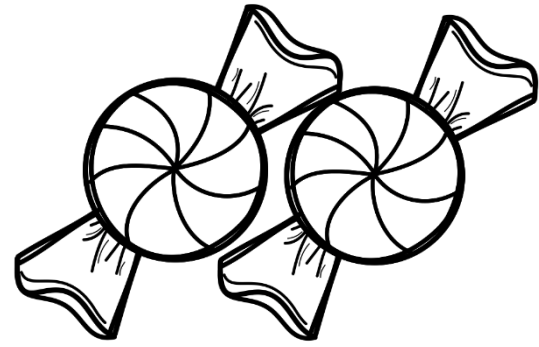
**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
*immoral, corrupt, or
unethical.***



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

After stealing the money, the thief's guilty _____ kept him awake all night, worrying about what he had done.

**The Mystery Word is
conscience.**



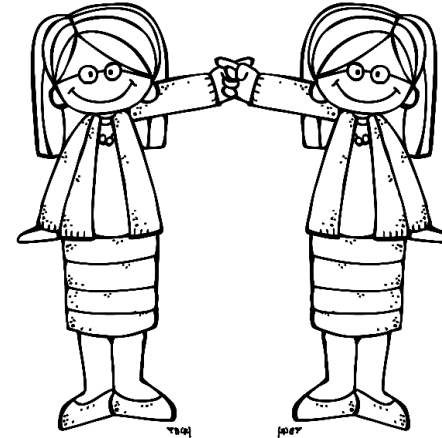
Conscience (*noun*) a feeling of right and wrong; guilt

I know candy is not allowed at school, so it would bother my conscience if I brought some to class.

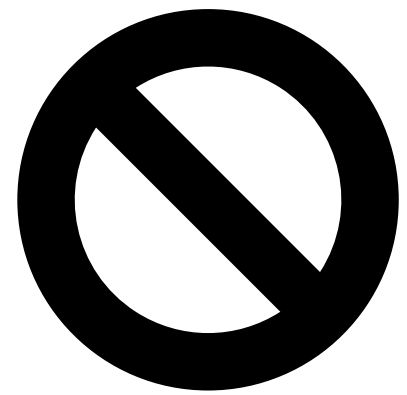


e _ _ _ _ _

The Mystery Word is a five letter adjective that begins with “e.” This word describes someone who is impatient or enthusiastic to begin.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *keen*,
anxious, and *avid*.**



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
*reluctant, hesitant, or
unwilling.***



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

**James was so _____
to get on the road that he
woke early and packed
the car before sunrise.**

**The Mystery Word is
eager.**



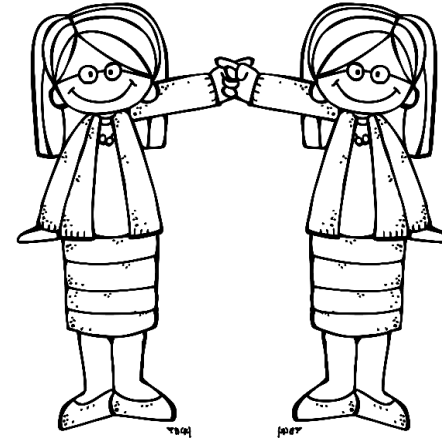
**Eager (*adjective*) an impatient or
enthusiastic desire**

**My dog was so eager for a
walk that she pulled her leash
to the door when she heard
me arrive.**

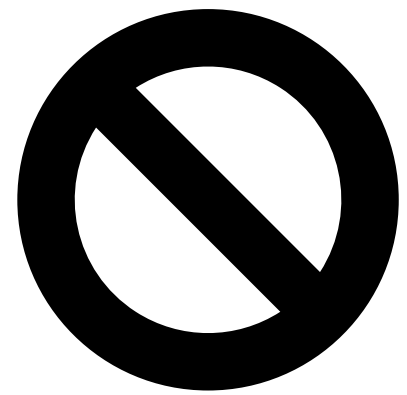


s _ _ _ _ _ h

The Mystery Word is a seven letter adjective that begins with “s” and ends with “h.” This word means meant not to attract attention.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *furtive*,
secret, and *covert*.**



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
*public, overt, or
openly.***



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

The newest fighter planes are not visible by radar when flying in _____ mode.

The Mystery Word is stealth.



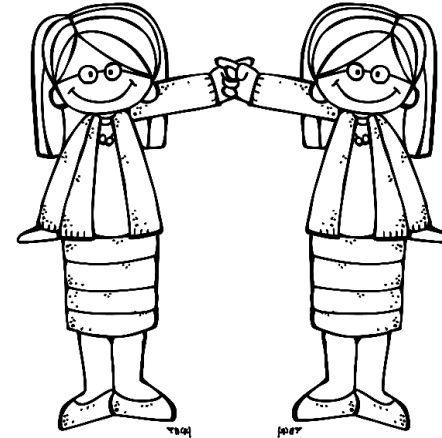
Stealth (*adjective*) intended to avoid attention or detection

The burglar moved with deliberate stealth to avoid the guards and security cameras.

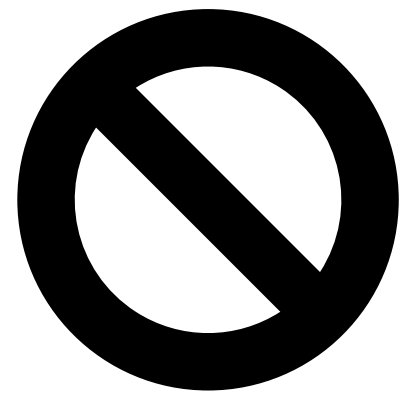


d _____

The Mystery Word is a seven letter noun that begins with “d.” This word names a lack of respect or a feeling that someone is unworthy.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *spite*,
contempt, *scorn*, and
disrespect.**



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to *adore*
and *respect*.**



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

My cat gave the new food a look of _____ before turning and walking away from the food.

**The Mystery Word is
disdain.**



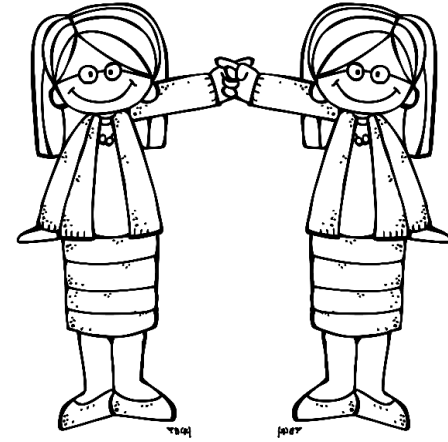
Disdain (*noun*) a feeling that someone is unworthy of respect; contempt

Rachel's look of disdain told us at a glance how she felt about the watered-down milk.

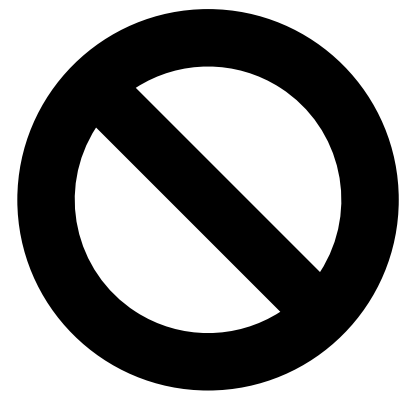


a _____

The Mystery Word is an eight letter noun that begins with “a.” This word is a public recognition honoring an achievement.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *award*,
tribute, and *honor*.**



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
*criticism, censure,
and disapproval.***



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

Sheila felt honored to accept the _____ for her years of service to her community.

**The Mystery Word is
accolade.**



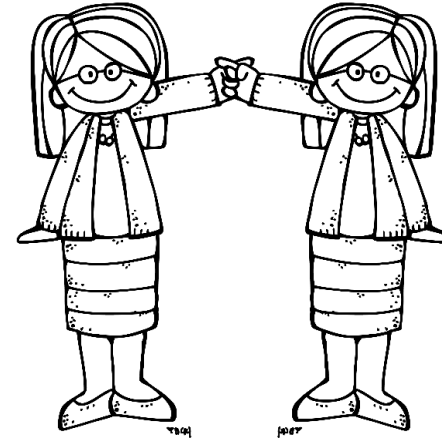
**Accolade (*noun*) a sign of approval or
recognition**

**Isabella didn't expect to
receive an accolade for her
grades, and she was surprised
when her name was
announced.**

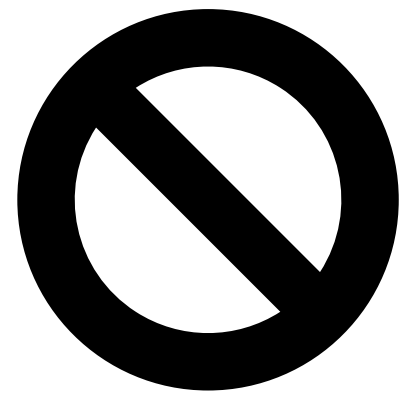


p _____

The Mystery Word is an eight letter adjective that begins with “p.” This word describes something that is very productive or has many offspring.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *plentiful,*
productive, and
*abundant.***



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
*fruitless, barren, or
unproductive.***



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

Derrick is quite a _____ writer; he has written several novels, a screenplay, and numerous poems.

**The Mystery Word is
prolific.**



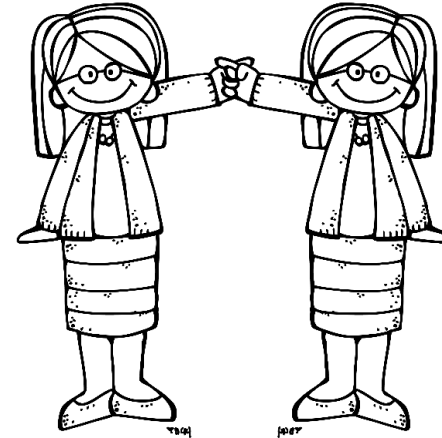
Prolific (*adjective*) productive; fruitful

**Ants are one of the most
prolific organisms on earth,
native to all but the most
remote locations.**

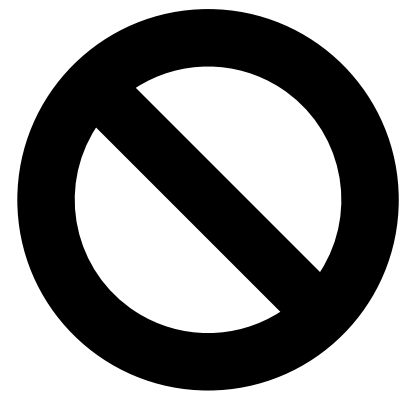


C _____

The Mystery Word is an eight letter noun that begins with “c.” This word names a compelling charm or personality that inspires others.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *charm*,
appeal, and *lure*.**



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
repulsion, dislike, and
repugnance.**



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

Suzanne speaks with a _____ usually seen in politicians; people listen when she speaks.

**The Mystery Word is
charisma.**



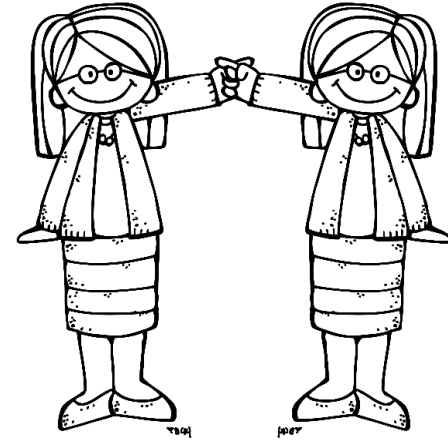
Charisma (*noun*) compelling charm or personality that inspires devotion or interest from others

The charisma of the singer held the crowd's attention for the duration of the concert.

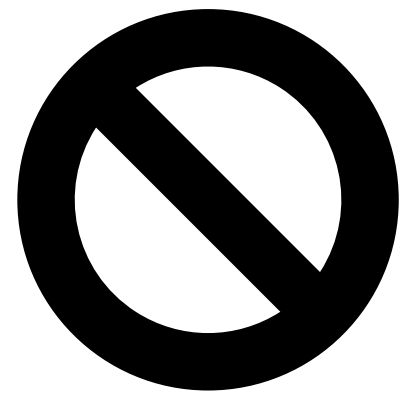


Z _ _ _ _ _

The Mystery Word is a seven letter adjective that begins with “z.” This word describes someone who is very enthusiastic or passionate, usually about an idea.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *eager*,
gung-ho, and *keen*.**



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
bored or *indifferent*.**



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

No one was surprised when the group of _____ protestors blocked the demolition site.

The Mystery Word is **zealous**.



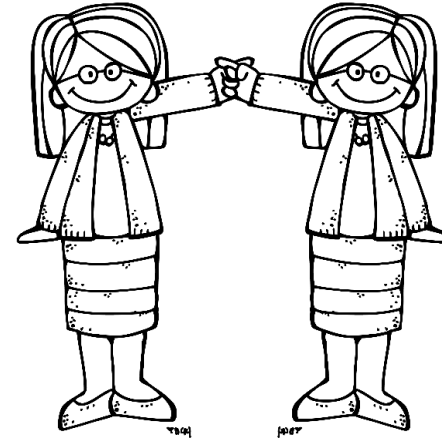
Zealous (*adjective*) very enthusiastic; support passionately

After the coach's speech, the team played with a zealous desire to win the game.

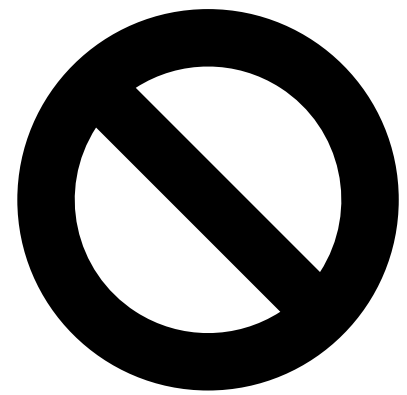


e _____

The Mystery Word is a nine letter noun that begins with “e.” This word means a short outing or journey.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *jaunt*,
trip, *expedition*, and
outing.**



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
*remain in one place.***



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

**Since we ran out of gas,
we had an unplanned
_____ to the filling
station.**

**The Mystery Word is
excursion.**



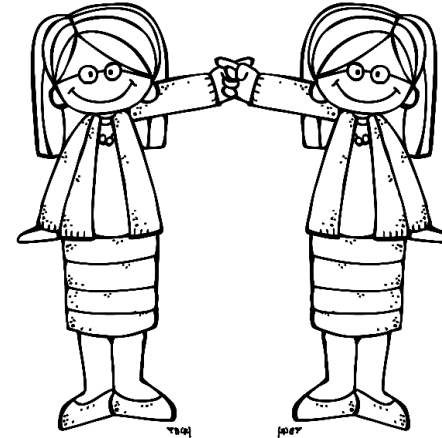
**Excursion (*noun*) a short journey or outing,
usually with a group**

**We are planning an afternoon
excursion to harvest leftover
crops from local farms to feed
the hungry.**

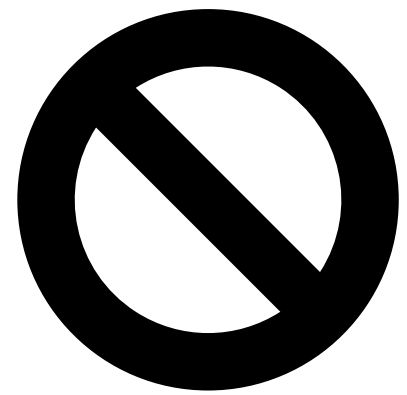


a _____

The Mystery Word is an eight letter adjective that begins with “a.” This word describes someone with an inflated feeling of importance or worth.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *snobby*,
conceited, and
superior.**



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
*modest or humble.***



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

**Caroline was so _____
that she constantly
boasted about how she
could beat anyone in any
sport.**

**The Mystery Word is
arrogant.**



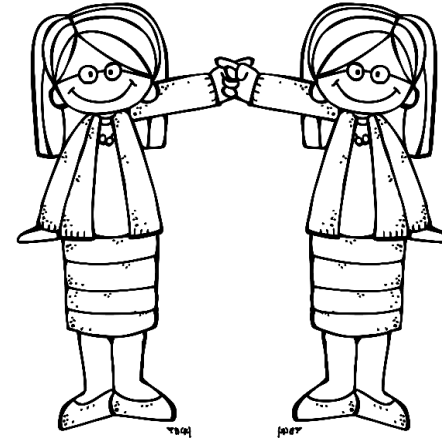
**Arrogant (*adj*) overly proud of oneself or in
one's own abilities or opinions**

**The arrogant man is
convinced he is smarter
than everyone else.**

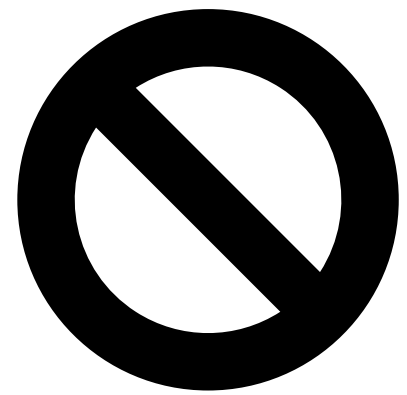


m _____

The Mystery Word is a ten letter adjective that begins with “m.” This word describes something that is not easily explained or understood.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *odd*,
peculiar, and
strange.**



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
ordinary or *easy to
explain.***

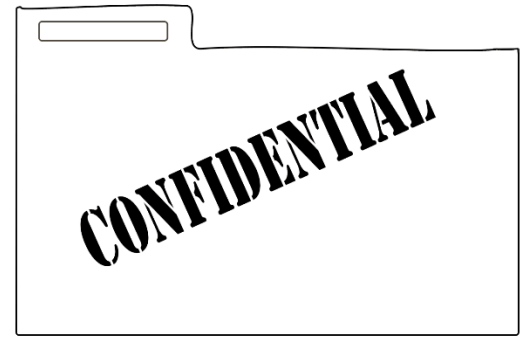


The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

I received a

**_____ note that
wasn't signed.**

**The Mystery Word is
mysterious.**



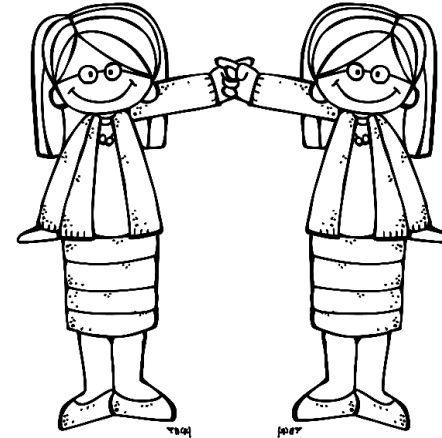
Mysterious (*adj*) odd; not easy to explain or understand

**The author did not tell how
the mysterious stranger
arrived in the middle of the
night.**

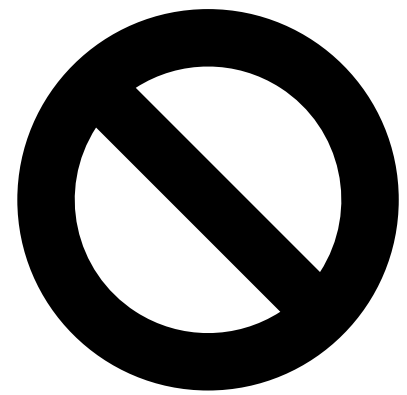


i _ _ _ _ _

The Mystery Word is a six letter verb that begins with “i.” This word means to bring goods across a border, usually to sell.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *bring in*
or *buy from abroad*.**



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to *send*
away or *export*.**



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

Since Hawaii is an island, companies must _____ many goods by boat for their stores.

**The Mystery Word is
import.**



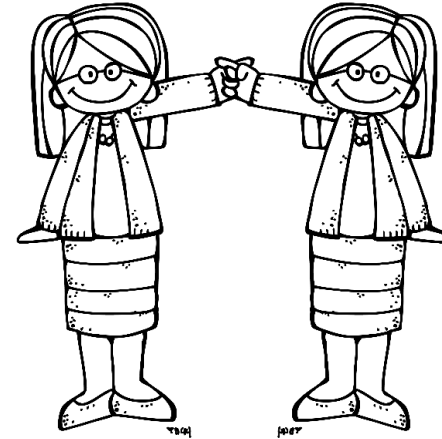
**Import (*verb*) to bring goods across a border,
usually to sell**

**Many companies in the
United States import
coffee from South
America.**

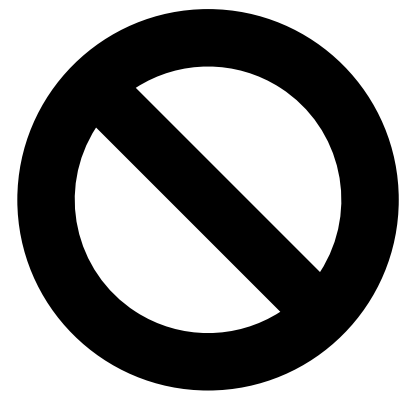


r _____

The Mystery Word is an eight letter adjective that begins with “r.” This word describes a lack of caution.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *wild*,
irresponsible, and
heedless.**



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
cautious or *wary*.**



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

The _____ woman jumped in the current to save her puppy, who had fallen in the river.

**The Mystery Word is
reckless.**



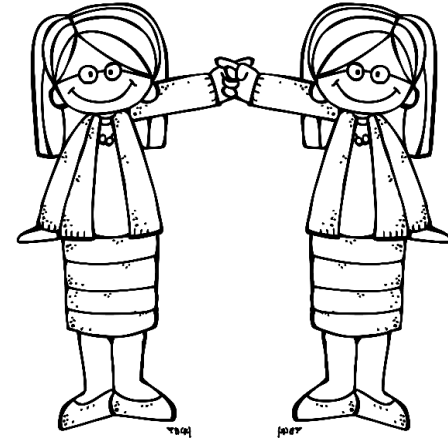
Reckless (*adj*) showing a lack of concern for the effects of one's actions

It is a reckless choice to ski advanced slopes without mastering the basics on the easier slopes.

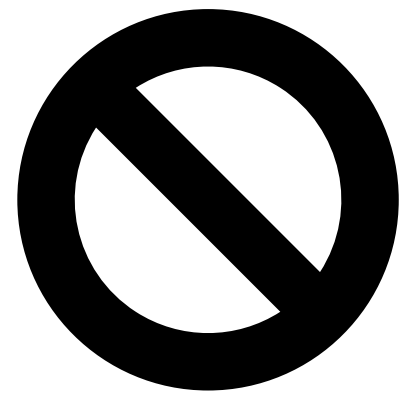


e _____

The Mystery Word is a nine letter noun that begins with “e.” This word means a sudden and serious situation requiring immediate action.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *crisis* and
predicament.**



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to a
*calm time when
everything goes as
planned.***



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

Susan is a great person to have around in an _____ because she remains calm and reacts quickly.

**The Mystery Word is
emergency.**



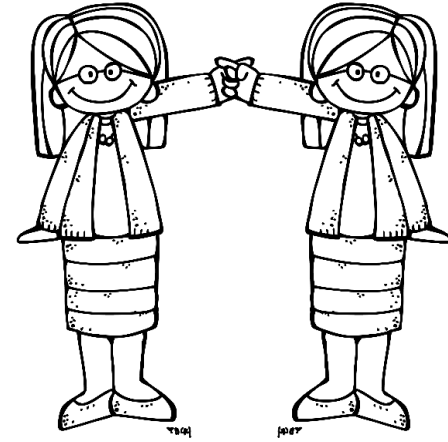
Emergency (*noun*) a serious situation requiring immediate action

**A heart attack is a
medical emergency, but a
bruise on your leg is just a
minor injury.**

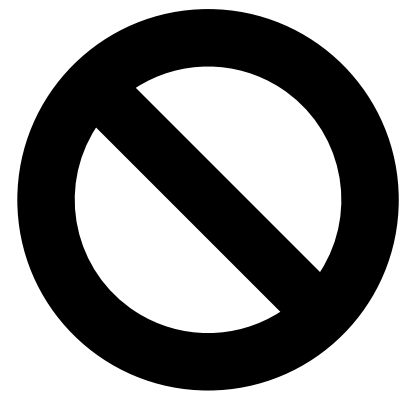


ph _____

The Mystery Word is a ten letter noun that begins with “ph.” This word names an out of the ordinary occurrence.



The Mystery Word
is similar to *unique*
occurrence, miracle,
and wonder.



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
ordinary or *regular*.**



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

Our jaws dropped when we witnessed the _____ of a triple rainbow in the sky.

**The Mystery Word is
phenomenon.**



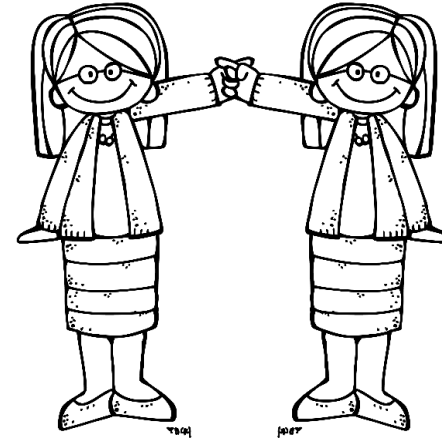
Phenomenon (*noun*) an out of the ordinary occurrence observed by the senses

If you stand very still by the window, you can observe the phenomenon of a hummingbird hovering in the air.

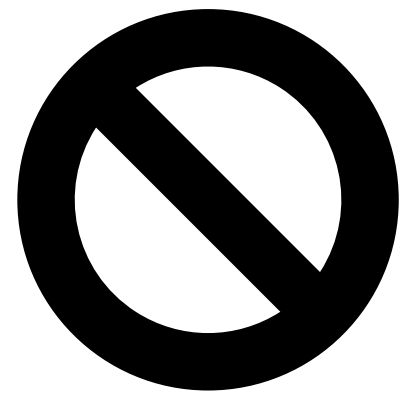


m _____

The Mystery Word is a ten letter adjective that begins with “m.” This word describes a person who is very careful, especially in attention to detail.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *careful*,
methodical, and
finicky.**



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
*careless, heedless, or
inattentive.***



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

When cooking a complicated recipe for the first time, it is important to follow all directions in a _____ way.

**The Mystery Word is
meticulous.**



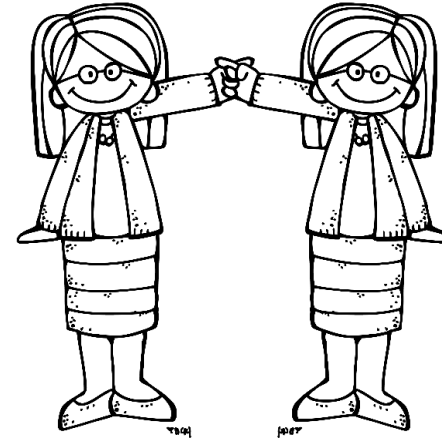
Meticulous (*adj*) extremely careful in thinking about or dealing with small details

**Kiera organized a
meticulous search of the
neighborhood to look for
our lost cat.**

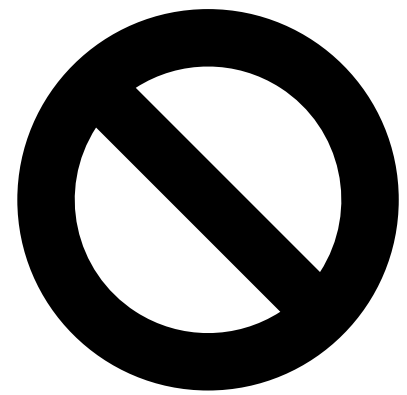


p _ _ _ _ _

The Mystery Word is a six letter verb that begins with “p.” This word means to talk or chatter in a meaningless way.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *chatter*
or *babble*.**



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to *speak*
in a clear way or *to*
*make sense.***



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

Go ahead and tell me why we are here instead of continuing to _____ on.

The Mystery Word is prattle.

Prattle (*verb*) to talk or chatter in a
meaningless way

It is amazing how Sean can
prattle on for hours about *The
Lord of the Rings* without
spoiling the story for others.

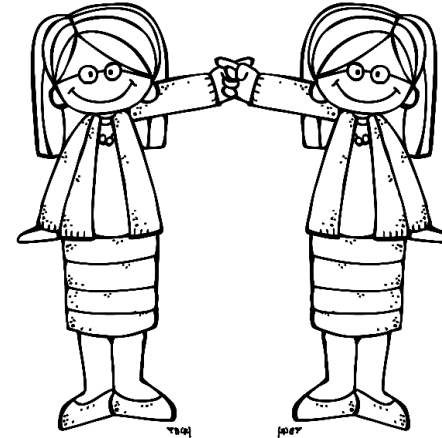
And then Frodo
began to...



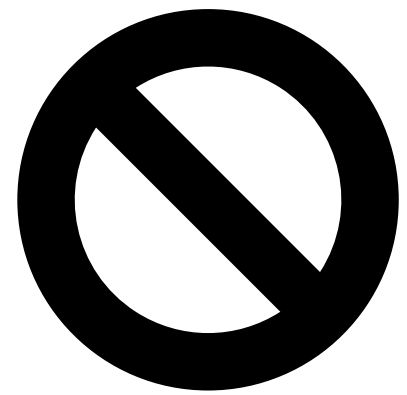


i _____

The Mystery Word is a nine letter verb that begins with “i.” This word means to ask questions or press for information.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *grill*,
interrogate, and
press for information.**



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
*ignore, silence, or
leave alone.***



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

**Alex wore a suit to
_____ the mayor**

**because he wanted to
look professional.**

**The Mystery Word is
interview.**



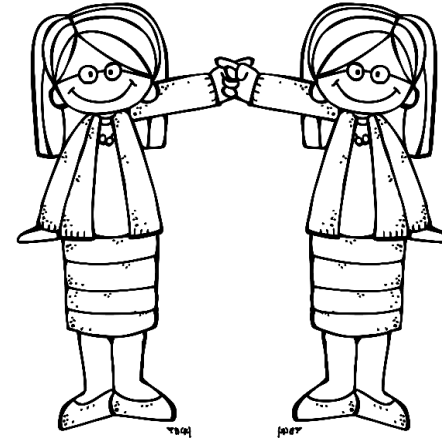
**Interview (*verb*) press for information; question
in a persistent way**

**The reporter got to
interview LeBron James
after his team won the finals.**

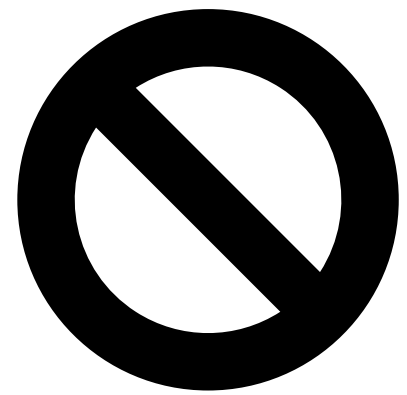


e _____

The Mystery Word is a nine letter adjective that begins with “e.” This word describes anything fundamental or necessary.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *basic*,
fundamental, and
needed.**



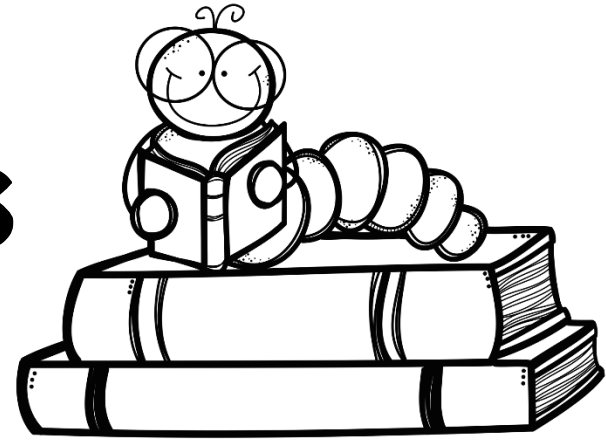
**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
unimportant or
trivial.**



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

Fresh bananas and vanilla ice cream are _____ ingredients in Dora's famous milkshakes.

The Mystery Word is essential.



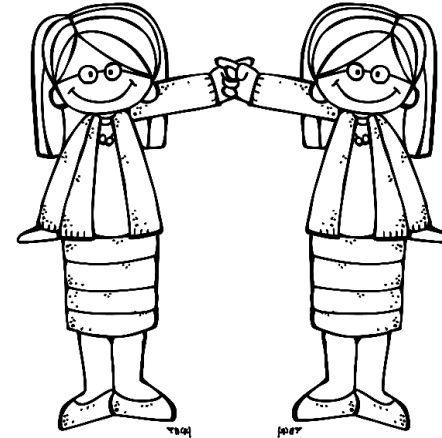
Essential (*adj*) necessary or an important part

The well-stocked library is an essential part of our campus research facility.

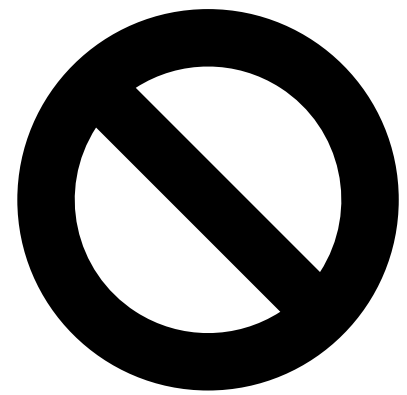


C _____

The Mystery Word is an eleven letter noun that begins with “c.” This word names a sudden disaster or terrible event.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *fiasco*,
disaster, and
calamity.**



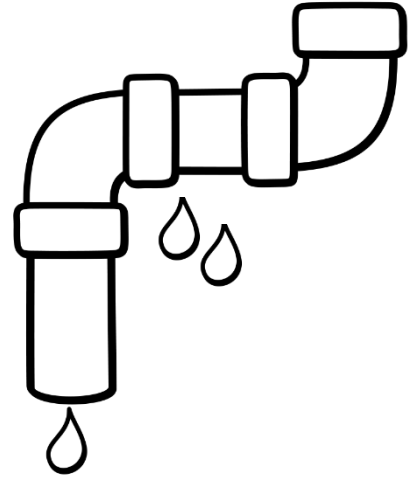
**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
godsend or *stroke of
luck*.**



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

To avoid a public health _____, global health workers watch the spread of communicable diseases closely.

**The Mystery Word is
catastrophe.**



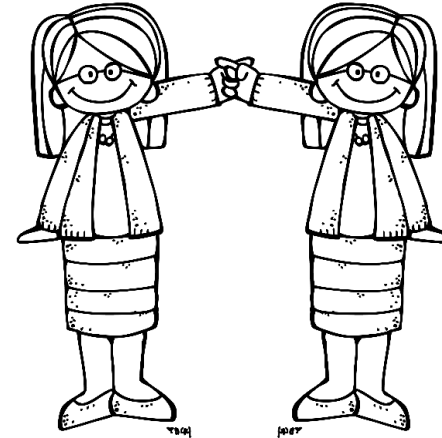
**Catastrophe (*noun*) a sudden and terrible
disaster**

**The undetected leak
became a catastrophe when
the pipes burst, flooding the
first floor.**

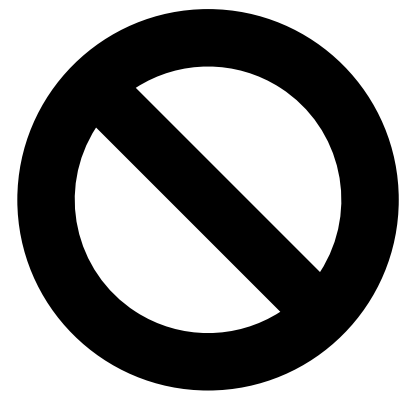


i _____

The Mystery Word is an eleven letter adverb that begins with “i.” This word means without delay.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *now*,
instantaneously, and
forthwith.**



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
eventually or *later*.**



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

**If I do my homework
_____ after school, I
finish it quickly and have
more time to play.**

**The Mystery Word is
immediately.**



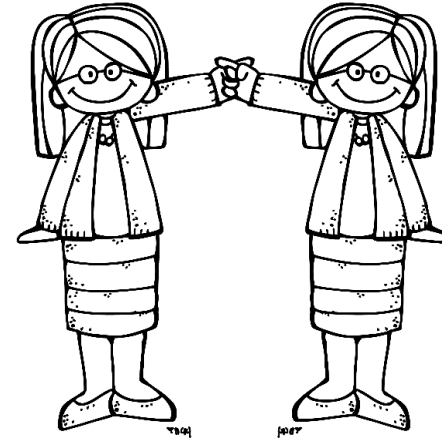
**Immediately (*adv*) acting or happening without
delay; at once**

**The owner immediately
called the police when they
discovered the theft.**

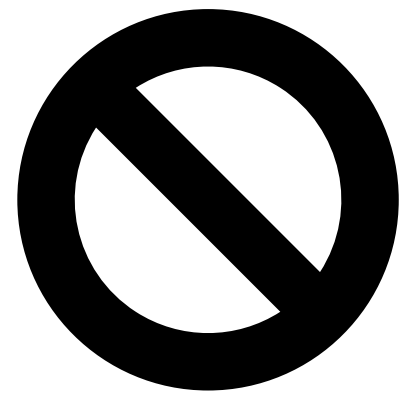


a _____

The Mystery Word is a nine letter verb that begins with “a.” This word means to give legal or official approval.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *accredit*
or *approve*.**



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
prohibit or *block*.**



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

**The principal has to
_____ all travel**

**expenses before our class
can attend the field trip.**

**The Mystery Word is
authorize.**



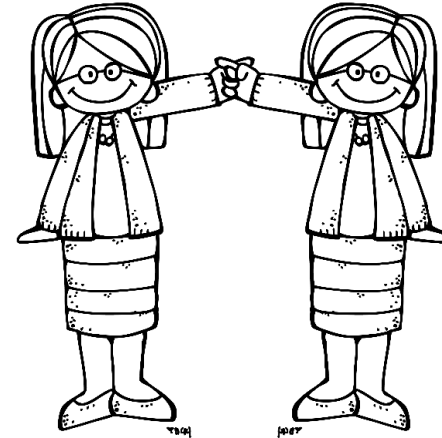
Authorize (*verb*) to give approval in an official way; to sanction

The front office checks the identification of all visitors to authorize entry to the research lab.

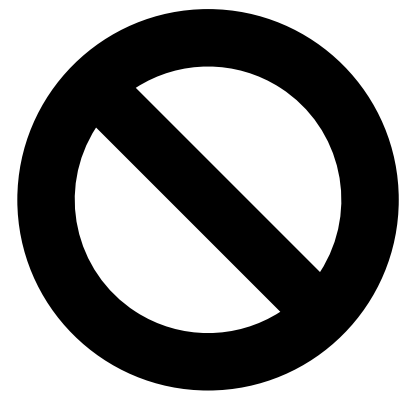


f _ _ _ _ _

The Mystery Word is a five letter adjective that begins with “f.” This word means burning or blazing.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *flaming*,
passionate, and
ablaze.**



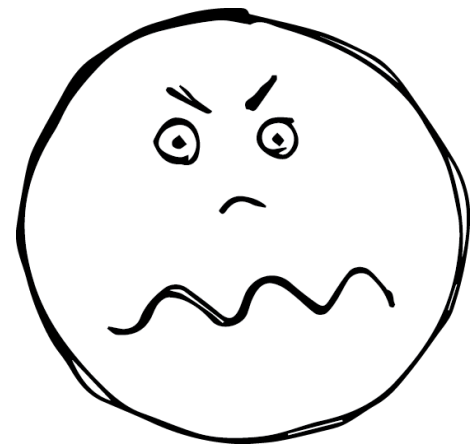
**The Mystery Word
is not similar to *dull*,
extinguished, or
subdued.**



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

We sat in silence as the sun rose, looking like a _____ ball rising from the horizon.

**The Mystery Word is
fiery.**



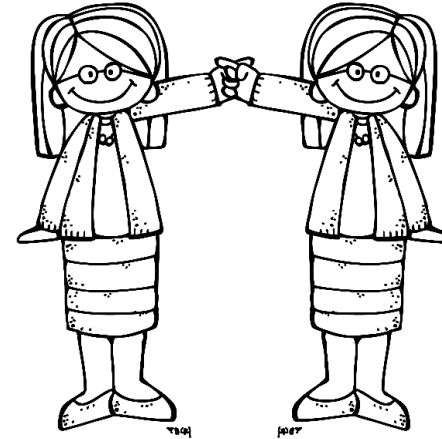
Fiery (*adj*) blazing or glowing; intense

**With his fiery temper,
Samuel often argues over
trivial matters, like where to
buy the best burger.**

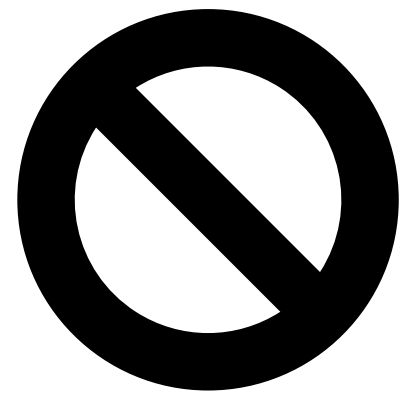


r _____

The Mystery Word is a ten letter adjective that begins with “r.” This word means appears ready to collapse.



**The Mystery Word
is similar to *rickety*,
precarious, and *in
disrepair*.**



**The Mystery Word
is not similar to
*steady, stable, or
sturdy.***



The Mystery Word makes sense in this sentence:

The refugees arrived at the shelter, where the _____ tents did little to keep out the rain.

**The Mystery Word is
ramshackle.**



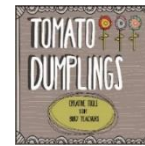
Ramshackle (*adj*) falling apart from poor construction or neglect; ready to collapse

The wolf did not need to huff or puff to blow down the ramshackle house.

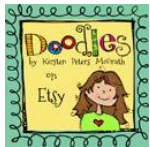
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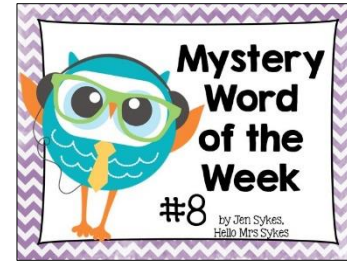
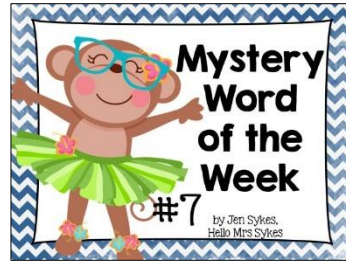
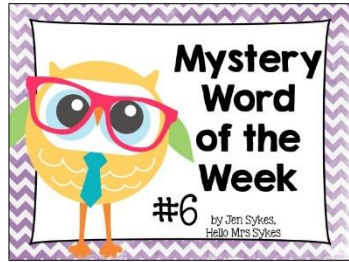
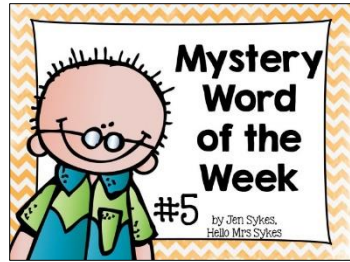
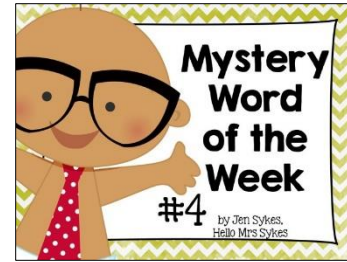
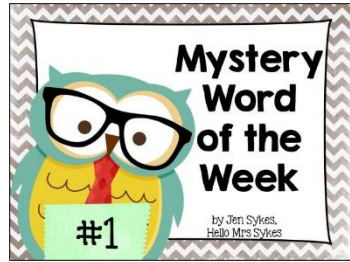
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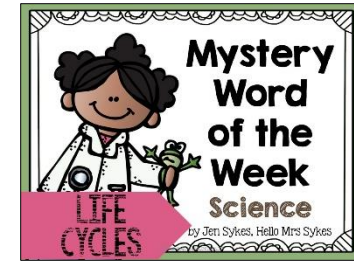
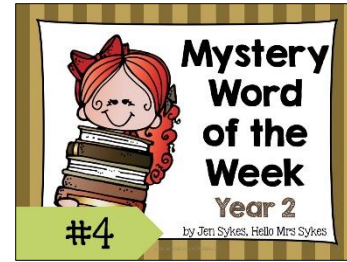
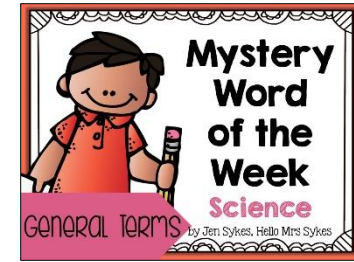
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