

Holes

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Power Vocabulary Activity



W S U R V I V E I T A S K D
A H O C O N V I N C E W M I
A D S T H B E B G U S L I Z
L Y V M W A H P R Y O T S Z
D G O I N C I D E N C E E Y
E P O R S T T O D R I D R C
S A M A E E N T I E E I A O
P T D G S R T A E N T O B L
E I L E E I Y A N T Y U L L
R E S C H A O O T L D S E A
A N D E C I S I O N E R R P
T C C O M P R E H E N D I S
E E C A U T H O R I T Y K E
D D E S O L A T E U N N E I

Directions: For each vocabulary word below, circle it in the letter grid above—up and down, across, backwards or diagonally. Going across each row starting at the top left, place each unused letter on a blank until you reveal the hidden message.

ADVISE	COMPREHEND	DIZZY	PRY
AUTHORITY	CONVINCE	INGREDIENT	SOCIETY
BACTERIA	DECISION	MIRAGE	SURVIVE
COINCIDENCE	DESOLATE	MISERABLE	TASK
COLLAPSE	DESPERATE	PATIENCE	TEDIOUS

Hidden Message:

WHO WAS THE BULLY WHO TORMENTED
STANLEY AT SCHOOL? DERRICK DUNNE.

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Crossword puzzle grid with the following words filled in:

- 1 C
- 2 A U T H O R I T Y
- 3 T A
- 4 P
- 5 M I R A G E
- 6 S U R V I V E
- 7 C O M
- 8 B
- 9 C O N V I N C E
- 10 D E S O L A T E
- 11 I N G R
- 12 C O L L A P S E
- 13 T
- 14 M I S E R A B L E
- 15 S O C
- 16 A D V I S E
- 17 E S P E R A T E
- 18 D E C I S I O N
- 19 P R Y

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Across

- the right to do something or to tell other people what to do
- something that you think you see in the distance, such as water, that is not really there
- to continue to live or exist
- to overcome by argument
- deserted or uninhabited
- to fall down suddenly from weakness or illness
- sad, unhappy, or dejected
- to give someone information or suggestions
- a determination arrived at after consideration
- to remove, raise, or pull apart with force, as with a lever

Down

- a chance happening or meeting
- a piece of work to be done, especially work assigned by another person
- the ability to put up with problems and delays without getting angry or upset
- to understand
- microscopic living things that exist all around you and inside you
- having a whirling sensation in the head with a tendency to fall
- one of the items that something is made from, such as an item of food in a recipe
- tiring and boring
- all people, or people as a group
- suffering extreme need or anxiety

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Directions: For each vocabulary word in the left column, locate its definition in the right column. Write the number of the correct definition in the blank before the word.

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| 4 advise | 1. to fall down suddenly from weakness or illness |
| 19 authority | 2. to understand |
| 8 bacteria | 3. a determination arrived at after consideration |
| 9 coincidence | 4. to give someone information or suggestions |
| 1 collapse | 5. all people, or people as a group |
| 2 comprehend | 6. something that you think you see in the distance, such as water, that is not really there |
| 7 convince | 7. to overcome by argument |
| 3 decision | 8. microscopic living things that exist all around you and inside you |
| 12 desolate | 9. a chance happening or meeting |
| 18 desperate | 10. the ability to put up with problems and delays without getting angry or upset |
| 17 dizzy | 11. sad, unhappy, or dejected |
| 14 ingredient | 12. deserted or uninhabited |
| 6 mirage | 13. to remove, raise, or pull apart with force, as with a lever |
| 11 miserable | 14. one of the items that something is made from, such as an item of food in a recipe |
| 10 patience | 15. a piece of work to be done, especially work assigned by another person |
| 13 pry | 16. tiring and boring |
| 5 society | 17. having a whirling sensation in the head with a tendency to fall |
| 20 survive | 18. suffering extreme need or anxiety |
| 15 task | 19. the right to do something or to tell other people what to do |
| 16 tedious | 20. to continue to live or exist |

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Power Vocabulary Assessment



Directions: Now that you have completed *Holes*, it's time to see if you can use the Power Vocabulary Words you learned while reading this book. Look at each of the sentences below and fill in the Power Vocabulary Word that would best complete the sentence.

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1. Her father was strict but kind, and she never questioned his **authority** when he told her to do something.
2. He was a **miserable** man who yelled at anyone who came near his house.
3. The streets were **desolate** during the storm because everyone decided to stay inside and not go anywhere.
4. Renee tried to **pry** the lid from the can of tuna, but realized that she would probably need a can opener.
5. Lana danced so enthusiastically that she was **dizzy** when she sat down.
6. The mother had **patience** with her small child while he was learning to feed himself, and encouraged him to keep trying.
7. People ran from the buildings as they started to **collapse**.
8. She was so **desperate** for ice cream that she drove to the store in the middle of a storm to get some.
9. Antibiotics are medications that kill harmful **bacteria** that invade the body.
10. The lawyer had to **convince** the jury that the incident was just an accident and that his client didn't intend to do any harm.
11. Their mother would always **advise** her children to try to look at the positive things in every situation.
12. No living creature can **survive** without water.
13. Frank's weekly **task** was mowing the lawn, while his brother's was trimming the hedges.
14. She was so thirsty that she wished the **mirage** were real and that she could drink its water.
15. The play was long and **tedious**, and not very interesting.
16. The sweet potato became a popular **ingredient** in colonial cooking because it was so abundant.
17. Although they both wore the same outfit that day, it was just a **coincidence**, and nothing planned.
18. Jake did not **comprehend** all of the lecture, but understood enough to get the main ideas.
19. They were a peaceful **society** that never engaged in conflict with other people.
20. Emily thought the **decision** about whether or not to join the swim team was an easy one.