

The Last Book in the Universe

by Rodman Philbrook

Power Vocabulary Activity



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

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.

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| AGREEMENT | CONNECTION | HOMAGE | REACTION |
| ASSUME | CUNNING | IGNORANCE | REMEDY |
| BANISH | DESPAIR | ILLUSION | SPECIFIC |
| BARELY | DISOBEY | IMAGE | SURVIVAL |
| CONFER | EXCEPTION | PATHETIC | TRANSPARENT |

Hidden Message:

WHAT IS SLANG FOR TACTICAL URBAN
VEHICLE? TAKVEE.

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The crossword puzzle grid contains the following pre-filled words and starting points:

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

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Across

- hardly, or almost not
- the act or fact of agreeing
- something that relieves pain, cures a disease, or corrects a disorder
- something that is not included in a general rule or statement
- to go against the rules or someone's wishes
- an action in response to something
- an expression of high regard
- lack of knowledge, education, or awareness

Down

- something that appears to exist but does not
- the continuation of life or existence
- a link between objects, people, ideas, etc
- to give someone something, such as a gift, an honor, or a reward
- to suppose that something is true, without checking it
- having the property of transmitting light so that bodies lying beyond are seen clearly
- particular, definite, or individually named
- dexterous or crafty in the use of special resources or in attaining an end

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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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| 5 | agreement | 1. | to go against the rules or someone's wishes |
| 8 | assume | 2. | particular, definite, or individually named |
| 4 | banish | 3. | the continuation of life or existence |
| 18 | barely | 4. | to send someone away from a place and order the person not to return |
| 17 | confer | 5. | the act or fact of agreeing |
| 15 | connection | 6. | having the property of transmitting light so that bodies lying beyond are seen clearly |
| 10 | cunning | 7. | to lose hope completely |
| 7 | despair | 8. | to suppose that something is true, without checking it |
| 1 | disobey | 9. | something that appears to exist but does not |
| 13 | exception | 10. | dexterous or crafty in the use of special resources or in attaining an end |
| 12 | homage | 11. | something that relieves pain, cures a disease, or corrects a disorder |
| 14 | ignorance | 12. | an expression of high regard |
| 9 | illusion | 13. | something that is not included in a general rule or statement |
| 16 | image | 14. | lack of knowledge, education, or awareness |
| 20 | pathetic | 15. | a link between objects, people, ideas, etc |
| 19 | reaction | 16. | a representation, such as a picture or a statue |
| 11 | remedy | 17. | to give someone something, such as a gift, an honor, or a reward |
| 2 | specific | 18. | hardly, or almost not |
| 3 | survival | 19. | an action in response to something |
| 6 | transparent | 20. | causing pity, sorrow, or sympathy |

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Directions: Now that you have completed *The Last Book in the Universe*, 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. Ken's plan to beautify the neighborhood was very **specific**, including which plants he wanted in certain locations.
2. When all of the jury members had reached an **agreement**, they submitted their verdict.
3. After the fire in his house, Henry sifted through the damage looking sad and **pathetic**.
4. He had been trapped on the deserted island for so long without being rescued that he thought the oncoming ship was just an **illusion**.
5. Even though his car was in the driveway, Ellie did not **assume** that her husband was home because he often liked to take walks in the evening.
6. She looked at her **image** in the mirror and wondered what she would look like in ten years.
7. Her father admitted that he did **despair** when he lost his job, but regained hope soon afterward.
8. One **remedy** for anemia is to eat foods rich in iron, like red meat and spinach.
9. After the neighbor's dog attacked her cat, she decided to **banish** the dog from her property.
10. The **cunning** fox waits for its prey to come close enough that he can pounce on it.
11. The other civic club members found her **ignorance** about current events to be annoying.
12. Great nobles paid **homage** to their king.
13. The castle housed all the food and water necessary for the **survival** of the court in the case of a siege.
14. Because they both enjoyed the same books, sports, and music, they felt an immediate **connection** between them.
15. The glass of the window had been etched so that it was not completely **transparent**.

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16. Abe's first **reaction** was anger, but he tried to calm down before he said anything.
 17. Although the soccer team was only for boys, the coach made an **exception** and let the talented girl join the team.
 18. Helen decided to **disobey** her father and stay out an hour later than he allowed.
 19. She could **barely** stand to watch the horror movie because it was so scary.
 20. The teacher wanted to **confer** the attendance award to Ricky, who had never missed class.