
The Word Within the Word Vocabulary Homework—Lesson 10

Word Hunt:

Read the following text. Highlight or circle the word containing the root (2 pts). In the space provided on the back, tell what you think the underlined word means based on your context clues.

I was tired. Tired of waiting. Tired of waiting for this whole mess to clean itself up. They've probably canceled the expedition anyways. It's too long a journey. No one would ever be able to find me. How could they? The smartest person in the universe had captured me. He had planned every step, every possible situation that could ever happen. I was never getting out of his grasp.

In case you were wondering, I'm mortal; I will die one day. For some reason he thinks I can't feel pain, so he continues torturing me until I break. Lucky me.

I swear I've already been thrown over the edge. Talking to myself?! HA! I laughed in disgust. I'm completely insane! It's not like anyone's listening!

I was beyond screaming. My throat was on fire and I was in the middle of a cement building! I would rather be decapitated now just to get a five minute break. Living without a head seems better than this! In the end though, I will be reincarnated and this whole thing will start all over again. Again? No matter how hard I tried I couldn't get away from him. It was all a vicious circle, with no way to divert it.

The whole nation was oblivious to my absence. No one could ever track this man anyways. They don't even know his name.

I was actually under an altar. Like he was going to sacrifice me to the Gods. Yeah right. I was not even that valuable. Just a normal citizen of the world. Come to think of it, I don't even know what he wants from me. I was nothing special. Just to quench his thirst for fear? I'll never know.

I have been tortured for as long as I can remember, maybe since the Paleozoic age. I stopped keeping track. My skin was as isochromatic as my blood, I had been so red-faced. I suddenly heard footsteps down the hall. Clunk, clunk, clunk. Please...help me.....

Definitions: Write the word, the root (2 pts), and the definition for each word using context clues (6 pts). DO NOT USE THE DICTIONARY!

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