

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.

Christine stood, gaping and staring in awe at the sight before her. "Please continue." said the pleasant voice of the computer-run robot. It had escorted her most of the way to the headquarters of the CIA. Christine had no idea why something as important as the CIA needed her. Earlier that day at her school assembly, she had sensed the presence of a strange man standing near the door. He was wearing a black suit and dark sunglasses. He hadn't said a word and only stood, scanning the crowd of students. It was afterward, that he pulled her aside and away from the students. She froze in position like a petroglyph; too afraid to say anything. He had escorted her to an airplane, where the robot took charge from there.

Later in the CIA headquarters, Christine came to a stop at the end of a hallway. "Sign here." said the robot. In front of her was a long sheet of paper. "The rules are: You must erase your past. You can no longer use your name, for safety. Choose an eponym if you must; this will remind you of your past life. Keep the work you do here a secret. You will receive training. Taction with the wrong people will cause you significant consequences. Now please sign." said the robot. Christine tried to look over the contract carefully. Working with the CIA was a heroic and legendary job, but she was still confused. She took a deep breath, uncapped the pen, and signed.

The robot ushered her down another hallway. Christine felt very lightheaded but excited. She would become a secret agent like in the TV shows she sometimes watched. Suddenly, there was a sharp turn. She followed it and slowly walked into a dimly lit room. A TV was lowered in front of her. The TV turned on with a bit of static and a silhouette of a man appeared and said, "Hello, Christine. Call me Director. You have been chosen to work with the CIA for a case we are working on." Christine noticed he had a deep vocal range. His assistant was his amanuensis, studiously writing down every word he said.

"This is ridiculous," she said, half laughing. "How was I chosen for this...case, or whatever this is?" she asked in a tremulous voice.

Director sighed, "You were the best in your class, and there is footage of you involving yourself in the most difficult problem solving activities."

Christine shook her head, "But what about training?"

Director did not answer, instead he said, "Come to the meeting room at ten, agent Christine. Oh, and do NOT be late." The TV flickered and shut off. Christine felt amazing; she felt she had metamorphosed into a new person, a cooler person, an agen—

Christine awoke to the sound of the door and her mother walking in. "Good morning! Did you sleep well?" her mother asked.

"I had a great dream!" exclaimed Christine.

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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