

The Vocabulary Mystery

DIRECTIONS: Read the mystery below. Then match the vocabulary words that follow with the correct definition. Write the letter on the line next to the word.



Elle stood at the front of the classroom with a red face. She stood there and didn't say a word. She didn't even have a word in her brain. It was lost!

During her presentation, Elle did great. She spoke about the important facts she had researched. She shared her poster and her teacher smiled. Elle felt proud of her work, but then she lost the word she was trying to say. She completely blanked.

Elle slowly walked back to her seat with a **suspicious** look in her eyes. I **wonder** who stole my word, she thought.

The other students looked at her, questioning why Elle had a problem. The students looked at each other. This was **strange**. Elle always talked a lot. Now she could not talk at all.

Elle sat down in her seat and tried to solve this mystery. The word she needed to say completely **vanished** from her mind. Where had it gone? It was **unknown**.

Then, Elle thought about the Vocabulary Notebook she had in her desk. She took it out. She flipped through the pages and there it was! The **solution** to her problem. She found the word she needed.

Elle jumped up and asked the teacher if she could finish her presentation. The confused teacher let Elle go to the front of the room.

"The Empire State building is ... impressive. Yes, impressive is the right word!" Elle said.

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| _____ 1. suspicious | a. something that solves a problem |
| _____ 2. wonder | b. not known |
| _____ 3. solution | c. feeling that something is wrong |
| _____ 4. unknown | d. different from what is normal |
| _____ 5. vanished | e. to be curious about something |
| _____ 6. strange | f. disappeared completely |