

Prepare to Read

- ▶ The Experiment
- ▶ Superstitions: The Truth Uncovered

Key Vocabulary

A. How well do you know these words? Circle a rating for each word. Check your understanding of each word by circling *yes* or *no*. Then, complete the sentences. If you are unsure of a word’s meaning, refer to the Vocabulary Glossary, page 792, in your student text.

Rating Scale

- 1 I have never seen this word before.
- 2 I am not sure of the word’s meaning.
- 3 I know this word and can teach the word’s meaning to someone else.

Key Word	Check Your Understanding	Deepen Your Understanding
<p>1 belief (bu-lēf) <i>noun</i></p> <p>Rating: 1 2 3</p>	<p>A person’s belief is always a well-known fact.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yes No</p>	<p>It is my strongest belief _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>2 escape (is-kāp) <i>verb</i></p> <p>Rating: 1 2 3</p>	<p>You would want to escape an ocean filled with hungry sharks.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yes No</p>	<p>If I were trapped on a desert island, I would try to escape by _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>3 evidence (e-vu-duns) <i>noun</i></p> <p>Rating: 1 2 3</p>	<p>A written note left at the scene of a crime can be a good piece of evidence.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yes No</p>	<p>Detectives study pieces of evidence, such as _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>4 experiment (ik-spair-u-munt) <i>noun</i></p> <p>Rating: 1 2 3</p>	<p>An experiment never solves a problem.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yes No</p>	<p>An example of an experiment I have performed is _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>

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<p>5 failure (fāi-yur) <i>noun</i></p> <p>Rating: 1 2 3</p>	<p>Everyone likes failure.</p> <p>Yes No</p>	<p>The worst failure of communication I ever had was _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>6 misfortune (mis-for-chun) <i>noun</i></p> <p>Rating: 1 2 3</p>	<p>A family that loses their home in a storm is experiencing misfortune.</p> <p>Yes No</p>	<p>I experienced misfortune when _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>7 mistaken (mi-stā-kun) <i>verb</i></p> <p>Rating: 1 2 3</p>	<p>It is possible for a woman to be mistaken for her identical twin sister.</p> <p>Yes No</p>	<p>I am often mistaken for _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>8 superstition (sū-pur-sti-shun) <i>noun</i></p> <p>Rating: 1 2 3</p>	<p>The idea that Friday the 13th is an unlucky day is a common superstition.</p> <p>Yes No</p>	<p>One superstition I have heard of is _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>

B. Use one of the Key Vocabulary words to write about a superstition or powerful belief you have. How does it influence you?
