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Vocabulary:

"Why Do You Dream?"

1. confront (kuhn-FRUHNT) *verb*; *Confront* means to "come face-to-face with someone or something, especially in a challenging way." A superhero in a movie might confront his enemy in an epic battle scene. Adam might be confronted with challenges while trying to build a robot. Megan might confront Lisa about something unkind that Lisa said.

2. generate (JEN-uh-reyt) *verb*; *Generate* means "produce or create." Windmills generate electricity. Your class might generate ideas for the theme of the school dance. The possibility of a snow day might generate excitement in the hallways.

3. intimate (IN-tuh-mit) *adjective*; *Intimate* has a range of meanings related to the idea of "close." It can mean "very personal or private." People often write their most intimate thoughts in a diary. It can also mean "in a close relationship." Your intimate friends are the people you know the best and feel very close to.

Intimate can also mean "cozy." An intimate restaurant is small with a warm and friendly feeling; when you're there, you sit close to the people you're with.

4. speculate (SPEHK-yuh-leyt) *verb*; To speculate is to think about or wonder and make guesses without being sure. You might speculate about what will happen in the next season of your favorite TV show, which team will win the Super Bowl, or why your sister is in such a bad mood.

5. supernatural (soo-per-NACH-er-uhl) *adjective or noun*; Something that is supernatural can't be explained by science or the laws of nature. Spirits, vampires, fairies, and werewolves are supernatural creatures. Mind-reading and invisibility are supernatural powers.

When people talk about "the supernatural," they mean the collection of all things supernatural—everything mysterious and not of this world. If you heard a strange voice calling your name when you were home alone, you might start to believe in the supernatural.

Directions: On this page, list any other words from the article whose definitions you are not sure about. For each word, use context clues to try to figure out the meaning. Then look up the word in a few different dictionaries. Discuss the primary meaning of the word with your teacher or another adult. Then write a definition for the word and one example sentence using the word.

Vocabulary Practice

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Directions: Fill in the circle next to the best answer to each question.

1. Which of the following could be described as a supernatural event?

- Ⓐ a volcano erupting
- Ⓑ a star shooting across the sky
- Ⓒ the discovery of a rare dinosaur fossil
- Ⓓ a house being haunted by a ghost

2. Next week, our basketball team will confront our rivals, the Cougars.

In the sentence above, *confront* means

- Ⓐ lose to.
- Ⓑ entertain.
- Ⓒ face.
- Ⓓ defeat.

3. David and Tim are intimate friends. In other words,

- Ⓐ their friendship is on and off.
- Ⓑ they are very competitive with each other.
- Ⓒ they are very close friends.
- Ⓓ they like each other but don't know each other well.

4. Caleb had only one assignment to complete: to _____ a list of possible essay topics. He _____ that he could get it done in time to watch *The Voice*.

Choose the words that best fit in the blanks.

- Ⓐ generate/speculated
- Ⓑ speculate/generated
- Ⓒ confront/speculated
- Ⓓ generate/confronted

Directions: Write two sentences that each include a word or words from the list of vocabulary words on pages 1-2 of this activity.

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6. _____

