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words and  
definitions read  
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# Vocabulary:

## "The Myth of the Phoenix"

- 1. aromatic (ar-uh-MAT-ik)** *adjective*; An aroma (uh-ROH-muh) is a noticeable and usually pleasant smell. If something is aromatic, it smells good. Many trees have aromatic flowers. The aromatic spices simmering in your grandma's spaghetti sauce might make your mouth water. You wouldn't say that your brother's dirty gym socks are aromatic; they just stink.
- 2. demise (dih-MAYHZ)** *noun*; *Demise* means "death." In the sixth book of the Harry Potter series, Hogwarts students grieve Professor Dumbledore's demise. *Demise* can also refer to the end of something if that end is like a death. Movie streaming services like Netflix caused the demise of video rental stores like Blockbuster.
- 3. plumage (PLOO-mij)** *noun*; *Plumage* is what you call the feathers that cover the body of a bird. Peacocks have colorful, fan-like plumage on their tails.
- 4. solitude (SOL-ih-tood)** *noun*; Solitude is the state of being alone or far away from society, usually because you want to be. You might go to your room to do your homework in solitude. The solitude of a forest—far away from people and the noise of the city—might make you feel calm and peaceful.

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**Directions:** In the space below, list any other words from the myth 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 meaning of the word with your teacher or another adult. Then write a definition for the word and one example sentence.

# Vocabulary Practice

## "The Myth of the Phoenix"

**Directions:** Below are titles and summaries for imaginary books. Choose the best title for each book. Briefly explain your choices. (There is one title you will not use.)

### BOOK TITLES

- A. *Solitude for Beginners*
- B. *The Great Demise*
- C. *Let's Look at Plumage*
- D. *That's Aromatic!*

1. Paleontologist Christina Brown discusses the various theories behind the sudden disappearance of dinosaurs from Earth.

Title (A-D): \_\_\_\_\_ Why I chose this title: \_\_\_\_\_

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2. This illustrated guide from the Wildlife Society helps beginning birdwatchers identify birds in flight by their feather colors and patterns.

Title (A-D): \_\_\_\_\_ Why I chose this title: \_\_\_\_\_

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3. While on a camping trip with his parents in the middle of nowhere, Sam comes to appreciate NOT sharing every moment of his life on social media.

Title (A-D): \_\_\_\_\_ Why I chose this title: \_\_\_\_\_

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

4. Which of the following is LEAST similar in meaning to *aromatic*?
- Ⓐ fragrant
  - Ⓑ perfumed
  - Ⓒ scented
  - Ⓓ reeking
5. Which of the following animals has plumage?
- Ⓐ a great white shark
  - Ⓑ a turkey
  - Ⓒ a kangaroo
  - Ⓓ a crocodile
6. Which of the following describes something Ann did in solitude?
- Ⓐ She read a novel silently in her favorite nook of the library.
  - Ⓑ She played a game of dodgeball with her classmates.
  - Ⓒ She ate lunch at a table full of friends.
  - Ⓓ She participated in a student council meeting.
7. John's dad walks in the house and says, "I'd like to announce the demise of the wasps that have been living under our porch!" What does he mean?
- Ⓐ He is warning the family that wasps have built a nest under the porch.
  - Ⓑ He is telling the family that he got rid of the wasps under the porch.
  - Ⓒ He is informing the family that he gave up on trying to get rid of the wasps.
  - Ⓓ He is expressing his surprise that there are wasps under the porch.