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MF: Vocabulary Extension

Read the text carefully

As I entered the huge arched doors of the library, I **increased** my speed, walking towards the small history section.

“Hello Lil, how are you?” It was Mrs Beldon - Sydney Beldon’s mother. I had completely forgotten that she worked as the librarian. Foolishly, my hand, with a mind of its own, **darted** up to cover the school **crest** on my blazer. I would have needed ten hands to cover all the crests on my uniform.

“Oh hello. Good thank you Mrs Beldon. I’ve erm... come to **research** Howard Carter for a homework project,” I **sputtered**. “It’s for history you see.”

“I see,” replied Mrs Beldon. I could tell that Mrs Beldon was **reflecting** on my arrival by the way she **scrunched** her large brown eyes.

“Isn’t it school hours, my dear?” she said.

“Yes, well Mr Roberts has let us go early to research our topic.” It wasn’t a fantastic reply, but it was all I could think of. I could feel my face start turn to same **shade** of red as my pinafore.

“Mr Roberts you say?” she enquired.

“Yes, he sometimes allows us to leave slightly early. He says **independent** research is very important,” I blurted out.

“Very well. Although you would be just as well going over to the newspaper section. Every page seems to be filled with the man.” She put her arm gently around my back and guided me over to the newspaper section. Even from **afar**, I could see Mr Carter’s face spread all over the table and on the shelves.





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Write the correct word next to the definition

increase

dart

crest

research

splutter

reflect

scrunch

shade

independent

afar

- a part of a badge.
- to think carefully about something.
- the act of running somewhere fast.
- to speak confusedly.
- to squash or squeeze.
- on your own.
- become or make greater in size.
- to study.
- the darkness of something.
- from a distance.



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“Oh hello. Good thank you Mrs Beldon. I’ve erm... come to research Howard Carter for a homework project,” I **spattered**. “It’s for history you see.”

“I see,” replied Mrs Beldon. I could tell that Mrs Beldon was **pondering** my arrival by the way she scrunched her large brown eyes.

“Isn’t it school hours, my dear?”

“Yes, well Mr Roberts has let us go early to research our topic.” It wasn’t a fantastic reply, but it was all I could **muster**. I could feel my face start to **resemble** the red colour of my pinafore.

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instinct

crest

ponder

splutter

muster

resemble

query

independent

sprawl

- to look like.
- to question.
- on your own with no help.
- to give time or effort to a task.
- to think carefully about something.
- to spread out.
- to speak confusedly.
- to bring or gather something together.
- a part of a badge.
- something you already know or sense.

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Write definitions for the following words

dedicate	-	_____
instinct	-	_____
crest	-	_____
ponder	-	_____
splutter	-	_____
muster	-	_____
resemble	-	_____
query	-	_____
independent	-	_____
sprawl	-	_____

How many synonyms can you think of for this word?

Write your answers around the outside of the word below.

ponder

Can you make synonym maps for any of the other words on this sheet?



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Write your chosen words from the text and find out their definition

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