

New Vocabulary Words

Enamored

(adjective) Totally in love with something or completely fascinated by it.

Example: *Elon was completely **enamored** with space travel and rocket science from the very first day he started his company.*

Lateral

(adjective) Moving sideways or coming from the side.

Example: *During an engine test, Elon noticed a dangerous **lateral** movement that made the rocket wobble from side to side.*

Misconstrue

(verb) To understand something incorrectly or in the wrong way.

Example: *The head engineer seemed to **misconstrue** Elon's warning as just beginner's nervousness.*

Tacit

(adjective) Understood without being said out loud.

Example: *There was a **tacit** understanding among the other engineers that the project would continue despite Elon's concerns.*

Lethal

(adjective) So dangerous that it can cause death.

Example: *When the unmanned test rocket exploded, everyone realized the **lethal** consequences that could have occurred had it been carrying astronauts.*

Rocket Science Vocabulary: Learning from Mistakes

Scene 1 *enamored*



Elon was completely **enamored** with space travel and rocket science from the very first day he started his company.

His bedroom walls were covered with posters of rocket launches and famous astronauts.

Scene 2 *lateral*



During an engine test, Elon noticed a dangerous **lateral** movement that made the rocket wobble from side to side.

He quickly marked this observation in his notebook with a worried expression.

Scene 3 *misconstrue*



The head engineer seemed to **misconstrue** Elon's warning as just beginner's nervousness.

He patted his shoulder and told him not to worry so much about small vibrations.

Scene 4 *tacit*



There was a **tacit** understanding among the other engineers that the project would continue despite Elon's concerns.

No one spoke about it directly, but everyone continued working according to the original schedule.

Scene 5 *lethal*



When the unmanned test rocket exploded, everyone realized the **lethal** consequences that could have occurred had it been carrying astronauts.

The team gathered around computer screens reviewing the failure data with serious expressions.

Vocabulary Quizzes

1. Spell the word with the meaning: To understand something incorrectly or in the wrong way.
2. What is the meaning of tacit?
 - A. Totally in love with something or completely fascinated by it.
 - B. To understand something incorrectly or in the wrong way.
 - C. Moving sideways or coming from the side.
 - D. Understood without being said out loud.
3. What is the meaning of enamored?
 - A. So dangerous that it can cause death.
 - B. Totally in love with something or completely fascinated by it.
 - C. To understand something incorrectly or in the wrong way.
 - D. Moving sideways or coming from the side.
4. Spell the word with the meaning: So dangerous that it can cause death.
5. Which word can fit in the blank in the following sentence?

When the unmanned test rocket exploded, everyone realized the _____ consequences that could have occurred had it been carrying astronauts.

 - A. enamored
 - B. lethal
 - C. misconstrue
 - D. tacit
6. Spell the word with the meaning: Totally in love with something or completely fascinated by it.
7. What is the meaning of lethal?
 - A. To understand something incorrectly or in the wrong way.
 - B. Totally in love with something or completely fascinated by it.
 - C. So dangerous that it can cause death.
 - D. Understood without being said out loud.
8. Which word can fit in the blank in the following sentence?

During an engine test, Maya noticed a dangerous _____ movement that made the rocket wobble from side to side.

- A. tacit
- B. lateral
- C. lethal
- D. misconstrue

9. Spell the word with the meaning: Understood without being said out loud.

10. Spell the word with the meaning: Moving sideways or coming from the side.

11. What is the meaning of lateral?

- A. So dangerous that it can cause death.
- B. Understood without being said out loud.
- C. Moving sideways or coming from the side.
- D. Totally in love with something or completely fascinated by it.

12. What is the meaning of misconstrue?

- A. To understand something incorrectly or in the wrong way.
- B. Moving sideways or coming from the side.
- C. So dangerous that it can cause death.
- D. Totally in love with something or completely fascinated by it.

13. Which word can fit in the blank in the following sentence?

There was a _____ understanding among the other engineers that the project would continue despite Maya's concerns.

- A. lethal
- B. misconstrue
- C. enamored
- D. tacit

14. Which word can fit in the blank in the following sentence?

Maya was completely _____ with space travel and rocket science from the very first day she joined the team.

- A. enamored

- B. lethal
- C. misconstrue
- D. lateral

15. Which word can fit in the blank in the following sentence?

The head engineer seemed to _____ Maya's warning as just beginner's nervousness.

- A. tacit
- B. lateral
- C. enamored
- D. misconstrue

Answer Key

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| 1. misconstrue | (spelling) |
| 2. Understood without being said out loud. | (meaning) |
| 3. Totally in love with something or completely fascinated by it. | (meaning) |
| 4. lethal | (spelling) |
| 5. lethal | (in context) |
| 6. enamored | (spelling) |
| 7. So dangerous that it can cause death. | (meaning) |
| 8. lateral | (in context) |
| 9. tacit | (spelling) |
| 10. lateral | (spelling) |
| 11. Moving sideways or coming from the side. | (meaning) |
| 12. To understand something incorrectly or in the wrong way. | (meaning) |
| 13. tacit | (in context) |
| 14. enamored | (in context) |
| 15. misconstrue | (in context) |