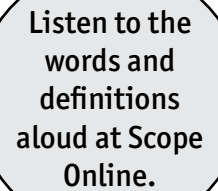


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Vocabulary:

"Can Fame and Fortune Make You Happy?"

- 1. prestigious (preh-STIJ-uhs or preh-STEE-juhs)** *adjective*; The noun *prestige* (preh-STEEJ) means "importance in the eyes of other people." When something is prestigious, it means that it is well-respected, highly ranked, and famous. J. K. Rowling is a prestigious author. An Olympic gold medal is a prestigious award.
- 2. fleeting (FLEE-t ing)** *adjective*; If you say that something is fleeting, you mean that it passes quickly—that it lasts for only a very short time. You can catch only a fleeting glimpse of a shooting star, because shooting stars disappear as quickly as they appear.
- 3. specialize (SPESH-uh-lahyz)** *verb*; To specialize is to narrow the focus of your studies or job. A doctor might, for example, specialize in pediatrics (the care of children) or cardiology (the care of the heart).
- 4. derive (dih-RAHYV)** *verb*; *Derive* can mean "to take or get from" or "to come from." You might derive pleasure from reading. Many English words derive from words in other languages. For example, *agriculture* derives from the Latin words *ager*, meaning "field," and *cultura*, meaning "cultivate."

Directions: In the space below, 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 meaning of the word with your teacher or another adult. Then write a definition for the word and one example sentence.

Vocabulary Practice

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Directions: Below are titles and summaries for four imaginary books. Choose the best title for each book. Briefly explain your choices.

BOOK TITLES

- A. *Specializing in Spirits* C. *Fleeting Spirits*
 B. *Prestigious Ghosts* D. *Derived From the Dead*

1. Laura Samuels is sure that ghosts are trying to contact her. The problem is, they disappear so quickly that she never has a chance to figure out who they are or what they want.

Title (A-D): _____ **Why I chose this title:** _____

2. Edward Davenport has always been interested in the unusual, whether it's UFOs or mind reading. The thing he has truly dedicated his life to, though, is ghosts.

Title (A-D): _____ **Why I chose this title:** _____

3. Learn about the ghosts of society's most highly admired and respected citizens.

Title (A-D): _____ **Why I chose this title:** _____

4. Pop star Paul Petterson explains that many of his hit songs have come from conversations he's had with ghosts.

Title (A-D): _____ **Why I chose this title:** _____

Directions: Choose the word or phrase that is most similar in meaning to each word in bold.

5. derive

- Ⓐ give
- Ⓑ depart
- Ⓒ obtain
- Ⓓ invent

6. fleeting

- Ⓐ lengthy
- Ⓑ constant
- Ⓒ slow
- Ⓓ disappearing

7. prestigious

- Ⓐ famed
- Ⓑ ordinary
- Ⓒ unknown
- Ⓓ humble

8. specialize

- Ⓐ broaden
- Ⓑ narrow
- Ⓒ improve
- Ⓓ branch out