Vocabulary 1

1 Complete the sentences with these words.

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1 A king was killed in that old castle. Legend has it that his _____ walks the halls at night!
2 I won't believe that story unless you can give me some _____.
3 There is a(n) _____ about why Sarah Winchester built her strange house.
4 It wasn't really a ghost you saw; Jerry was playing a(n) _____.
5 _____ study and write about important events from the past.
6 Does Tim really believe that little green _____ live on Mars?
7 My father is a(n) _____. Last year he found some ancient bones in the Egyptian desert!
8 My favourite Greek _____ is about a man called Icarus who flew too close to the sun.

2 Look at the words in bold in the sentences 1-6 below. Then match them with their meanings a-f.

1 I'm not going in that old house! Everyone knows that it's **haunted**.
2 Did you hear those sounds in the attic last night? They were very **spooky**.
3 I can't explain the dog's **bizarre** behaviour. Why is it running around the house?
4 Nobody wants to kill you ... don't be **ridiculous**!
5 The pictures painted on the walls of the cave were **remarkable**.
6 The house is **unusual**. It's got stairs that go up to the ceiling!

a silly or stupid
b frightening
c different from what is normal or ordinary
d visited or lived in by a ghost
e wonderful; amazing
f very strange

3 Choose the correct answers.

1 When you **solve** a mystery, you ___
a find an explanation for it.
b can't understand it.
2 You **inherit** something ___
a when someone is still living.
b after someone has died.
3 When you **prove** something, ___
a you show that it is true.
b you show that it is successful.
4 If you **investigate** a crime, you ___
a get into trouble with the police.
b try to find out who did it.
5 If you **observe** something, you ___
a forget to do it.
b see and notice it.
6 If you **discover** something, you ___
a are the first person to find it.
b are the first person to make it.
7 If something **confuses** you, you ___
a want to have it.
b don't understand it.
8 When something **disappears**, you ___
a can't see it.
b can hear it.

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