

Life's Great Mysteries

a-z Vocabulary 1



1 Complete the sentences with these words.

aliens archaeologist evidence historians myth practical joke spirit theory

- 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.

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| 1 I'm not going in that old house! Everyone knows that it's haunted . | a silly or stupid |
| 2 Did you hear those sounds in the attic last night? They were very spooky . | b frightening |
| 3 I can't explain the dog's bizarre behaviour. Why is it running around the house? | c different from what is normal or ordinary |
| 4 Nobody wants to kill you ... don't be ridiculous ! | d visited or lived in by a ghost |
| 5 The pictures painted on the walls of the cave were remarkable . | e wonderful; amazing |
| 6 The house is unusual . It's got stairs that go up to the ceiling! | 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.

