

VOCABULARY PRACTICE

DEFINITIONS

A. Read the information. Match each word in **red** with its definitions.

Crop Circles

A farmer wakes up to find something very **strange**. Someone, or **maybe** something, has made unusual shapes in his field by pushing down his crops.¹ The shapes can only be seen from the sky. These are called crop circles.

Some people think that aliens make crop circles when they land their spaceships. However, it seems clear that they are made by people. The **technology** to make them is simple—just a rope and different sizes of wood to make thick or **thin** lines.

Some people make crop circles so others will believe in aliens. Other people make them just for fun.

1 **Crops** are plants grown in large amounts.

1. _____: hard to understand or explain
2. _____: perhaps; possibly
3. _____: not wide or thick
4. _____: the use of science and machines to do things

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B. Match the two parts of each definition.

1. If you move at high **speed**, • a. you hit it.
2. If you **knock** something, • b. you go very fast.
3. If you **pass** a place, • c. you learn more about it.
4. When you **explore** a place, • d. you do not stop there.

WORD USAGE

C. The past tense of the verb **pass** (*passed*) is sometimes confused with the preposition **past**. Complete the sentences by circling the correct words.

1. Scientists saw a large asteroid moving *past* / *passed* Earth.
2. I *passed* / *past* by the supermarket on my way home, so I bought some bread.
3. My friend just walked *passed* / *past* me and didn't stop to chat.
4. 'Oumuamua reached its top speed as it *past* / *passed* the sun.



▲ A crop circle is made by pushing crops down, leaving empty spaces in the field.