📖 Cloze Reading Exercise: “The Teen Explorer”

Alex was a curious teenager who loved to learn about the world. He dreamed of becoming an **astronaut**, fascinated by the stars and the mysteries of the **astro**sphere. His favorite subject was **geology**, the **study** of the **earth**, and he often wrote in his journal to **script** his thoughts.

One day, he found a **bi**cycle trail that led to a hidden cave. Inside, he discovered **vermicelli** fossils—tiny **worm**-like creatures from ancient times. He took **photos** and recorded **phon**etic notes to remember the sounds of dripping water.

Alex believed in **unity**, that **one** person could make a difference. He sent a **missive** to his science teacher, sharing his findings. She replied with **plu**ral praise, saying his work was **min**d-blowing despite its **small** scale.

Inspired, Alex decided to explore **alter**native careers. Maybe he’d become a **bi**ologist or an **auto**mobile engineer. Whatever path he chose, he knew he’d keep learning—**post**school and beyond.

Instructions: Fill in the blanks using the correct root-based words from the box: astro, geo, script, bi, verm, phon, uni, miss, plu, min, alter, auto, post, ology

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