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Unit 7: Greek Magical Papyri
Word List

1.



altar ['ɔ:lter] n.

An **altar** is a table used in churches.

→ The **altar** had many lit candles on it.

2.



arthritis [ɑ:r'θraitis] n.

Arthritis is an illness causing pain and swelling in a person's joints.

→ *Agatha couldn't play the piano anymore because of her **arthritis**.*

3.



botany ['botəni] n.

Botany is the study of plants.

→ *Gardens are the best places for **botany**.*

4.



credible ['kredəbəl] adj.

If something or someone is **credible**, they can be believed or trusted.

→ Dick gave a **credible** reason for being late and didn't get in any trouble.

5.



deceased [di'si:st] adj.

If someone is **deceased**, they are dead.

→ We visited the graves of our **deceased** grandparents.

6.



deception [di'sepʃən] n.

Deception is the act of lying or tricking someone.

→ *The magic looked very real, but it was only **deception**.*

7.



decipher [di'saɪfər] v.

To **decipher** writing is to figure out what it says.

→ *My teacher complained that she couldn't **decipher** my essay.*

8.



dung [dʌŋ] n.

Dung is solid waste material produced by animals.

→ *There was cow **dung** all over the field.*

9.



dusk [dʌsk] n.

Dusk is the time in the evening when it begins to get dark.

→ *After **dusk**, Hannah would catch fireflies in the park.*

10.



gratify ['grætəfai] v.

To **gratify** someone means to please them.

→ Bonnie was **gratified** after receiving her gift from her parents.

11.



hone [houn] v.

To **hone** something is to improve it and make it very good.

→ Lisa **honed** her chess skills by hours and hours of practice.

12.



mash [mæʃ] v.

To **mash** something is to crush it so that it is soft.

→ We **mashed** the hard potatoes and served them for dinner.

13.



ornate [ɔːrˈneɪt] adj.

If something is **ornate**, it is decorated with a lot of fancy things.

→ Kim's prom dress was very expensive since it was so **ornate**.

14.



pneumonia [nju:ˈmʌnjə] n.

Pneumonia is a dangerous illness causing the lungs to fill with liquid.

→ Elaine got **pneumonia** after playing outside in the rain without a coat.

15.



psychic ['saɪkɪk] adj.

When someone is **psychic**, they know what will happen or what people think.

→ I think my grandmother has **psychic** abilities because she can predict anything.

16.



psychotic [sai'kotik] adj.

If someone is **psychotic**, they have a very serious mental illness.

→ The **psychotic** patient believed he saw things that weren't real.

17.



scope [skoup] n.

The **scope** of something is how many people or things it relates to.

→ Modern history has a wide **scope**.