## My Words

*Write the words that are new to you. Look them up in the dictionary and write their definitions.*

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## Word Families

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| **noun** | catastrophe | The initial attempts to lay a transatlantic cable ended in catastrophe for Field. |
| **adjective** | catastrophic | The failure of the initial attempts to lay the transatlantic cable resulted in a catastrophic loss of money. |
| **adverb** | catastrophically | Field failed catastrophically in his attempts to lay a transatlantic cable. |



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| **noun** | compensation | There is no compensation for hard work and perseverance. |
| **verb** | compensate | Hard work can sometimes compensate for bad luck. |
| **adjective** | compensative | When the signals began to fade, they took compensative measures to keep the cable working. |

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| **noun** | insulation | Rubber makes good insulation for an electric wire. |
| **noun** | insulator | Rubber is a good insulator. |
| **verb** | insulate | It was important to find a practical way to insulate the cable. |
| **adjective** | insulated | The transatlantic cable was insulated with gutta-percha. |

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| **noun** | perseverance | Because of Field's perseverance, a telegraph cable was eventually laid under the Atlantic Ocean. |
| **verb** | persevere | An inventor must persevere to turn his ideas into reality. |
| **adjective** | perseverant | A perseverant person can find a way to achieve her dreams. |

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| **noun** | triumph | The laying of the cable in 1866 was a triumph for Kelvin. |
| **verb** | triumph | Many people worked hard to make the idea of a transatlantic cable into a reality, and they finally triumphed. |
| **adjective** | triumphant | It was a triumphant day when the English queen sent a telegraph message to the American president. |
| **adverb** | triumphantly | They triumphantly announced the completion of the project. |





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## Word Family Practice

*Choose the correct word family member from the list below to complete each blank.*

Invention is all about hard work. An inventor may have a brilliant idea, but he has to test it many times. The process may be filled with **1**..... . It is the **2**..... inventor who will eventually be **3**..... . For example, there were many failed attempts before the transatlantic telegraph cable was successfully manufactured and laid. After a material was found that could suitably **4**..... the cable, they thought the major difficulties had been solved. However, they met with many more difficulties when they actually tried to put the cable in place. They tried to **5**..... for the flaws in their method but were unsuccessful. It wasn't until almost ten years later that another group of people succeeded in laying the cable.

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| 1. | catastrophes | catastrophic | catastrophically |
| 2. | perseverance | persevere | perseverant |
| 3. | triumph | triumphs | triumphant |
| 4. | insulation | insulate | insulated |
| 5. | compensation | compensate | compensative |



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