

C1–C2 Advanced Vocabulary Gap-Fill Worksheet

Instructions: Fill in each gap with one word from the Word Bank. Use each word only once.

Word Bank:

anomalous · clandestine · decipher · deterioration · debunked · disconcerting · elusive · enigmatic · fabricated · obscure · proliferation · psychological · pseudonyms · speculate · surveillance · cryptic · inexplicable · methodical

1. The Secret Treasure Hunt

Although only two of the twelve treasures have been found, many still _____ about the possibility of discovering the rest. The author's intent remains somewhat _____, and some question whether all treasures were truly buried. Despite its age, the book has seen a recent _____ in online discussion and amateur sleuthing.

2. Hessdalen Lights

The lights observed in Norway continue to baffle researchers due to their _____ nature and resistance to explanation. Theories range from atmospheric phenomena to more fringe ideas, yet none have been definitively proven or _____.

3. Shelly Miscavige

Her sudden disappearance and the church's refusal to reveal her whereabouts is deeply _____. Former members describe a culture of secrecy and _____ avoidance of the topic. Some claim the incident reveals a deeper _____ within the organization's internal operations.

4. Patomskiy Crater

The crater's origin remains _____, with explanations ranging from meteor impact to undiscovered volcanic activity. Its sudden appearance challenges conventional geological assumptions and is considered an _____ anomaly.

5. Voynich Manuscript

Despite years of cryptanalysis, scholars have been unable to _____ the manuscript. Its linguistic structure is highly repetitive yet bears no resemblance to any known language, increasing suspicion that it might be _____ rather than genuine.

6. Flannan Isles Lighthouse

The log entries written before the disappearance of the keepers are _____ and emotionally charged. The account of seasoned mariners exhibiting fear hints at either a _____ phenomenon or a severe emotional breakdown.

7. The Isdal Woman

Her use of various _____, wigs, and multiple languages suggests a life of _____ operations, possibly espionage. The systematic removal of identifying labels and the sanding of her fingerprints were likely intended to frustrate identification efforts.

8. UVB-76

This persistent radio signal, interspersed with rare voice transmissions, is widely believed to serve a military or strategic function, possibly related to ongoing _____. Its continuous broadcast suggests it's considered vital to some undisclosed protocol.

9. The Unknown Girl's Face

That a CPR dummy bears the likeness of a young, unidentified drowned woman is as _____ as it is morbid. The widespread replication of her face raises ethical questions about consent and representation.

10. Cicada 3301

The sheer complexity of the puzzles, which integrate cryptography, philosophy, and high-level data security, implies a sophisticated and likely _____ group behind them. The fact that no successful participant has come forward only deepens the mystery.