SPELLING WORDS

THE MOUSTACHE by ROBERT CORMIER

Summary: When Mike visits his grandmother in a nursing home, she mistakes him for his grandfather because of the name they share and because of his new moustache. Mike listens helplessly as his grandmother begs her "husband" forgiveness for a past secret betrayal.

1. **characterize (v):** to describe the qualities or characteristics of a person, place, or thing.
2. **intensity (n):** the degree of strength, force, or feeling of something.
3. **lucid (adj):** clear, easy to understand, and sensible.
4. **obscure (v):** to hide, cover, or make something difficult to see or understand.
5. **pathetic (adj):** making you feel pity or sadness; very weak or unfortunate.
6. **perspective (n):** a particular point of view or way of seeing something.
7. **pretense (n):** an attempt to make something appear true when it is not; pretending.
8. **stigmatize (v):** to treat or describe someone or something as shameful, bad, or unacceptable.
9. **postponement (n):** a delay of an event or activity until a later time or date.
10. **conflict (n):** a disagreement, struggle, or situation in which two or more people, groups, or ideas are in opposition.

***STUDY. For Friday's spelling, also make 10 sentences with the words given.**

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Complete the sentences

1. The story begins with a _____ between two friends who disagree about an important decision.
2. The teacher gave a _____ explanation, so everyone understood the topic.
3. The _____ of the game was announced because of the heavy rain.
4. From my _____, the character made the right decision.
5. The author uses the main character's actions to _____ her as a brave and honest person.
6. We should never _____ people because of their mistakes or differences.
7. The fog began to _____ the road, making it difficult to see.
8. The _____ of the storm made it difficult for people to leave their homes.
9. He smiled under the _____ that everything was fine, although he was worried.
10. The character's _____ excuse made everyone realize that he was not telling the trutH

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