

## Vocabulary: "Whispers From the Grave"

- 1. allegedly (uh-LEJ-id-lee)** *adverb*; having been stated as fact without proof; reportedly  
*example:* Brooke and Mary are in the principal's office. They allegedly made some inappropriate comments about Kari, although I have never heard them say anything mean about anyone.
- 2. alluring (uh-LOOR-ing)** *adjective*; very attractive or tempting; enticing  
*example:* I cannot wait another second to sink my teeth into this alluring chocolate cake.
- 3. blueprint (BLOO-print)** *noun*; a detailed plan or outline  
*example:* The contractors who are remodeling our kitchen did not follow the blueprint; they put the space for the refrigerator on the wrong wall.
- 4. eccentricity (ek-suhn-TRIS-ih-tee)** *noun*; oddness; peculiarity; unusualness  
*example:* I would hate it if Uncle Ralph put away his brightly colored clothes and crazy hats and started dressing like everyone else. I love his eccentricity!
- 5. paranormal (par-uh-NAWR-muhl)** *adjective*; not scientifically explainable; supernatural  
*example:* This Halloween, my friends and I are going to be ghost hunters, searching for paranormal activity in the abandoned house near the railroad tracks.
- 6. rattled (RAT-uhld)** *adjective*; unnerved, frightened, or confused  
*example:* On Halloween night, a strange creature with glowing eyes ran in front of Jake's car, causing him to swerve violently. Jake was so rattled that he missed his next turn.
- 7. recluse (REK-loos)** *noun*; a person who lives apart from society  
*example:* The character in the story that I am writing is a recluse; he lives in a small cabin on a mountain and has no contact with the outside world.
- 8. skepticism (SKEP-tuh-siz-uhm)** *noun*; doubt that something is true; disbelief  
*example:* I understand your skepticism, but I swear I had a conversation with an alien last night.
- 9. tuberculosis (too-bur-kyuh-LOH-sis)** *noun*; a highly contagious bacterial disease that usually affects the lungs but can also affect other parts of the body, such as the brain, kidneys, or spine  
*example:* Tuberculosis can be spread through coughing, speaking, laughing, singing, or sneezing.
- 10. vengeful (VENJ-fuhl)** *adjective*; desiring or seeking revenge  
*example:* When Claire returned from a long trip, her vengeful cat threw up in Claire's shoe.