

Englist.me



Vocabulary Builder Reference from...

Daniel Finkel: Can you solve the alien probe riddle? |

TED Talk

https://www.ted.com/talks/daniel_finkel_can_you_solve_the_alien_probe_riddle

Advanced Words Only

IMPORTANT

This material is a commentary and does not contain any copyrighted material of the reference source. We strongly recommend accessing/buying the reference source at the same time.

Session 1: Word List

monolith

n. a large, single upright block of stone, especially one shaped into a pillar or monument; something that is very large, solid, and uniform in shape or appearance

synonym: monument, megalith, slab

(1) metal **monolith**, (2) towering **monolith**

The art exhibit featured a massive **monolith** sculpture made entirely of recycled materials.

symmetrical

adj. having similarity in size, shape, and relative position of corresponding parts

synonym: harmonious, balanced, proportional

(1) **symmetrical** triangle, (2) **symmetrical** pattern

This figure is **symmetrical** about the x-axis.

rearrange

v. to change the order or position of things already made; to change the time, date, or place of an event already planned

synonym: readjust, reorganize, reconstruct

(1) **rearrange** the furniture, (2) **rearrange** his schedule

Please **rearrange** these files as we start a new project tomorrow.

eon

n. (also aeon) an indefinite long period of time; the longest division of geological time scale

synonym : aeon

(1) a geological **eon**, (2) over the **eons**

I heard that fairy tale **eons** ago.

Session 2: Spelling

1. over the e_ns *n.* (also aeon) an indefinite long period of time; the longest division of geological time scale
2. towering mo____th *n.* a large, single upright block of stone, especially one shaped into a pillar or monument; something that is very large, solid, and uniform in shape or appearance
3. sym_____al triangle *adj.* having similarity in size, shape, and relative position of corresponding parts
4. re_____ge the furniture *v.* to change the order or position of things already made; to change the time, date, or place of an event already planned
5. metal mo____th *n.* a large, single upright block of stone, especially one shaped into a pillar or monument; something that is very large, solid, and uniform in shape or appearance
6. sym_____al pattern *adj.* having similarity in size, shape, and relative position of corresponding parts
7. re_____ge his schedule *v.* to change the order or position of things already made; to change the time, date, or place of an event already planned
8. a geological e_n *n.* (also aeon) an indefinite long period of time; the longest division of geological time scale

ANSWERS: 1. eon, 2. monolith, 3. symmetrical, 4. rearrange, 5. monolith, 6. symmetrical, 7. rearrange, 8. eon

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I heard that fairy tale _____ ago.
n. (also aeon) an indefinite long period of time; the longest division of geological time scale

2. Please _____ these files as we start a new project tomorrow.
v. to change the order or position of things already made; to change the time, date, or place of an event already planned

3. This figure is _____ about the x-axis.
adj. having similarity in size, shape, and relative position of corresponding parts

4. The art exhibit featured a massive _____ sculpture made entirely of recycled materials.
n. a large, single upright block of stone, especially one shaped into a pillar or monument; something that is very large, solid, and uniform in shape or appearance

ANSWERS: 1. eons, 2. rearrange, 3. symmetrical, 4. monolith