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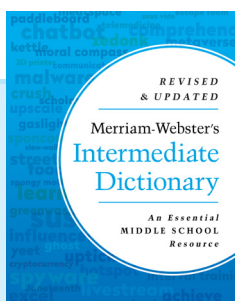
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Name: _____ Date: _____

Match the word with the correct definition.

drone	juxtapose	kindling	oxymoron	quorum	vivacious	obelisk	hygge
implode	neurology	nonagon	finagle	bungle	recant	lavish	petrichor

- _____ a polygon of nine angles and nine sides
- _____ a four-sided pillar that becomes narrower toward the top and ends in a pyramid
- _____ an uncrewed aircraft or ship guided by remote control or by computers carried onboard
- _____ an earthy odor that is associated with rainfall especially after a warm and dry period
- _____ to act, do, make, or work badly
- _____ to use trickery to get what one wants
- _____ a cozy quality that makes one feel content and comfortable
- _____ to burst inward
- _____ to place side by side
- _____ material that burns easily and is used to start a fire
- _____ spending or giving more than is necessary
- _____ the scientific study of the nervous system
- _____ a combination of contradictory words (as cruel kindness)
- _____ the number of members of an organization required to be present in order for business to be carried on
- _____ to take back publicly an opinion or belief
- _____ full of life and good spirits



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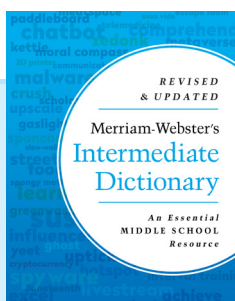
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1. **nonagon** _____ a polygon of nine angles and nine sides
2. **obelisk** _____ a four-sided pillar that becomes narrower toward the top and ends in a pyramid
3. **drone** _____ an uncrewed aircraft or ship guided by remote control or by computers carried onboard
4. **petrichor** _____ an earthy odor that is associated with rainfall especially after a warm and dry period
5. **bungle** _____ to act, do, make, or work badly
6. **finagle** _____ to use trickery to get what one wants
7. **hygge** _____ a cozy quality that makes one feel content and comfortable
8. **implode** _____ to burst inward
9. **juxtapose** _____ to place side by side
10. **kindling** _____ material that burns easily and is used to start a fire
11. **lavish** _____ spending or giving more than is necessary
12. **neurology** _____ the scientific study of the nervous system
13. **oxymoron** _____ a combination of contradictory words (as cruel kindness)
14. **quorum** _____ the number of members of an organization required to be present in order for business to be carried on
15. **recant** _____ to take back publicly an opinion or belief
16. **vivacious** _____ full of life and good spirits



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