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VOCABULARY



COMMUNION (with somebody/something): the state of sharing or exchanging thoughts and feelings; the feeling of being part of something.

Ex. *Many people who live in close communion with nature are superstitious.*

PRANK: a trick that is done to someone usually as a joke.

Ex. *Jackie's pranks were starting to annoy her colleagues.*



PATCHWORK: a thing that is made up of many different pieces or parts.

Ex. *So the world is this complex patchwork of regions.*

OCCULT: magic or supernatural.

TO STITCH WITH: to make (something) out of many different things

Ex. *They stitched red and blue ribbons onto their hats.*



TO SPAN: to last for a particular period of time, especially a long period.

Ex. *His career spanned half a century.*

TO SPREAD: to cover, or to make something cover, a larger and larger area.

Ex. *The European flu continues to spread throughout the UK.*

VEIL: something that covers or hides something else.



TO GATHER: to bring (things or people) together into a group.

Ex. *The children gathered their toys (together) and put them away.*

TO FROWN ON SOMEBODY/SOMETHING: to disapprove of somebody/something.

Ex. *The company frowns on dating among employees.*

TO MERGE: to combine or make two or more things combine to form a single thing.

Ex. *He has plans to merge his own company with another one.*



DECEASED: dead; no longer living.

THE FOLD: a group of people with whom you feel you belong or who share the same ideas or beliefs.

Ex. *We are hoping that these policies will bring reluctant voters back to the fold.*

FAMINE: a situation in which many people do not have enough food to eat.



EXTORTION: the crime of making somebody give you something by threatening them.

BRIBE: something valuable (such as money) that is given in order to get someone to do something.