| simile    | What means "a comparison of two unlike things using the words <i>like</i> or <i>as</i> "? |
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| legend    | What means "a story that has been handed down from earlier times"?                        |
| hoist     | What means "to raise up or lift, often with the help of a machine"?                       |
| taper     | What means "to make or gradually become thinner at one point"?                            |
| crucify   | What means "put to death by binding or nailing to a cross"?                               |
| tomb      | What means "a vault, usually underground, for burying the dead"?                          |
| tyranny   | What means "cruel or unjust rule by a government"?  |
| guarantee | What means "to promise that a specific condition will be met"?                            |
| cable     | What means "a thick, strong rope made of twisted wire or fiber"?                          |

| searing | What means "extremely hot or intense"?                      |
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| fife    | What means "a small shrill flute played in military bands"? |
| lull    | What means "a temporary calm or drop in activity"?          |