Vocabulary

- 1 Briar: a wild bush, especially a rose bush with long stems and sharp thorns
- 2 Patch: a small area that is different in some way from the area that surrounds it
- 3 deferred: delayed until a later time: deferred bonuses/compensation/charges
- 4 big dipper: a small railway in an amusement park that travels very quickly along a narrow track that slopes and bends suddenly
- 5 Orion
 - Astronomy
 A conspicuous constellation (the Hunter), said to represent a hunter holding a club and shield. It lies on the celestial equator and contains many bright stars, including Rigel, Betelgeuse, and a line of three that form Orion's Belt.
- 6 mischief: behaviour, especially a child's, that is slightly bad but is not intended to cause serious harm or damage:
 - a. She's a lively little girl, full of mischief.
 - b. He needs a hobby to keep him busy and stop him from getting into mischief.
 - c. Maybe a new bike would keep him out of mischief.
 - d. I hope you haven't been up to any mischief while I was gone.
- 7 enslavement
 - a. to force someone to remain in a bad situation: Women in this region were enslaved by poverty.
 - b. to make a slave of someone: The early settlers enslaved or killed much of the native population.
 - c. literary to control someone's actions, thoughts, emotions, or life completely: We are increasingly enslaved by technology.
 - d. Guilt enslaved her.

- 8 assessment: the act of judging or deciding the amount, value, quality, or importance of something, or the judgment or decision that is made:
 - a. Would you say that is a fair assessment of the situation?
 - b. Both their assessments of production costs were hopelessly inaccurate.
- 9 acknowledging: to accept, admit, or recognize something, or the truth or existence of something
- 10 heinous: very bad and shocking: a heinous crime
- 11 coined

to invent a new word or expression, or to use one in a particular way for the first time: Allen Ginsberg coined the term "flower power"

- 12 confine
- 13 to limit an activity, person, or problem in some way:
 - a. Let's confine our discussion to the matter in question, please!
 - b. Please confine your use of the phone to business calls.
 - c. By closing the infected farms we're hoping to confine the disease to the north of the region (= stop it from spreading to other areas).

[T usually passive] to keep someone closed in a place, often by force:

The hostages had been confined for so long that they couldn't cope with the outside world.

be confined to somewhere/sth

to exist only in a particular area or group of people:

We know that the illness is not confined to any one group in society. This attitude seems to be confined to the very wealthy.

14 unencumbered

without something making it difficult for you to do something:

People can decide how to care for their children, unencumbered by interference from the state.

15 lumber

to move slowly and awkwardly:

In the distance, we could see a herd of elephants lumbering across the plain.

16 celestial

of or from the sky or outside this world:

The moon is a celestial body.

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