



**B**elow you'll find all twenty-eight of the defined words included in **Miss Alaineus**: **A Vocabulary Disaster**. Reprint this page enough times to provide at least one word OR definition to each participant. Cut words and definitions into separate slips. Mix them up and have each person secretly choose one slip. Set a time limit and have each participant who has a word pair up with the participant having the proper definition for that word. (*Keep it short and quick – maybe three minutes.*) When a pair is made, the two participants should sit at once. When all words are reunited with their meanings, have each team read its word and definition. (*Expect some chaos OR propose a no-talking-only-reading rule while searching.*)

catastrophe	a momentous tragedy
disaster	an event bringing great misfortune
triumph	a true success
daunted	discouraged or disheartened
calla	a cup-shaped lily growing in the Tropics
forest	a thicket of trees
star (r)	a luminous celestial object seen as a point of light in the sky
(Mrs.) page	a single side of a printed sheet of paper usually found bound in a book
pride	an unduly high opinion of oneself
goeth	Old English for "to go"
ancestor	an ancient relative long dead
museum	a building for exhibiting objects about art or history or science
cliff	a high, steep face of rock
dinosaur	a prehistoric, extinct reptile, often huge
grinned	to draw back the lips and bare the teeth, as in a very wide smile
sage	one who shows wisdom, experience, judgment
miscellaneous	1. consisting of various kinds or qualities, 2. a collection of unrelated objects
humbled	aware of one's shortcomings, modest, meek
devastated	wasted, ravaged
ruined	destroyed
finished	brought to an end
gold	a bright yellow precious metal of great value
mistake	something done, said, or thought in the wrong way
impossible	not capable of happening
knew	to apprehend with certainty
wildly	in a manner lacking all restraint
astonishment	great shock and amazement
mysterious	full of mystery, hard to explain or understand

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