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# Intermediate Dictionary

## VOCABULARY SKILL BUILDER

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Match the word with the correct definition.

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**juxtapose**  
**neurology**

**kindling**  
**nonagon**  
**oxymoron**  
**archipelago**

**finagle**  
**quorum**  
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**bungle**

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**hypertext**  
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**grommet**

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- \_\_\_\_\_ A database method in which information related to that shown on a display screen can be accessed quickly from the display (as by a mouse click)
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- \_\_\_\_\_ An aircraft or ship without a pilot that is controlled by radio signals
- \_\_\_\_\_ Fruits cooked in syrup
- \_\_\_\_\_ A wide stretch of water with many scattered islands
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- \_\_\_\_\_ To use trickery to get what one wants
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- \_\_\_\_\_ 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
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