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Selection Vocabulary

Focus

infinity *n.* the condition of having no limits

disks *n.* plural of **disk**: a flat, thin, round object

clusters *n.* plural of **cluster**: a number of things of the same kind that are grouped together

bulges *n.* plural of **bulge**: a rounded part that swells out

cosmic *adj.* of or relating to the universe

spokes *n.* plural of **spoke**: one of the rods or bars that connect the rim of a wheel to the hub

spiral *n.* a curve that keeps winding. A spiral may wind inward and outward or downward and upward.

galaxy *n.* very large group of stars

detect *v.* to find out or notice; discover

collapse *v.* to fall in; break down

Practice

Circle the word in parentheses that best fits each sentence below.

1. The last part of the maze was a (cosmic, spiral) that circled in toward the center.
2. Hitting a curb can bend the (spokes, clusters) inside a wheel.
3. The building started to (detect, collapse) after the demolition crew threw the switch.
4. The trash bag had (bulges, clusters) where garbage was about to break through.
5. All night long, (disks, clusters) of insects buzzed around the light bulb.
6. Barometers are used to (detect, collapse) differences in atmospheric pressure.

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