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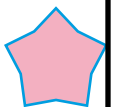
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2. unlikable	_____	_____
3. description	_____	_____
4. reaction	_____	_____
5. wonderment	_____	_____
6. government	_____	_____
7. courageous	_____	_____
8. terrify	_____	_____
9. sincerity	_____	_____
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	describe	
3. description	_____	_____
	act or react	
4. reaction	_____	_____
	wonder	
5. wonderment	_____	_____
	govern	
6. government	_____	_____
	courage	
7. courageous	_____	_____
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8. terrify	_____	_____
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