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The Tell-Tale Heart Vocabulary

Directions: Sit with a partner and look at the underlined word as I read the sentence in which we find the word in the short story *The Tell-Tale Heart*. After hearing the sentence, you and your partner need to decide if you know a meaning for the word, think you know the meaning for the word, or still need help in finding a meaning.

1. Above all was the sense of hearing acute.
2. ... for it was not the man who vexed me, but his Evil Eye.
3. Never before that night had I felt the extent of my own powers - of my sagacity.
4. ... it was the low stifled sound that arises from the bottom of the soul when overcharged with awe.
5. It increased my fury, as the beating of a drum stimulates the soldier into courage.
6. "...while I myself, in the wild audacity of my perfect triumph, placed my own seat upon the very spot beneath which reposed the corpse of the victim.
7. I could bear those hypocritical smiles no longer! I felt I must scream or die!
8. I resolved to open a little - a very, very little crevice in the lantern.
9. So I opened it - you cannot imagine how stealthily, stealthily...

<i>I still need help finding a meaning for this word.</i>	<i>I think I know the meaning of this word.</i>	<i>I know the meaning.</i>
(Write the word only.)	(Write the word and its meaning.)	(Write the word and its meaning.)