

Commonly Confused Words

"Vain" is an adjective meaning unsuccessful or conceited.

Example: Despite his **vain** attempts to impress the judges, he failed to win.

"Vein" is a noun meaning a blood vessel, or a deposit of minerals.

Example: The doctor found a **vein** of gold during his medical check-up.

"Vane" is a noun meaning an instrument detecting the direction of winds (weather vane) or a long flat blade of a windmill.

Example: The weather **vane's** arrow swung wildly during the storm.

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Choose the correct word.

- 1) Gary is a ☐ vain ☐ vein ☐ vane.
- 2) The athlete made a ☐ vain ☐ vein ☐ vane effort to lift the heavy weight.
- 3) The doctor found a ☐ vain ☐ vein ☐ vane of gold during his medical check-up.
- 4) The actor was ☐ vain ☐ vein ☐ vane about his performance.
- 5) The windmill's ☐ vain ☐ vein ☐ vane arrow swung wildly during the storm.
- 6) The rock contains a ☐ vain ☐ vein ☐ vane of valuable minerals.
- 7) The comedian's jokes tap into the ☐ vain ☐ vein ☐ vane of societal issues.
- 8) Their efforts to find a solution were in ☐ vain ☐ vein ☐ vane.