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14 Spelling Activities

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X Y Z

(Set One)

Each of the clues below identifies a word with an X, a Y, or a Z in its spelling. The position of the X, Y, and Z have been added to jump-start your thinking. Fill in the remaining blanks to reveal the mystery words, all of which are printed in the box at the bottom of the page. However, **four** of the words are **fakes**, and **two** are **spelled wrong**, so watch out! Correct them and fill in the blanks with the right letters!

1. rest; calm down _____ X

2. having no content _____ Y

3. a famous monster movie star
_____ Z _____

4. burst; blow up
_____ X _____

5. mad _____ Y

6. a gentle wind _____ Z _____

7. spring; autumn; equal hours of day and night _____ X

8. open the mouth, as a sign of drowsiness or boredom Y _____



9. crossword and jigsaw are two different types _____ Z Z _____

10. a formal suit worn by men
_____ X _____

11. a hole; bad news for a tooth
_____ Y _____

12. a bee sound _____ Z Z

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|--------|---------|--------|----------|---------|-------|
| tuxedo | explode | freeze | breeze | explain | |
| muzzle | relax | angry | equinox | yell | empty |
| cavity | buzz | yawn | Godzilla | puzzle | |