

skim: to move quickly over the top of something



John threw his board and tried to skim on the top of the water.

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span: the spread from one end to the other



The span of the bridge across the river was immense.

shabby: things that look old and worn out



George wanted to look in the shabby old house for ghosts.

embarrass: If you embarrass someone, you make that person feel uncomfortable or ashamed.



Please don't embarrass me by using poor language in my room.

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midst: If you are in the midst of something, you are in the middle of it.



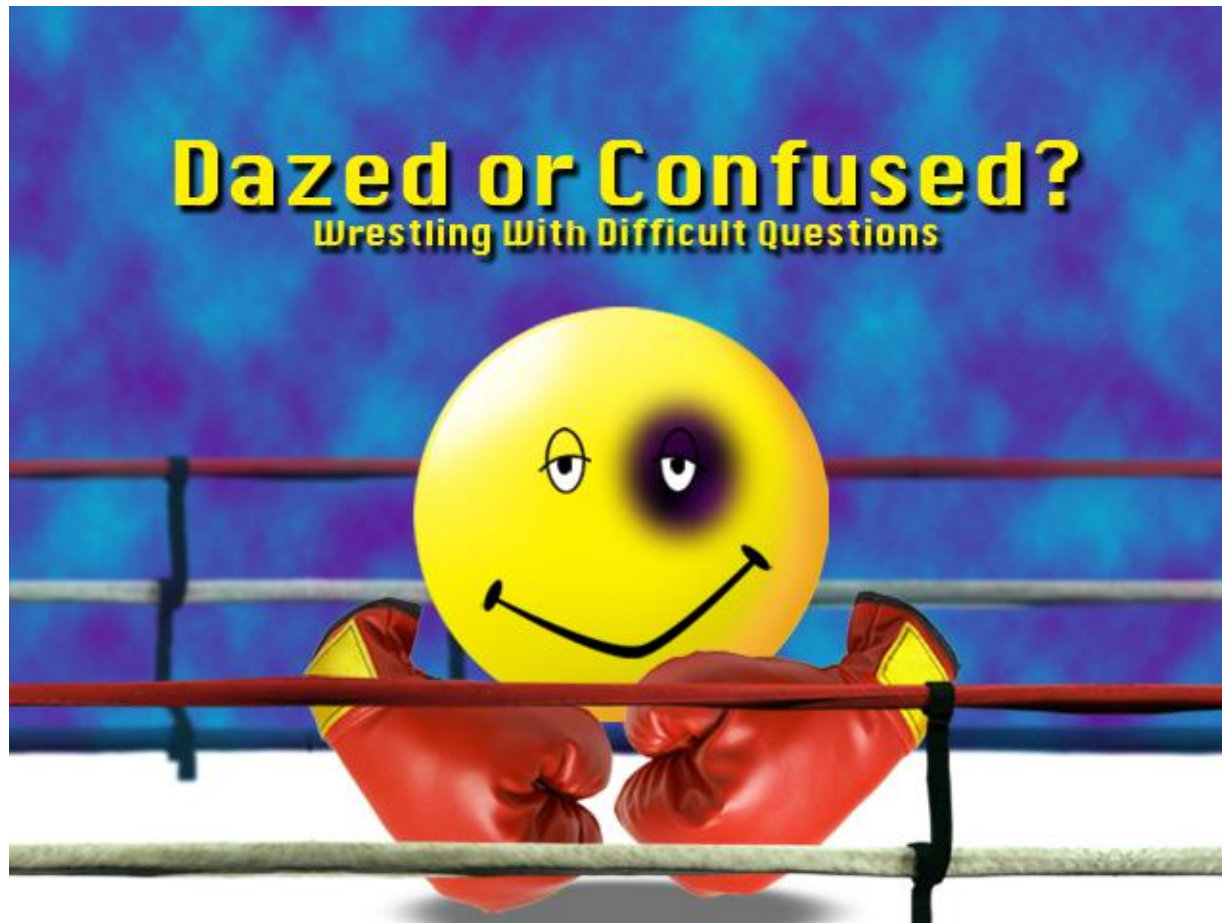
The boats were in the midst of the crashing waves.

elevated: Something that is elevated is high above the ground.



The house was elevated above the rocky ground.

dazed: If you are dazed, you are confused and cannot think straight.



Sometimes I feel dazed when I have been working very hard.

collapses: When something collapses, it falls down because it can't hold itself up anymore.



You should be out of the way when a building collapses!

initiative: is the first step in doing something, often on your own.



Thomas took the initiative to read the next chapter in his text.

contribution: is something someone gives in order to help others.



It is always nice to give a contribution to charities that help people.