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il·lu·mi·nate | \ i-ˈlü-mə-ˌnāt ◆ \ illuminated; illuminating

Definition of *illuminate* (Entry 1 of 3)

transitive verb

1 a (1): to supply or brighten with light (2): to make luminous or shining

: to enlighten spiritually or intellectually

: to subject to radiation

archaic : to set alight

: to make clear : **ELUCIDATE**

b: to bring to the fore: HIGHLIGHT

// a crisis can illuminate how interdependent we all are : to make <u>illustrious</u> or resplendent

to decorate (something, such as a manuscript) with gold or silver or brilliant colors or with often elaborate designs or miniature pictures

illuminate adjective

Definition of *illuminate* (Entry 2 of 3) 1 *archaic*: brightened with light

il·lu·mi·nate | \ i-ˈlü-mə-nət → \

2 archaic: intellectually or spiritually enlightened

illuminate noun il·lu·mi·nate | \ i-ˈlü-mə-nət → \

: one having or claiming unusual enlightenment

archaic

Definition of *illuminate* (Entry 3 of 3)

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blacken, darken, obfuscate

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an art museum exists. — Los Angeles Times, 6 May 2022

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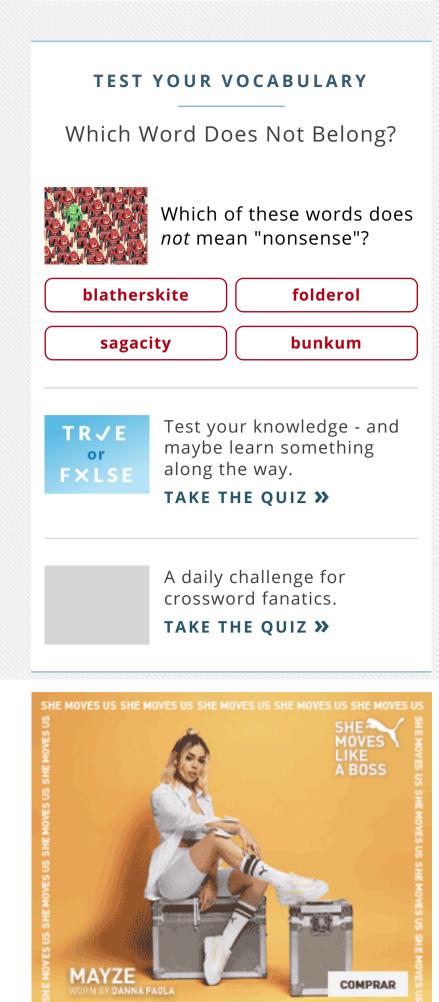
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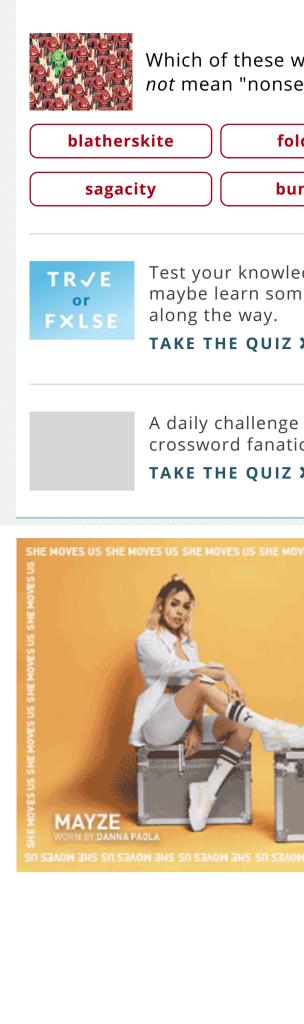
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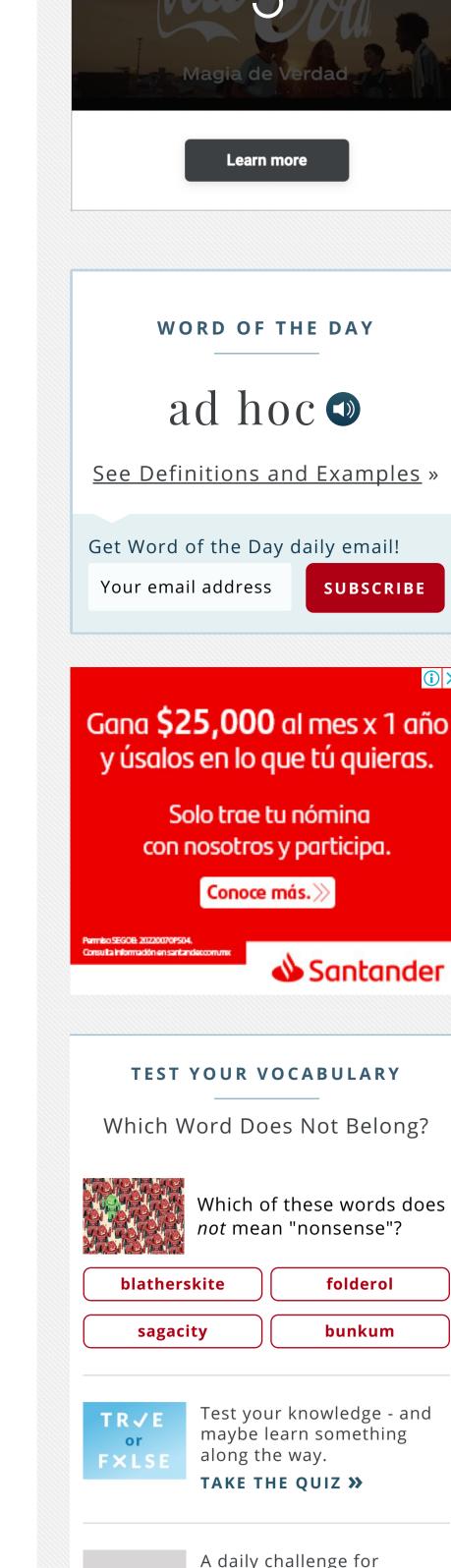
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