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A. An Italian word that refers to a large building such as a museum or place of residence, especially in Italy.

B. An angel of the highest rank in the traditional nine categories of angels described in the Bible.

C. A small mountain lake usually formed by the action of glaciers.

D. A long, narrow crack or opening, especially in rock, or a separation or division in a group.

E. A French word that refers to a region in southwestern France known for producing fine, ruby-red colored wine.

F. A Spanish word that refers to a pale, medium dry sherry (an aged wine) from Spain named after the Spanish town Montilla.

G. A large cask or barrel containing between 70 and 100 gallons of liquid.

H. A French word that refers to an expert or someone who has specialized or cultivated knowledge in a particular field of the arts.

I. A wooden barrel containing alcohol.

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A. A word from the Latin word "male habitus" that refers to illness or disease.
B. A Latin word that refers to an ancient drug that caused forgetfulness of pain or sorrow.
C. A word that refers to potassium nitrate, a white crystalline salt used in explosives and as a preservative. Exposure can cause shortness of breath or a burning sensation.
D. A Latin word that refers to being very pale in a way that looks unhealthy.
E. A state resembling a trance where muscles become rigid and remain in any position in which they are placed.
F. A Greek word that refers to harmful fumes or poison usually caused by burning or decaying organic matter.
G. A Latin phrase meaning: "No one provokes me without punishment."
H. A French word that refers to anything related to viewing bizarre images or optical illusions seen as if in a dream.
I. A Latin phrase meaning: "Rest in peace."
J. Movement with your hands or arms to express something or emphasize what you are saying.

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