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Vocabulary Building Worksheet – Level VI – Week 2A

axis	lack	Alps	rank	staff	habitat
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DEFINITIONS: Numbers 1 through 7 show definitions of the list words. Select the correct word that matches the definition from the two words at the end of each line and write it in the blank space provided.

1. To be without or short on something that you need – to not have enough: _____ (lack, rank)
2. A group of people, as employees, who work together at a business or organization. _____ (lack, staff)
3. To assign a position to - to arrange in order for comparison: _____ (axis, rank)
4. An imaginary line through the middle of an object, around which that object spins: _____ (axis, Alps)
5. A mountain range in south central Europe that is 500 miles (800km) long: _____ (Alps, habitat)
6. The place or environment where a plant or animal normally lives: _____ (Alps, habitat)

DEFINITION CLUES: Choose the word that best goes with the statement or riddle. Write it in the blank space provided.

7. The Rocky mountains are located in western United States while the Appalachian mountains extend along the eastern U.S.. If you traveled to southern Europe you would encounter this mountain range: _____
8. The imaginary line that runs through Earth's center from the North to South Pole: _____
9. You would be doing this if your assignment asked you to place cities: _____
10. Employees of a school, office or any business can also be called this: _____
11. The rainforest is considered this for thousands of species of plants and animals: _____
12. Use this word to describe a situation in which you do not have enough of something: _____

FILL-IN-THE-BLANK: Read the sentence. Choose the vocabulary word that best goes in the blank space provided.

13. The National Health Service (NHS) in England hires doctors, nurses and other health care professionals to provide health care for the people. In 2003, there were 1,282,900 working for the NHS - that's 2% of the 30 million people of working age. Only the Indian State Railways and Chinese Army employ more people. With this many people employed by NHS, they would certainly have many _____ meetings.
14. Over 10,000 square miles are being cleared every year in the Amazon rainforest in Brazil. This occurs because of valuable wood such as mahogany and also because of the creation of cattle pastureland. This destruction of trees is also destroying the _____ of many animals, including the orangutang.
15. Ancient India used what was called a caste system in which people were assigned a position based on their jobs. The caste system is actually a way to _____ people according to their social status.
16. Peaks are the high points on mountain ranges. On the border of Sweden and Italy there is a pyramid shaped mountain peak called Mont Cervin. Its elevation is 14,700 ft (4,480 m). The highest mountain peak in western Europe is Mont Blanc at 15,000 ft (4,800 m). Mont Blanc is always snowcapped because air temperature decreases 3.5 degrees F for every 1000 feet in elevation, resulting in temperatures below freezing near the summit (top). These mountains are part of the mountain range known as the _____.
17. You would experience 6 months of light and then 6 months of dark if you lived at the north pole which is at the top of earth's _____.
18. The *Plymouth Colony* is known as the first attempt of English citizens to sail across the Atlantic and settle and live in North America. They sailed out of Plymouth, England in November 1620 on the ship *Mayflower*. They landed on the coast of Cape Cod, Massachusetts, instead of Virginia as they had hoped. They established a settlement there but half of all colonists died during the first winter because of exposure to the cold and from scurvy. Scurvy is a disease that results from a _____ of Vitamin C.

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Vocabulary Building Worksheet – Level VI – Week 2B

swept	tend	sketch	text	wedge	westward
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DEFINITIONS: Select the correct word that matches the definition from the two words at the end of each line. Write it in the blank space provided. Teachers should briefly review all words above before students begin the exercise.

1. To take care of something – Also, means often or usually happens: _____ (tend, swept)
2. A rough drawing representing the main features of an object or scene: _____ (sketch, swept)
3. Removed from a surface with or as if with a broom or brush - wiped out: _____ (text, swept)
4. An object that is thin at one end and thick at the other: _____ (wedge, westward)
5. Toward the west: _____ (wedge, westward)
6. The main section of writing in a book, other than the pictures or index: _____ (text, tend)

DEFINITION CLUES: Choose the word that best goes with the statement or riddle. Write it in the blank space provided.

7. The sun rises in the east and moves this direction during the day: _____
8. You look at this when you read a book, newspaper or write a story: _____
9. While the female is searching for food, the male Emperor Penguin takes care of the egg: _____
10. The Black Death wiped out one third of Western Europe's population : _____
11. This object can be used to split apart other objects because of its unusual shape: _____
12. A rough drawing of a person made based on a physical description would be this: _____

FILL-IN-THE-BLANK: Read the sentence. Choose the vocabulary word that best goes in the blank space provided.

13. When choosing a place to live, people _____ to make choices based on topography and climate.
14. When Egyptians died, it was common to place a book in their coffin or burial chamber. The book was a collection of hymns, spells and instructions to allow the dead person to pass through obstacles in the after-life. The book, called *The Book of the Dead*, was compiled from many different sources of _____.
15. Whole round logs do not burn very well in a fireplace so people often use an axe to split the logs. An axe hitting the end of a log with enough force does a nice job splitting it because it is _____ shaped.
16. The price of a metal depends on how difficult it is to remove from an ore and how rare it is. Gold is a precious metal that has been used and sought after throughout history. In 1848, gold was discovered at Sutter's Mill in Coloma, California. News of this discovery spread rapidly. This resulted in 300,000 people coming to California. Many of the early gold seekers, called "forty-niners," traveled _____ from the eastern United States hoping to strike it rich.
17. Leonardo da Vinci was an Italian painter, sculptor, architect, engineer and scientist in the late 1400's and early 1500's. He is famous for his painting called the *Last Supper* which was finished in 1498. After he died, his notebooks showed he had made a _____ of human muscles and a helicopter.
18. On the morning after Christmas, 2004, a tremendous undersea earthquake struck in the Indian Ocean. Within hours, large tsunami waves (some nearly 50 feet high) began crashing into the coasts of Indonesia, India, Sri Lanka, Thailand and other countries. The final count showed over 310,000 people dead with one-third of them children. Death occurred as people walked the beaches, streets and even sat in their homes. The force of the water was so strong that it _____ away anyone unfortunate enough to be close to the beach.

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Vocabulary Building Worksheet – Level VI – Week 2C

strict	wisdom	dictator	squid	script	Plymouth
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DEFINITIONS: Select the correct word that matches the definition from the two words at the end of each line. Write it in the blank space provided. Teachers should briefly review all words above before students begin the exercise.

1. Firm, not forgiving in requirement or control – especially of rules: _____ (wisdom, strict)
2. One who has complete control of a country, often ruling it unjustly: _____ (dictator, squid)
3. A sea animal with a long, soft body and ten tentacles: _____ (dictator, squid)
4. The written text of a play, movie, or a television or radio show: _____ (script, squid)
5. Knowledge, experience, and good judgment: _____ (wisdom, Plymouth)
6. Historical town located in southeastern Massachusetts: _____ (wisdom, Plymouth)

DEFINITION CLUES: Choose the word that best goes with the statement or riddle. Write it in the blank space provided.

7. In order to act out one of William Shakespeare's plays, you would need this: _____
8. This was the first permanent European settlement in New England: _____
9. In order to swim, this animal squirts water out of its body propelling it forward: _____
10. A president elected by the people would not be this: _____
11. Solomon displayed this in political decisions that he made while ruling Ancient Israel: _____
12. Athletes often have to follow a very rigid diet when they are training for a competition: _____

FILL-IN-THE-BLANK: Read the sentence. Choose the vocabulary word that best goes in the blank space provided.

13. In the year 1620, a large clipper ship named the Mayflower sailed from England to the east coast of North America under the command of captain Christopher Jones. The ship had about 25 crew and 75 Pilgrim passengers aboard. The purpose of the journey was to land near present day New York City and begin a new colony. However, a winter storm blew the ship off course resulting in it landing further north in Cape Cod Bay. After spending a disastrous winter on the ship in which half of the Pilgrims died, the remaining passengers moved ashore and began what is known as the _____ colony.
14. People within any country are organized by some type of governmental power. In a democratic based government, the main principle is "Majority Rule" which simply means that decisions are based on whatever gets the most votes. Other types of governments do not follow "Majority Rule." Adolf Hitler of Germany, Benito Mussolini of Italy and Julius Caesar of Rome all came into their power through legal means. However, once in office, each of them overthrew the restrictions of their constitutions and ruled the country by their own will and iron hand, no matter what anyone else said. Someone who rules their country on their own in a manner that abuses power can be described as a _____.
15. A screenwriter is someone who writes the detailed text for movies. One famous screenwriter is Ernest Lehman. He wrote the movies - *The King and I*, *North by Northwest*, *West Side Story*, *The Sound of Music* and *Who's Afraid of Virginia Wolfe*. In order for the actors to play their parts in the movie, they must first read and practice the written _____.
16. This animal is considered to be one of the most highly developed invertebrates and is well adapted to its predatory life. It is common in waters from Maine to the Carolinas. Species range in size from about 2 in. (5 cm) to total length of 33-46 ft (10-14 m) for the giant _____.
17. Someone who is smart is not always wise. While a smart person may have learned many things in life, someone who takes this knowledge and applies it correctly to reach the truth is said to have _____.
18. Some cultures have very _____ rituals and laws for carrying out their customs and beliefs.

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Vocabulary Building Worksheet – Level VI – Week 2D

mob	dock	plot	stock	bronze	squash
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DEFINITIONS: Select the correct word that matches the definition from the two words at the end of each line. Write it in the blank space provided. Teachers should briefly review all words above before students begin the exercise.

1. A place where ships park - often to load and unload cargo: _____ (dock, plot)
2. Also called the storyline, this is basically what the story is about: _____ (dock, plot)
3. All of the products that a factory, warehouse, or store has to sell. Also, part ownership in a company resulting from a financial investment that was made: _____ (stock, mob)
4. A hard, reddish brown metal that is a mixture of copper and tin: _____ (bronze, squash)
5. A large group of people – crowd: _____ (bronze, mob)
6. A vegetable of many shapes, sizes, and colors that grows on a vine: _____ (bronze, squash)

DEFINITION CLUES: Choose the word that best goes with the statement or riddle. Write it in the blank space provided.

7. This vegetable is related to pumpkins and gourds: _____
8. In order for you to get off a ship (disembark), it would need to be tied to this: _____
9. If you want to write a good story, you need to first think of what this will be: _____
10. To help raise money for a business, a company sells its ownership through this: _____
11. These often form when political decisions are made that cause strife: _____
12. Ancient Chinese crafters discovered when they mixed tin and copper they produced this: _____

FILL-IN-THE-BLANK: Read the sentence. Choose the vocabulary word that best goes in the blank space provided.

13. Before the American Revolution, the American colonists were very upset with taxes the British Parliament was putting on goods in America. In an act of protest, a group of men, led by Samuel Adams, Paul Revere and others, disguised themselves as Native Americans, and boarded several ships loaded with tea. The men then threw the tea into the harbor. The event occurred in 1773 and was called the “The Boston Tea Party.” The men were able to easily board the ships because the ships were tied to a _____.
14. One of the most successful books of all time was “Gone With the Wind.” Published in 1939, the _____ follows a wealthy southern family and the circumstances it faces during the Civil War.
15. The Native Americans living in North America grew three main crops together called “The Three Sisters.” The crops are in the category of companion crops because they grow much better when planted together. Corn was planted in the center and grows tall and firm and provides support for the pole beans. The beans fix (put) nitrogen in the soil and the _____ surrounds the beans and corn covering the ground and holding in moisture.
16. Many people invested large sums of money in the stock market in the 1920’s. During this time there was a large increase in technology as inventions such as radio, automobiles and electric power were growing. Things had grown too much too fast. In late 1929, the _____ market lost 23% in two days. By 1932, it had lost nearly 90% of its value, causing severe financial hardship for many.
17. When many people are together in a close area, a dangerous situation can occur if they are upset about something. People in this setting have been known to do dangerous or harmful things that they would not normally do alone or in small groups. Psychologists call this situation _____ mentality.
18. Hercules was the most popular of all Greek mythology heroes. He was famous for extraordinary strength and courage. A famous statue of him is located in the National Museum in Naples, Italy. The metal used to make the statue is approximately 88% copper and 12% tin which is the metal _____.