

climate
(noun)

1. The **climate** of an area is the average pattern of weather in that area over a long period of time.
2. **Climate** refers to conditions over the long term, while weather refers to conditions over the short term.
3. The **climate** in Florida is hot and muggy in the summer.

colony
(noun)

1. A community of animals living together is often called a **colony**.
2. Animals that live in a **colony**, or group, include ants, bats, seals, prairie dogs, beavers, seagulls, and rabbits.
3. Termites have built a **colony** in the walls of our house.

constant
(adjective)

1. My height is not **constant** because I am still growing.
2. The perimeter of a small town is **constant** if it doesn't change.
3. A car's speed is variable, not **constant**, because it changes frequently.

glide
(verb)

1. To **glide** is to move smoothly while being carried by air or water.
2. When birds **glide**, they are riding air currents and do not need to flap their wings.
3. A canoe can **glide** through water, and a glider can do the same on air.

layer
(noun)

1. Please put another **layer**, or coat, of paint on your art project.
2. Whales, dolphins, seals, and manatees have a **layer** of blubber under their skin that helps keep them warm.
3. Weather takes place in the troposphere, the first **layer** of Earth's atmosphere.

region
(noun)

1. A **region** is an area of land with specific physical or cultural characteristics.
2. The West is a **region** of the United States that includes all the states west of the Mississippi River.
3. The Lake District is a mountainous **region**, or area, in England.

shelter
(noun)

1. A **shelter** is a structure or other place that protects living things from bad weather or danger.
2. Some animals use a hollow tree as a **shelter**.
3. Dogs and cats live in cages at the animal **shelter**, which is a temporary home for animals.

unexpected
(adjective)

1. Something that is **unexpected** is a surprise, such as a snow storm in late spring.
2. An **unexpected**, or unforeseen, change in plans caused them to miss the holiday celebration.
3. My grandmother's death was completely **unexpected**; she was healthy during her entire life.

wilderness
(noun)

1. **Wilderness** is wild land that has not been changed by human activity.
2. When an area of **wilderness** is developed for human use, animals and plants may be forced out or destroyed.
3. **Wilderness** is natural land, unlike a city, which has been developed with buildings and roads.

climate

the weather conditions in
an area over a long
period of time
(noun)

colony

a group of animals that
live together; a place
where a group of ants or
certain other social
insects live
(noun)

constant

steady; not changing
(adjective)

glide

to move smoothly
without effort through
air or water or over ice
(verb)

layer

a single coat or thickness
of material that lies over
or under something
(noun)

region

a specific place, location,
or area
(noun)

shelter

a structure or other place
that gives protection
from bad weather or
danger
(noun)

unexpected

not expected or
considered likely to
happen
(adjective)

wilderness

land that people don't
live in and that is in its
natural state or condition
(noun)

Name: _____

An **analogy** shows a relationship between two sets of words. The words in the first pair must have the same relationship as the words in the second pair. To complete an analogy with a missing word, you must first discover the relationship between the completed pair. (Example: *Cat is to meow as dog is to bark.*)

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INSTRUCTIONS: Determine the relationship between the first pair of words. Then use the words in the word box to complete the second pair of words.

1. Colony is to *colonies* ...as... baby is to _____.
2. Constant is to *changeable* ...as... curved is to _____.
3. Layer is to *coat* ...as... spot is to _____.
4. Climate is to *long term* ...as... weather is to _____.
5. Glide is to *soar* ...as... depart is to _____.

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1. Unexpected is to *expect* ...as... unemployed is to _____.
2. Wilderness is to *wild* ...as... city is to _____.
3. Shelter is to *protection* ...as... food is to _____.
4. Region is to *area* ...as... place is to _____.

Name: _____

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wilderness shelter colony region

INSTRUCTIONS: Use the vocabulary words in the word box above to complete the sentences below.

1. In a hard-boiled egg, the white _____ surrounds the yellow yolk at the center.
2. A group of ants live in a _____.
3. Some people like to visit a warm _____ on vacation.
4. When birds _____, they don't need to flap their wings.
5. The diameter of a wheel stays _____.

Name: _____

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INSTRUCTIONS: Use the vocabulary words in the word box above to complete the sentences below.

1. New England is the _____ of the United States that is farthest northeast.
2. Alaska has huge areas of _____.
3. An _____ snowstorm caused them to cancel their camping trip.
4. Many animals build a _____ as protection against other animals that hunt them.

Name: _____

A **noun** is a person, place, thing, or idea. If the noun is the name of a person or a specific place, it is called a **proper noun**. A proper noun is always capitalized.

INSTRUCTIONS: Read the words below. Decide whether the word is best classified as a person, place, thing, or idea. Then write each word in the appropriate column.

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PERSON	PLACE	THING	IDEA

Use each noun from the table in a sentence.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Name: _____

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Write three words that are not nouns.

Name: _____

INSTRUCTIONS: Use what you know about the vocabulary words to complete the following sentences.

1. To add a **layer** of clothing, you might _____.
2. You can find **wilderness** in _____.
3. I live in a **region** called _____.
4. To **glide** is to move _____.
5. The **climate** in my hometown is _____.
6. A **colony** of animals is _____.
7. A **shelter** gives _____.
8. One thing that is **constant** is _____.
9. An **unexpected** event is one that _____.

Name: _____

INSTRUCTIONS: Choose the best answer to complete each statement.

1. Descriptions of climates are based on the _____.
weather.
(a) average pattern of
(b) extreme highs of
(c) extreme lows of
2. Animals that live in a colony live _____.
(a) a lot longer
(b) in a group
(c) all alone
3. When something is constant, it _____.
(a) stops suddenly
(b) stays the same
(c) changes often
4. You would expect a _____ to glide.
(a) turtle
(b) horse
(c) hawk
5. In a whale, which one is not a layer?
(a) skin
(b) blubber
(c) blowhole
6. _____ is the same as a region.
(a) An area
(b) A person
(c) An event
7. People usually use _____ as their main form of shelter.
(a) garages
(b) houses
(c) kennels
8. Synonyms for unexpected do not include _____.
(a) predictable
(b) surprising
(c) unforeseen

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INSTRUCTIONS: Choose the best answer to complete each statement.

9. Wilderness is land that has not been changed by

_____.

- (a) human activity
- (b) the weather
- (c) erosion