

Name: _____

alert: aware, ready, prepared; warn

competition: contest, rivalry

environment: atmosphere, surroundings

excellent: outstanding, brilliant, exceptional

prefer: favor, select, choose; would rather

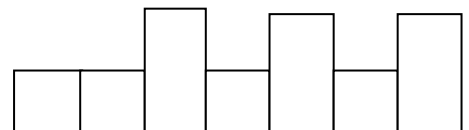
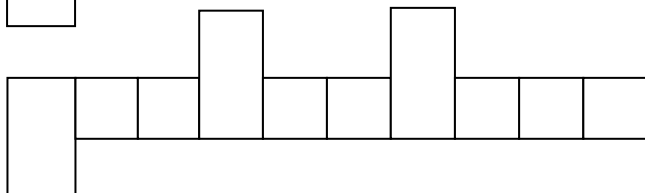
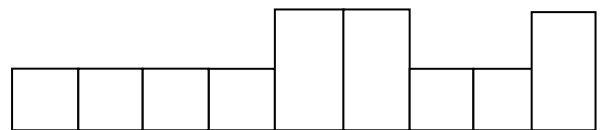
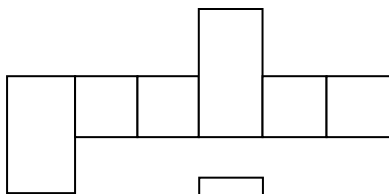
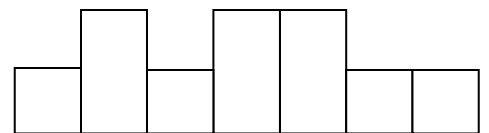
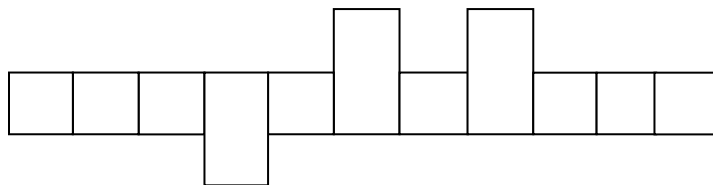
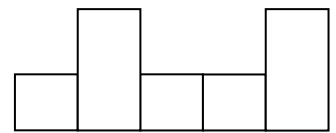
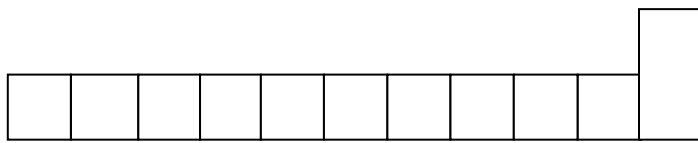
protection: guard, security, shield, defense

related: connected, linked; narrated or told

shelter: housing, lodging, cover

Configuration Station

Write the words from the word bank in the correct boxes.



shelter
related

competition
protection

environment
prefer

alert
excellent



What's Missing?



Fill in the blanks with words from the word bank.

1. All of the lizards are _____ and all are reptiles.
2. Small desert animals might _____ to drink from a stream or a puddle.
3. The light coloring of some desert animals gives them some _____ from predators.
4. A tortoise burrow is an _____ hiding and resting place for other small desert creatures.
5. Ground vibrations _____ scorpions that an animals is nearby.
6. Roadrunners join in the _____ for food.
7. The desert animals depend on their natural surroundings or _____ to survive.
8. A lizard will wait inside its _____ for a small beetle to pass by!

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Sentence Sense



Write a 6-8 word sentence for each pair of words below.

alert

competition

environment

excellent

prefer

protection

related

shelter

Where Are the Words?

Find and circle all of the words from the word bank. Each word appears twice!

e	n	v	i	r	o	n	m	e	n	t	b	c
x	p	r	o	t	e	c	t	i	o	n	g	o
c	r	e	j	g	u	y	b	k	w	s	q	m
e	e	l	b	k	q	g	z	j	v	h	u	p
l	f	a	l	e	r	t	u	y	g	e	k	e
l	e	t	s	h	e	l	t	e	r	l	b	t
e	r	e	p	r	e	f	e	r	a	t	q	i
n	e	d	g	e	x	c	e	l	l	e	n	t
t	l	b	j	q	k	u	y	b	e	r	u	i
g	a	u	y	w	b	z	k	j	r	w	g	o
j	t	c	o	m	p	e	t	i	t	i	o	n
b	e	j	z	v	g	s	q	w	y	z	b	k
u	d	e	n	v	i	r	o	n	m	e	n	t
g	k	w	y	u	b	j	k	z	u	q	w	b
p	r	o	t	e	c	t	i	o	n	k	g	j

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Rhyme Time



Read each word and listen for the ending chunk. Find and paste three words that rhyme with each word.

alert	related	prefer

confer	dessert	narrated
created	refer	convert
insert	located	infer

Order in the Court

Place the story words below in alphabetical order.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

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Clever Connector

Draw a line to connect the words that have the opposite meaning.

excellent

cooperation

alert

unconnected

competition

poor

related

unprepared



Awesome Artist



The Mojave Desert provides a hot, dry environment for many creatures.

Definition Derby



Read each word in the first column. Find the correct definition and write the matching letter next to the word (see sample). Write each word in a sentence.

Word		Sentence	Definition
1. alert	c	<i>The ground vibration will warn or alert a scorpion to a bug or beetle nearby.</i>	a. housing, lodging, cover
2. competition			b. guard, security, shield, defense
3. environment			c. aware, ready, prepared; warn
4. excellent			d. favor, select, choose; would rather
5. prefer			e. contest, rivalry
6. protection			f. connected, linked; narrated or told
7. related			g. atmosphere, surroundings
8. shelter			h. outstanding, brilliant, exceptional

Score with Scrabble!

SCORE

A ₁ L ₁ E ₁ R ₁ T ₁	
C ₃ O ₁ M ₃ P ₃ E ₁ T ₁ I ₁ T ₁ I ₁ O ₁ N ₁	
E ₁ N ₁ V ₄ I ₁ R ₁ O ₁ N ₁ M ₃ E ₁ N ₁ T ₁	
E ₁ X ₈ C ₃ E ₁ L ₁ L ₁ E ₁ N ₁ T ₁	
P ₃ R ₁ E ₁ F ₄ E ₁ R ₁	
P ₃ R ₁ O ₁ T ₁ E ₁ C ₃ T ₁ I ₁ O ₁ N ₁	
R ₁ E ₁ L ₁ A ₁ T ₁ E ₁ D ₂	
S ₁ H ₄ E ₁ L ₁ T ₁ E ₁ R ₁	

S₁ P₃ E₁ L₁ L₁

W₄ E₁ L₁ L₁