Name: ________________________________

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shelter: housing, lodging, cover

Configuration Station

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

shelter  competition  environment  alert
related  protection  prefer  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.

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### Where Are the Words?

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

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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.

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Order in the Court

Place the story words below in alphabetical order.

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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.

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Spell Well