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Vocabulary Building Worksheet – Level VI – Week 3A

thus	smuggle	summit	suspense	humble	London
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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. The top of a mountain – the highest point of something: _____ (humble, summit)
2. Capital of the United Kingdom – Large city in southeast England: _____ (London, suspense)
3. Not proud – not feeling superior – meek: _____ (thus, humble)
4. To import or export goods secretly, in violation of the law: _____ (suspense, smuggle)
5. Being uncertain and about something that will happen soon: _____ (suspense, summit)
6. A word used after a statement to show the logical reaction to the statement: _____ (thus, humble)

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

7. Someone who climbed to the top of Mount Everest would have reached this point: _____
8. Students often feel this emotion before receiving their report card: _____
9. During the period of Prohibition, people were arrested trying to do this with alcohol: _____
10. This city in the European country of England is the location for Buckingham Palace: _____
11. This four letter word is used to stress a common sense reaction to a previous statement: _____
12. Someone who saves someone's life and does not brag about it is this: _____

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

13. The **White House** is the residence for the president of the United States. He lives there during his four year term as president. While the United States has a governmental system called a **democratic republic**, **Great Britain** has a government based on what is called a **constitutional monarchy**. This type of governmental system the **Prime Minister** is the person with the most power. Other members of the government share power in the decision and law making duties. Britain's monarchy includes a monarch. The monarch is the king and queen and today has mostly ceremonial duties. The king and queen live in **Buckingham Palace** which is located in the city of _____ in the country of England.
14. The **Himalayas** and **Alps** are two famous mountain ranges. The Himalayas are located in Asia while the Alps are a mountain range located in southern Europe extending from France through Switzerland and Italy and into Austria. Tourism generates considerable income for cities in the Alp's region because of the mountain's scenic attractions and winter sports such as skiing. The Alps is home to Mont Blanc, which is the highest peak in France and second highest in Europe. Its _____ is 15, 771 ft (4,807 m).
15. Although alcoholic beverages such as beer and wine can be purchased in most countries, it has not always been the case. From 1920 to 1933, the **18th Amendment** to the U.S. Constitution made the use of alcoholic beverages illegal in the United States. This period, known as **Prohibition**, only lasted for 13 years before the amendment was repealed. It was found that enforcement of the law banning alcohol was very difficult. The illegal manufacture and distribution of alcohol, also called **bootlegging**, became widespread as gangsters such as Al Capone would _____ alcohol across the country.
16. Some words in the English language are more difficult to define and often require an example to clarify their meaning and use. What word could be used in the blank space in this sentence? - "*The temperature today will drop below freezing by lunchtime, _____, it would make sense to bring a jacket.*"
17. Someone who brags about winning an award or competition is also showing the behavior of "gloating." The opposite of gloating is being _____ and a trait that is much more admired by one's peers.
18. While a comedy is not known for this, a book classified as a murder mystery is often filled with _____.

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Vocabulary Building Worksheet – Level VI – Week 3B

mainland	straits	traits	claimed	braille	chaos
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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 say that something belongs to you that you rightfully own: _____ (claimed, straits)
2. A system of writing for the blind that uses characters made of raised dots: _____ (claimed, Braille)
3. Distinguishing qualities shown in someone or some thing: _____ (traits, chaos)
4. The largest land mass of a country, territory, or continent, as opposed to its islands or peninsulas: _____ (straits, mainland)
5. Narrow passage of water that connects two larger bodies of water: _____ (straits, Braille)
6. A state of total confusion or disorder: _____ (mainland, chaos)

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

7. If you were blind, you would rely on this type of writing to read: _____
8. The terms channel, passage, sound and firth are synonymous with this term: _____
9. If there was no government or laws, this would be more likely to occur: _____
10. Your genes, inside your cells, help determine your physical features and personality: _____
11. Finding an object and letting it be known that it belonged to you would be doing this: _____
12. Visiting Europe without exploring its outer islands would mean that you went here: _____

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

13. A secret code called *Night Writing* was developed for **Napoleon's** armies by Charles Barbier. It was to be used by the army to communicate in a way that could not be understood by the enemy. The military decided not to use it because it was too complicated for the soldiers to learn. However, in 1821, a Frenchman modified the system and created a writing system for the blind called _____.
14. A busy commercial waterway separates France and England and is located on the eastern end of the English Channel. Ships needing to get to Germany, Poland, Finland or Sweden can avoid going up and around England if they go into the English Channel and then through the _____ of Dover.
15. **Christopher Columbus** was an explorer, navigator and colonizer. Although he was not the first person to reach America from Europe, his voyages resulted in a greater understanding of North and South America. On August 3, 1492, Columbus departed from southern Spain with 3 clipper ships, the *Pinta*, *Nina* and *Santa Maria*. After a 5 week voyage, land was sighted by a sailor on the *Pinta* on October 12, 1492. Columbus called the island San Salvador and _____ it for his home country of Spain.
16. The **Richter Scale** is used to measure the intensity of earthquakes. Major earthquakes are rated as a 7.0-7.9 on the Richter Scale and occur about 18 times per year throughout the world, mostly in uninhabited areas or deep below the surface. If an earthquake of this intensity occurred at the earth's surface and in a major city, it could cause panic and _____.
17. The way an animal sleeps, eats, or lives in its environment would be considered part of its _____.
18. The **Amazon Basin** is located in the central northern part the country of Brazil stretching eastward into Peru. A more general description is to say the Amazon Basin is on the _____ of South America.

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Vocabulary Building Worksheet – Level VI – Week 3C

fee	meek	steep	freed	Greece	Greenland
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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. Sharply sloping up or down – Also, very high: _____ (steep, fee)
2. To cause to be free: _____ (steep, freed)
3. Country on the southeastern tip of Europe on the Balkan Peninsula: _____ (Greece, Greenland)
4. A sum of money paid or charged for a service: _____ (fee, freed)
5. Quiet, humble, and obedient: _____ (steep, meek)
6. Danish country lying mostly within the Arctic Circle: _____ (Greece, Greenland)

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

7. This cold Danish country is the largest island in the world with a length of 1659 miles (2670 km). _____
8. This happened to slaves after while President Lincoln was in office: _____
9. The Greeks were the ancient developers of democracy. This is their homeland: _____
10. A mountain trail that had a 45 degree slope would be considered this: _____
11. If you wanted to mail a letter or drive on a toll road, you would be charged this: _____
12. A personality trait that is the opposite of bold or outgoing: _____

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

13. A **city-state** was a type of independent political unit that consists of a city and surrounding countryside. City-states ranged from absolute **monarchy** to pure democracy. After the fall of the Roman Empire (476 A.D.), many Italian cities, including Venice, Florence and Genoa, were organized as city-states until the 19th century. **Alexander the Great** was an ancient Greek king who came into power in 336 B.C. He is known for being one of the greatest generals of all time having conquered Persia, Syria and Egypt. He set up many city-states in these lands modeled after those in _____.
14. The **Plymouth Colony** in Massachusetts was the first successful English colony in 1620. Although there were some confrontations with Native Americans originally, the colonists signed a treaty in 1621 with the Wampanoag tribe (other tribes weren't as friendly). Obviously, when beginning a new life in a new land, money was not yet in use, so colonists would barter (trade) with the Native Americans and with England. Bartering differs from a currency system in that items are traded rather than being charged a _____.
15. A **topographical map** shows height above or below sea level. It would help you to determine how _____ an area might be.
16. There are now serious concerns that sea levels around the world could rise significantly during the 21st century due to **Global Warming**. From 1996 to 2004, the amount of ice melting each year from deep ice packs and glaciers increased 2 and a half times in the country of _____.
17. People without conscience or those with inferiority issues often take advantage of others who are _____.
18. **Harriet Tubman** was an African-American **abolitionist** known for her many unselfish acts of bravery in helping hundreds of slaves reach freedom during during the U.S. Civil War. She was involved in many dangerous missions to free slaves while working with a group known as the **Underground Railroad**. She also led an armed expedition and raid on the Combahee River which _____ more than 700 slaves. She was so successful that the Confederate Army put a \$40,000 bounty on her capture. Born 1820, Harriet Tubman died in 1913 at age 93 and lives on as a symbol for those caring about others.

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Vocabulary Building Worksheet – Level VI – Week 3D

peak	weary	preach	realized	eagerly	meager
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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. Very tired or exhausted: _____ (weary, eagerly)
2. To give a religious talk to people, especially during a church service: _____ (weary, preach)
3. Very interested in doing something; enthusiastic: _____ (peak, eagerly)
4. Very little, or barely enough: _____ (meager, eagerly)
5. The highest level or greatest degree: _____ (peak, realized)
6. To become aware something is true: _____ (meager, realized)

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

7. If you attended a religious service you would probably hear someone do this: _____
8. Coming to the conclusion that something is real would mean that this has happened: _____
9. If you lost a great amount of sleep your body would probably feel this way: _____
10. Having barely enough of something would mean that you have this amount: _____
11. Completing a task with enthusiasm would mean that you did it in this way: _____
12. The highest point of a mountain would be this: _____

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

13. The **Puritan Christians** of 16th and 17th century England were those seeking “purity” of workshop and doctrine (Doctrine is the teachings and instructions related to their beliefs). Puritans believed their church leaders should _____ from the bible, rather than engage in music and rituals.
14. After spending a day helping to pick up litter on the neighborhood streets, the girls felt _____.
15. The **Himalayas** are a great mountain range located in Asia. They are about 1500 mi (2,410 km) in length and extend through Pakistan, India, China, and Nepal. The Himalayas are actually two nearly parallel ranges separated by a wide valley. The Indus and Sutlej rivers flow in this valley. The great Mount Everest is part of the Himalayas. It is located on the border between Nepal and Tibet, China. Mount Everest has an elevation of 29,028 ft (8,839 m) making it the highest _____ in the world.
16. The vacationers began to chatter _____ as their plane landed at its destination.
17. In the 16th Century (the 1500’s), there was a movement to reform the Catholic church in western Europe. In the year 1517, a man named Martin Luther wrote what is called the *Ninety-Five Theses on the Power of Indulgencies*. This document criticized the church and showed how the church had become corrupt by putting people in power based on the amount of their financial contributions, along with other corrupt practices. Because of Martin Luther’s writings, the **Protestant Reformation** began because people now _____ there was a problem.
18. A tree is defined as being a **perennial** woody plant. A perennial plant is a plant that lives for more than two years. Trees certainly meet this criteria as some trees live to be several thousand years old and have grown to 375 ft (115 m) in height. One way to determine the age of a tree is by inspecting its growth rings after it has been cut down, although this can only be done in climates with definite seasons. Ring thickness in trees shows the amount of rain a region has received in one year. Wide rings mean that rainfall was plentiful while narrow rings mean that the rainfall that year was _____.