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Vocabulary Activity Sheet

Includes many **new words** recently added to the dictionary!

Name: _____ Date: _____

Use the word bank to find an appropriate word to match up with each of the definitions below.

ancestor

essential

obstacle

vacant

blog

immense

podcast

vivid

convenient

mash-up

selfie

yield

embark

meager

timid

zeal

- _____ an image of oneself taken by oneself using a digital camera
- _____ eager desire in going for a goal
- _____ a person from whom someone is descended
- _____ feeling or showing a lack of courage or self-confidence
- _____ to give (something) over to the power or control of another
- _____ suited to a person's comfort or ease
- _____ not filled, used, or lived in
- _____ something created by combining elements from two or more sources
- _____ a website on which someone writes about personal opinions, activities, and experiences
- _____ something that stands in the way or opposes
- _____ not enough in quantity or amount
- _____ very strong or bright
- _____ a program made available digitally to be downloaded automatically over the Internet
- _____ very great in size or amount
- _____ to go on or put on board a ship or an airplane
- _____ extremely important or necessary

Use the word bank below to find the appropriate word to fill in the blank lines in each sentence.

bastion

ginormous

numerous

regenerate

cautiously

horizon

outcast

remorse

deterrent

ineffective

potential

stream

DVR

manga

primitive

text

edible

nimble

pursuit

threat

1. He is very _____ for his size and was able to score a goal.
2. You need to work up to your full _____, if you want to be successful.
3. The police were in _____ of the criminals, after they robbed a bank and sped away in their van.
4. The weather was nice, so she decided to _____ the movie on her iPad to watch outdoors.
5. Can you _____ me when you arrive, so I know you got home safely?
6. I couldn't record the show because my _____ was full.
7. He is considered a (an) _____ by his peers, but they admire him anyway.
8. Are these plants _____ or poisonous?
9. The spear he created looked rather _____, but worked effectively.
10. The United States is a _____ of democracy.
11. The ants were too _____ to count, as they took over the picnic table.
12. She had a _____ house with a swimming pool, home theater, and tennis courts.
13. The sun looked beautiful, as it sank past the _____ during sunset.
14. The alarm is a _____ against theft.
15. The student showed _____ for what he did and promised not to do it again.
16. The medicine was _____, so she asked the doctor to prescribe something stronger.
17. Fortunately, a salamander's tail will _____ if it falls off.
18. A _____ is a Japanese comic book or graphic novel.
19. The crumbling cliff was a _____ to the village below.
20. He _____ approached the building, as soon as he saw smoke rising from it.