Reading-Thinking Skills

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In the sentences on pages 11–13, the underlined words can be expressed by a single, precise word. Choose a precise word from the WORD BOX.

**WORD BOX**

ancient   brilliant   frantic   abrupt   frequently
weary     barren      simple    beautiful enormous
antique   towering    cautious  severe    rare

1. Thank you for the very pretty sweater you sent me.
2. At the museum, we saw a collection of very old cars.
3. Most students thought the review materials were very easy.
4. Kendra was very often absent during the last school year.
5. The new boy in our class surprised us by being a very bright student.
6. The football player went to the trainer with very bad back pains.
7. After three days on the trail, the hikers were very tired.
8. The stamps you asked about are very scarce.
9. Watch out for very sudden stops by the car in front of you.
10. Mrs. Ching became very excited when she lost her purse at the mall.
11. In very old times, people thought that gods controlled the forces of nature.
12. Those very high mountain peaks are miles away.
13. Signs warned drivers to be very careful of deer crossing the road.
14. The elephants looked very large next to the zebras.
15. Parts of the Arabian Desert are very bare, appearing like the surface of the moon.
Read the sentences on pages 14–17. A part of a compound word is missing in each sentence. Find the missing part in the WORD BOX. Write it in the sentence and in the puzzle.

**WORD BOX**

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1. All Vic’s ______ mates yelled when he hit the winning home run.

2. The ______ side was covered with grazing sheep.

3. According to the ______ stick, this room needs a 9' 3" 12' rug.

4. Daniel Boone’s ______ skin clothes were made by hand.

5. The earth ______ last night shook houses and broke windows.

6. ______ corn must not cook too long, or it will burn.

7. Red Cross head ______ are located near City Hall.

8. An eagle’s wing ______ may reach seven or eight feet.

9. A ______ pocket in the large crowd stole my money.

10. You need a pass ______ if you plan to travel out of the country.

11. Special ______ guards protect the president at all times.

12. Until our pup was ______ broken, it slept in the garage.

13. For her ______ spring from the back of the moving horse, the circus performer drew lots of applause.

14. The ______ bridge was raised to let ships through.