

Level **E**

Reading–Thinking Skills

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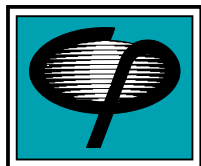
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In the sentences on pages 11–13, the underlined words can be expressed by a single, precise word. Choose a precise word from the WORD BOX.

Write it above the underlined words. Then read each sentence again to be sure the meaning is unchanged.

WORD BOX

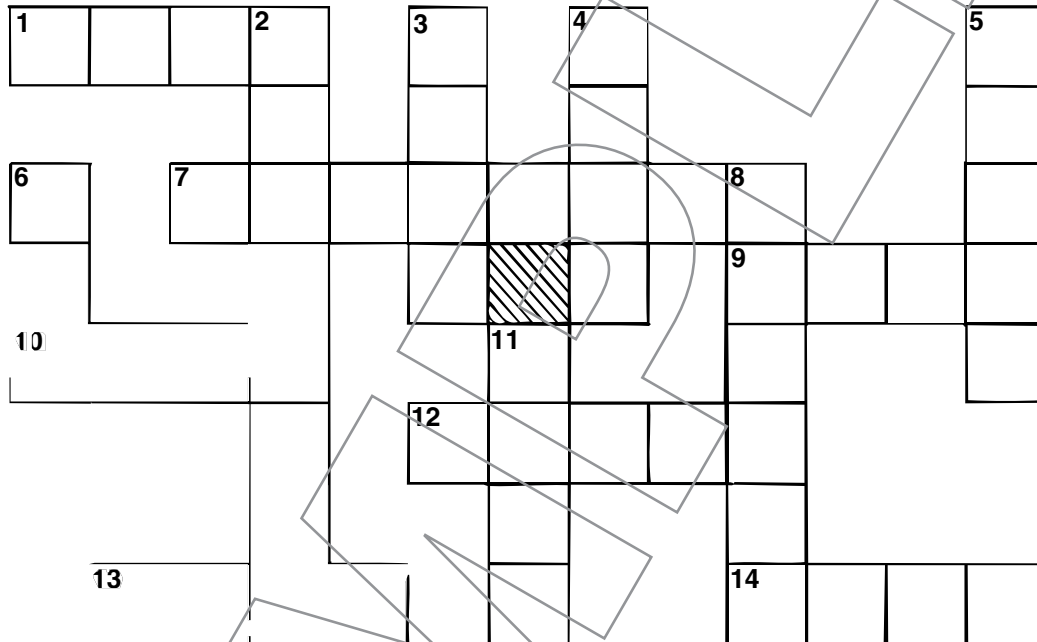
ancient	brilliant	frantic	abrupt	frequently
wearry	barren	simple	beautiful	enormous
antique	towering	cautious	severe	rare

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				
quake	mountain	house	draw	team
port	quarters	line	pop	yard
hand	spread	deer	pick	body



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- All Vic's _____ mates yelled when he hit the winning home run.
- The _____ side was covered with grazing sheep.
- Red Cross head _____ are located near City Hall.
- According to the _____ stick, this room needs a 9' 3 12' rug.
- A _____ pocket in the large crowd stole my money.
- Daniel Boone's _____ skin clothes were made by hand.
- You need a pass _____ if you plan to travel out of the country.
- The earth _____ last night shook houses and broke windows.
- Until our pup was _____ broken, it slept in the garage.
- _____ corn must not cook too long, or it will burn.
- For her _____ spring from the back of the moving horse, the circus performer drew lots of applause.
- An eagle's wing _____ may reach seven or eight feet.
- The _____ bridge was raised to let ships through.
- Special _____ guards protect the president at all times.