abandoned
(adjective)

1. There was an **abandoned**, or deserted, old house somewhere up the road.
2. If something is **abandoned**, it's been left behind and no one is looking after it.
3. We would have frozen to death if we hadn't stumbled across an **abandoned** cabin in the woods.

archaeologist
(noun)

1. An **archaeologist** studies artifacts, architecture, and human remains to learn about ancient cultures.
2. An **archaeologist** studies remains of ancient cultures, whereas a paleontologist studies prehistoric fossils.
3. She is an **archaeologist** who studies different kinds of pottery from early North American cultures.

astronomy
(noun)

1. **Astronomy** is the scientific study of the universe.
2. **Astronomy** is the study of stars and planets, not plants and animals.
3. You will learn all about our solar system when you study **astronomy**.

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Maya
(noun)

1. The **Maya** developed sophisticated astronomy, mathematics, writing, and culture.
2. The tourists admired the enormous ball field built by the **Maya**.
3. The **Maya** built a civilization in Central America that was famous for its pyramids.

ruin
(noun)

1. A **ruin** is the remains of an old building or other structure.
2. A **ruin** may be useless rubble or it may be the famous remains of an ancient civilization.
3. A building may become a **ruin** because of destruction, exposure to the elements, or lack of maintenance over time.

temple
(noun)

1. A **temple** is a building where religious activities take place.
2. People gather at the **temple**, or house of worship, to pray.
3. Many different religions refer to their place of worship as a **temple**.

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INSTRUCTIONS: Record a vocabulary word in each word box. Then write a synonym and an antonym, draw a picture, and define each word. Use each word in a sentence on the back of this worksheet.

Word	Picture
_____	

_____
Synonym

_____
Antonym

Definition _____

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Word	Picture
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_____
Synonym

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Antonym

Definition _____

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abandoned

left behind and uncared for
(adjective)

archaeologist

a scientist who studies the remains of ancient cultures
(noun)

astronomy

a field of science involving the study of the stars, planets, comets, and other things found in space
(noun)

Maya

a people and civilization of ancient Central America and southern Mexico who built stone pyramids
(noun)

ruin

the remains of something old or destroyed; the state of being destroyed or broken down
(noun)

temple

a building that is a place of worship
(noun)

Name: _____

An **analogy** shows a relationship between two sets of words. The words in the first pair must have the same relationship as the words in the second pair. To complete an analogy with a missing word, you must first discover the relationship between the completed pair. (Example: *Cat is to meow as dog is to bark.*)

Earth untamed porch living things
Christianity South America

INSTRUCTIONS: Determine the relationship between the first pair of words. Then use the words in the word box to complete the second pair of words.

1. **Maya** is to *Central America* ...as... **Inca** is to _____.
2. **Archaeologist** is to *ancient cultures* ...as... **biologist** is to _____.
3. **Astronomy** is to *space* ...as... **geology** is to _____.
4. **Abandoned** is to *deserted* ...as... **wild** is to _____.

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5. **Ruin** is to *remains* ...as... **veranda** is to _____.

6. **Temple** is to *Buddhism* ...as... **church** is to _____.

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Maya	temple	archaeologist	ruin	abandoned	astronomy

INSTRUCTIONS: Use the vocabulary words in the word box above to complete the sentences below.

1. We found an _____ car by the side of the road, but there was no sign of the people who left it there.

2. The study of the universe is called _____.

3. An _____ studies past cultures based on the things they left behind.

4. The _____ had one of the most advanced civilizations in Central America.

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archaeologist	Maya	temple	astronomy	ruin	abandoned

INSTRUCTIONS: Use the vocabulary words in the word box above to complete the sentences below.

5. The Parthenon is a famous _____ from ancient Greece.

6. A Buddhist _____ may offer services, classes, and group meditations.

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A **noun** is a person, place, thing, or idea. If the noun is the name of a person or a specific place, it is called a **proper noun**. A proper noun is always capitalized.

INSTRUCTIONS: Read the words below. Decide whether the word is best classified as a person, place, thing, or idea. Then write each word in the appropriate column.

ruin temple archaeologist Maya astronomy

PERSON	PLACE	THING	IDEA

Use each noun from the table in a sentence.

1. _____.
2. _____.
3. _____.
4. _____.
5. _____.

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Write three words that are not nouns.

_____ _____ _____

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INSTRUCTIONS: Use what you know about the vocabulary words to complete the following sentences.

1. A building may become a **ruin** after _____.
2. An **archaeologist** studies _____.
3. People go to a **temple** to _____.
4. The **Maya** lived in _____.
5. If something is **abandoned**, _____.
6. People who study **astronomy** learn about _____.

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INSTRUCTIONS: Choose the best answer to complete each statement.

1. A synonym for abandoned is _____.
   ⓐ unwanted
   ⓑ unused
   ⓒ deserted

2. An archaeologist might examine _____.
   ⓐ pottery and bones
   ⓑ televisions and computers
   ⓒ the way trees grow

3. Astronomy is the study of what?
   ⓐ the animal kingdom
   ⓑ the universe
   ⓒ the ocean

4. The Maya were famous for their _____.
   ⓐ food
   ⓑ pyramids
   ⓒ roads

5. A ruin is the remains of a _____.
   ⓐ meal
   ⓑ building
   ⓒ road

6. _____ activities take place at a temple.
   ⓐ Religious
   ⓑ Sports
   ⓒ Political

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