

Vocabulary – Practice

Noun Endings

Directions: I. Read the following text. Fill in the gaps with the appropriate noun. Make the necessary changes to the words given in the brackets.

The (POPULATE) of Centralia in Pennsylvania, USA, in 1962 was 3000. The (GROW) of the town was due to the coal under the ground it was built on but this is also what destroyed it. The coal was accidentally set alight in 1962 when residents were burning rubbish. Nothing could stop the fires. The people tried for twenty years but finally, in 1982, when the fires threatened their (SURVIVE), the government gave them money to move to new homes.



The (DEPART) of almost every person left Centralia a ghost town. The main road was moved away from the town and the fires still burned. However, despite the (DISAPPEAR) of almost all signs of civilisation, and the (DETERIORATE) of the buildings, about twenty people stayed on, living in those homes that hadn't been destroyed.

By 2010, this number had fallen to ten. The (VULNERABLE) of the houses in the town, and their (EXPOSE) to fire, led to the authorities to make it illegal for anyone to stay there.

It's not clear if there are still any residents fighting to stay on.

Directions: II. Look at the sentences. Choose the word that best completes them.

1. Reading is an **actively / activity / activeness** that I enjoy a lot.
2. They came up with a **hypothesis / hypothetical / hypothesize** for the incident.
3. A child's **growing / growance / growth** cannot be measured just by his/her height.
4. Throughout his career he has demonstrated a **will / willingness / willingness** to compromise.
5. High **exposition / exposure / expose** to UV rays can lead to premature skin aging.
6. Devices and equipment require **maintenance / maintainable / maintenence** to avoid malfunctioning.
7. After the **arrivance / arrivity / arrival** of the United Nations soldiers, tension in the area began to ease.
8. In computer security, a **vulnerability / vulneration / vulnerance** is a weakness which can be exploited by a threat actor, such as a hacker.