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Selection Vocabulary

Focus

longed *v.* past tense of **long**: to want very much; yearn

minerals *n.* plural of **mineral**: a substance found in nature that is not an animal or plant. Salt and gold are minerals.

evidence *n.* proof of something

tattered *adj.* torn into shreds

prosperity *n.* success, wealth, or good fortune

trough *n.* a long narrow container that holds water or food for animals

traces *n.* plural of **trace**: a small bit or sign left behind showing that something was there

territory *n.* a large area or region of land

centuries *n.* plural of **century**: a period of one hundred years

inhabitants *n.* plural of **inhabitant**: a person or animal that lives in a place

Practice

Identify whether the definition is correct.

- The United States has been a nation for more than two centuries.
periods of one thousand years Yes No
- The human body needs certain minerals to stay healthy.
a substance that is not a plant or an animal Yes No
- The tattered edges of this robe show just how long I have had it.
torn into shreds Yes No
- The business's prosperity increased after moving to a new location.
a way to make money Yes No
- I longed for my old neighborhood until I made a couple of new friends.
sent messages over a great distance Yes No