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15 Build Vocabulary: Word Meaning and Spelling

Directions: Reprint the vocabulary words on the lines provided.

1. **shriek:** a loud scream _____

2. **strident:** loud and annoying _____

3. **inquire:** to question _____

4. **wiley:** clever, tricky _____

5. **tenacious:** keeping a strong grip or hold on something _____

6. **depiction:** a representation of something _____

7. **ingenious:** brilliant, clever _____

8. **disheveled:** untidy, messy _____

9. **oasis:** a refuge, paradise, or heaven _____

10. **persevere:** to work hard toward a goal _____

Directions: Find the vocabulary words that fit into these sentences.

1. "The old barn door gave a loud _____ as it was opened for the first time in 50 years."

2. "With 70 different brands, this new cafe is a coffee lover's _____."

3. "She had a _____ grip on his arm during the scary movie."