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Subject-specific vocabulary activity

1 Complete the sentences using the words in the box.

balanced	climate	conclusive
conventional	convincing	endangered
general	hazardous	individual
mental	nuclear	placebo
precious	racial	scientific
underlying		

Example

Drug abuse is known to be both a cause and a symptom of mental health problems.

- Alternative practitioners often claim that *medicine* ignores people's emotions.
- Wind and wave power may be important solutions in protecting our planet's *resources*.
- Most vitamin supplements are unnecessary if people consume a *diet*.
- Max Planck's discovery of the 'quantum' was the first important *breakthrough* of the 1900s.
- The theory that an asteroid impact killed the dinosaurs provided a *explanation* for their extinction.
- River pollution is often caused by *waste* discharged by factories.
- The trends towards the *family* means that parents lack help with childcare.
- The media were accused of *discrimination* for not reporting crimes against immigrants.
- While homeopathy may seem effective, studies suggest that its success is down to the *effect*.
- Discovering a second specimen would give *proof* that another species of human had once lived in Indonesia.
- New research shows that planting trees might speed up *change* rather than slow it down.
- Without urgent measures, *species* such as the tiger will be extinct by 2100.

- Blood sports such as dog-fighting are illegal due to disapproval from the *public*.
- Einstein's theory of relativity changed the *principles* of physics.
- Policies aimed at preventing terrorism often have the effect of restricting *freedoms*.

2 Write the collocations above into the categories below to indicate which categories they are most relevant to.

HEALTH	ENVIRONMENT
<i>mental health</i>	
SCIENCE	SOCIETY

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Answer

- 1 1 conventional
- 2 2 precious
- 3 3 balanced
- 4 4 scientific
- 5 5 convincing
- 6 6 hazardous
- 7 7 nuclear
- 8 8 racial
- 9 9 placebo
- 10 10 conclusive
- 11 11 climate
- 12 12 endangered
- 13 13 general
- 14 14 underlying
- 15 15 individual

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HEALTH	ENVIRONMENT
mental health conventional medicine balanced diet placebo effect	precious resources hazardous waste climate change endangered species
SCIENCE	SOCIETY
scientific breakthrough convincing explanation conclusive proof underlying principles	nuclear family racial discrimination general public individual freedoms