The Vocabulary of Archeology

A general word is a word that you use in everyday language. A precise word is a higher level word that has a meaning similar—but more specific than—the general word. Many fields had a vocabulary that is specific to them, and that precisely expresses things that are particular to that field. Once such field is archeology.

DIRECTIONS: Replace the underlined general word(s) in each sentence with a precise word that is common to the field of journalism. Write the precise word on the line. Use the word bank.

_________________ 1. Jill found a(n) thing on her archeological dig.
_________________ 2. We consulted a mapmaker about the geographical area.
_________________ 3. During the work, we carefully labeled everything we found.
_________________ 4. We didn’t find the whole pot, we only found a piece.
_________________ 5. There was a lot of evidence of human activity at the place.
_________________ 6. We used a tool to remove soil while digging.
_________________ 7. While we did the digging, another group did the research.

cartographer artifact fieldwork

excavation fragment

site trowel