

**Vocabulary Activity 16-1**

**What Are Psychological Disorders?**

Directions: Fill in each blank below with the word or words that best fit the sentence.

The fourth version of the American Psychiatric Association's *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* is referred to as the **1** \_\_\_\_\_. Each diagnostic category in this publication includes the following descriptions:

- 2** \_\_\_\_\_ of the disorder, which are the characteristics that define the disorder;
- 3** \_\_\_\_\_ of the disorder, or additional features that are usually present; information on **4** \_\_\_\_\_, which distinguishes this disorder from others; and
- 5** \_\_\_\_\_, which is a list of symptoms that must be present for the patient to be given a particular diagnostic label.

Directions: Answer the following question in the space provided.

- 6.** The DSM-IV is divided into five major dimensions, known as axes. Write a paragraph that includes a description for each of these five dimensions.

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