

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Set 1 Quiz

PART 1: MULTIPLE CHOICE

Circle the letter that contains the best definition of the italicized word in each sentence.

1. The bank was closed, so we were unable to *transact* our business.

a. conduct

b. transfer

c. begin

d. oversee

2. Kerry was nominated as the *alternate* representative to the convention.

a. first

b. highest

c. substitute

d. last

3. Frank is an *amiable*, unassuming fellow.

a. humble

b. quiet

c. talkative

d. friendly

4. My parents will celebrate their 60th wedding *anniversary* in July.

a. the date on which something took place in a previous year

b. a celebration or party

c. a holiday

d. an event or happening

5. Jill scheduled her *annual* checkup for the end of March.

a. long overdue

b. once a year

c. once a month

d. preventative

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PART 2: FILL IN THE BLANK

Fill in the blank for each of the sentences below.

1. The biennial report included information from all of the states.

In this sentence, "biennial" probably means:

Occurring two times in one year

2. Randy planted perennial flowers in his garden.

In this sentence, "perennial" probably means:

Lasting for a long time

3. The student studied the oral history of Native Americans in anthropology class.

In this sentence, "anthropology" probably means:

The study of human origin, culture or
social relationships

4. Aquatic animals have a variety of shapes and colors.

In this sentence, "aquatic" probably means:

Living in water

5. Sharla carefully cleaned her aquarium so her fish would be healthy.

In this sentence, "aquarium" probably means:

A tank or bowl where aquatic fish or
plants are kept

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PART 3: ESSAY

Write a paragraph (or several) using all five (or ten) of the following words:

transact	alternate	amiable	anniversary	annual
biennial	perennial	anthropology	aquatic	aquarium

Example essay

Mom and dad were trying to choose the date for their annual party. This year they would celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary! To celebrate, they installed an aquatic garden and several new perennial beds in their backyard.

"How about Saturday, July 12?" mom asked.

"That doesn't work. Not all of the kids are available," responded dad. "Paul is in Chicago for his biennial trip to the aquarium, and Mary has a special anthropology lecture to attend."

"Do you have an alternate date in mind?" asked mom, always amiable when it came to her children. "I'd like to meet with the caterer tomorrow to transact the final details for the event."

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Vocabulary Set 2 Quiz

PART 1: MULTIPLE CHOICE

Circle the letter that contains the best definition of the italicized word in each sentence.

1. The *astronaut* wrote a book about his experiences.
 - a. person who studies stars
 - b. person trained to captain a ship
 - c. person trained in spaceflight**
 - d. person who studies weather

2. The music on the old tape was still *audible*.
 - a. able to be heard**
 - b. current or in-style
 - c. hard to hear
 - d. old-fashioned

3. The library's *auditorium* is big enough for the presentation.
 - a. an outside theatre for concerts
 - b. a stage where people perform
 - c. a large room for an audience**
 - d. a conference room for meetings

4. The referee separated the two *belligerent* players.
 - a. hostile**
 - b. cheating
 - c. shouting
 - d. worst

5. Parents are often frustrated with teen *rebellion*.
 - a. showing poor attitudes
 - b. avoidance of chores
 - c. fighting with siblings
 - d. resistance to authority**

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Vocabulary Set 2 Quiz

PART 2: FILL IN THE BLANK

Fill in the blank for each of the sentences below.

1. It is well known that exercise is beneficial to our health.

In this sentence, "beneficial" probably means:

Having good effects, helpful

2. Jose handed in a bibliography along with his research paper.

In this sentence, "bibliography" probably means:

A list of sources of information

3. This month, we read Abraham Lincoln's biography.

In this sentence, "biography" probably means:

The story of a person's life, written by
someone else

4. In his autobiography, the singer described his childhood.

In this sentence, "autobiography" probably means:

The story of a person's life, written by
that person

5. The biology book described how a cell divides.

In this sentence, "biology" probably means:

The study of life and living things

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Vocabulary Set 2 Quiz

PART 3: ESSAY

Write a paragraph (or several) using all five (or ten) of the following words:

astronaut	audible	auditorium	belligerent	rebellion
beneficial	bibliography	biography	autobiography	biology

Example essay

The astronaut returned to his home town to give a speech about his travel in space. The speech was held in the school auditorium where a sound system made his voice audible in the large room.

Many people wanted to attend, so there was a long line. We thought there would be a rebellion when some people became belligerent over other people cutting in line.

During the speech, the astronaut said that education was beneficial to his career. In fact, he left a bibliography of his favorite books. One favorite book was a biography of Amelia Earhart. He also said one of his favorite topics in school was biology. At the end, he said he would probably write an autobiography which would describe his life.

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Vocabulary Set 3 Quiz

PART 1: MULTIPLE CHOICE

Circle the letter that contains the best definition of the italicized word in each sentence.

1. The nurse said an *antibiotic* would help my sore throat.

a. type of doctor who treats infection

b. substance used to treat infection

c. lotion designed to relieve pain

d. device which adds moisture to air

2. The monument will *commemorate* the life of George Washington.

a. describe

b. consider

c. portray

d. honor

3. Learning to *abbreviate* words will make taking notes easier.

a. scribble for speed

b. listen for shortcuts

c. scan for speed

d. reduce in length

4. *Capture* the Flag is our favorite game.

a. throw and hold

b. kick and chase

c. grab and hold

d. duck and run

5. The *capacity* of the container is only a few ounces.

a. average amount

b. maximum amount

c. minimum amount

d. level amount

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Vocabulary Set 3 Quiz

PART 2: FILL IN THE BLANK

Fill in the blank for each of the sentences below.

1. The driver asked us to proceed to our seats.

In this sentence, "proceed" probably means:

To go forward in an orderly way

2. The defeated candidate gave a concession speech on television.

In this sentence, "concession" probably means:

The act of yielding or conceding something

3. Jorge gave a chronological description of his day.

In this sentence, "chronological" probably means:

Arranged in order of time

4. Chronic pain can be difficult to cure.

In this sentence, "chronic" probably means:

Lasting a long time

5. The unit will conclude with a test.

In this sentence, "conclude" probably means:

To bring to an end or close

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Vocabulary Set 3 Quiz

PART 3: ESSAY

Write a paragraph (or several) using all five (or ten) of the following words:

antibiotic	commemorate	abbreviate	capture	capacity
proceed	concession	chronological	chronic	conclude

Example essay

My mother and I had went see a doctor because of my chronic cough. It was a new office and the capacity of the waiting room seemed large. A nurse asked us to proceed to the exam room. The doctor had her diploma posted on the wall to commemorate all of the time she spent in school. I told the doctor my symptoms in chronological order. The doctor must abbreviate words well, because she wrote my symptoms down quickly. To conclude the visit, she gave me an antibiotic and said goodbye.

I was supposed to stay inside, but my mother made a concession and let me play with the dog. I had fun trying to capture the dog's ball for a while, but then I went inside to watch television.

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Vocabulary Set 4 Quiz

PART 1: MULTIPLE CHOICE

Circle the letter that contains the best definition of the italicized word in each sentence.

1. The network has *exclusive* rights to all of its broadcasts.

- a. simple
- b. secret
- c. shared
- d. sole**

2. Children must learn to *recognize* shapes and colors.

- a. learn to pronounce
- b. draw from memory
- c. identify from knowledge**
- d. read from books

3. Canada is a *democracy*.

- a. governed by the people**
- b. governed by the monarchy
- c. governed by the few
- d. governed by the free market

4. "I will not choose a *bureaucrat* for a Vice-President," the new President stated.

- a. inexperienced political candidate
- b. democratic political candidate
- c. rigid government official**
- d. official campaign manager

5. The crowd noise at the concert was *incredible*.

- a. easy to hear
- b. hard to believe**
- c. hard to notice
- d. easy to see

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Vocabulary Set 4 Quiz

PART 2: FILL IN THE BLANK

Fill in the blank for each of the sentences below.

1. We questioned the credibility of the advertisement.

In this sentence, "credibility" probably means:

Believability or trustworthiness

2. I credit my father for teaching me how to fix cars.

In this sentence, "credit" probably means:

Give praise or recognition

3. Police caught the culprit just yesterday.

In this sentence, "culprit" probably means:

Person responsible for wrong doing

4. We will learn several patriotic songs in music class.

In this sentence, "patriotic" probably means:

Expressing love for one's country

5. People take flu shots to avoid being affected by the annual epidemic.

In this sentence, "epidemic" probably means:

An outbreak of disease that spreads
rapidly and widely

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Vocabulary Set 4 Quiz

PART 3: ESSAY

Write a paragraph (or several) using all five (or ten) of the following words:

exclusive	recognize	democracy	bureaucrat	incredible
credibility	credit	culprit	patriotic	epidemic

Example essay

The reporter received credit for her exclusive story about a government bureaucrat who gave false information to the public about the latest flu epidemic. Though some had questioned the credibility of her story, other sources eventually agreed that the culprit of the incredible mistake had been identified.

"I was just doing my patriotic duty," she said. "This is a democracy, and we must recognize that the people have a right to know."

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Vocabulary Set 5 Quiz

PART 1: MULTIPLE CHOICE

Circle the letter that contains the best definition of the italicized word in each sentence.

1. The judges will *dictate* who moves on to the finals.

- a. decide
- b. command**
- c. answer
- d. remember

2. The sportscaster failed to *predict* the winner of the game.

- a. interview
- b. introduce
- c. warn
- d. forecast**

3. From the clues, the investigator *deduced* who had stolen the car.

- a. conclude by reasoning**
- b. misinterpret from information
- c. recognize from experience
- d. decide by chance

4. The mayor will *conduct* a meeting of the city council next week.

- a. dictate
- b. attend
- c. skip
- d. lead**

5. The tablecloth was made from *durable* fabric.

- a. detailed
- b. sturdy**
- c. satisfying
- d. real

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Vocabulary Set 5 Quiz

PART 2: FILL IN THE BLANK

Fill in the blank for each of the sentences below.

1. It looks like we will have to endure another hot day.

In this sentence, "endure" probably means:

Live through or put up with

2. The school board will make sure there is equity between boys' and girls' sports.

In this sentence, "equity" probably means:

Fairness or balance

3. Usually, doing your homework will equate to good grades.

In this sentence, "equate" probably means:

Equal or correspond to

4. The company will manufacture millions of candy bars this year.

In this sentence, "manufacture" probably means:

Make by hand or with machinery

5. The new emergency room was named after a benefactor.

In this sentence, "benefactor" probably means:

Person who gives money or help

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Set 5 Quiz

PART 3: ESSAY

Write a paragraph (or several) using all five (or ten) of the following words:

dictate	predict	deduced	conduct	durable
endure	equity	equate	manufacture	benefactor

Example essay

Money for a new hospital wing was donated by a local benefactor who became wealthy by creating equipment to manufacture durable car parts.

The benefactor said that he knew many people have had to endure hard times. He deduced from stories in the news that wing was needed and would provide more equity by serving all residents. He knew that more services would equate to a healthier city. He said, "We have not done a good job of helping everyone in the city. We should not let our past dictate our future."

The hospital president was thankful for the gift. She said, "The benefactor's conduct is an example for all of us. I predict that this project will be a success."

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Vocabulary Set 6 Quiz

PART 1: MULTIPLE CHOICE

Circle the letter that contains the best definition of the italicized word in each sentence.

1. Dion was *confident* that she would find her friends at the mall.

- a. confused
- b. trusting
- c. certain**
- d. cautious

2. *Infidelity* was the reason for the divorce.

- a. unfaithfulness**
- b. insecurity
- c. disapproval
- d. criticism

3. I could see my *reflection* in the clear water.

- a. faint shadow
- b. duplicate image**
- c. shining smile
- d. reduced outline

4. Stretching after exercise will make you more *flexible*.

- a. comfortable
- b. likable
- c. bendable**
- d. breakable

5. Eva speaks French *fluently*.

- a. easily**
- b. frequently
- c. regularly
- d. usually

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Vocabulary Set 6 Quiz

PART 2: FILL IN THE BLANK

Fill in the blank for each of the sentences below.

1. Advertisers try to influence our buying habits.

In this sentence, "influence" probably means:

To sway or move to action

2. We will fortify the campsite with plenty of food.

In this sentence, "fortify" probably means:

Strengthen

3. A basketball can easily fracture a window.

In this sentence, "fracture" probably means:

Break or crack

4. Jason found a shell fragment in the sand.

In this sentence, "fragment" probably means:

Broken or detached piece, incomplete part

5. The fraternal organization held a pancake feed on Saturday.

In this sentence, "fraternal" probably means:

Brotherly, friendly

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Set 6 Quiz

PART 3: ESSAY

Write a paragraph (or several) using all five (or ten) of the following words:

confident	infidelity	reflection	flexible	fluently
influence	fortify	fracture	fragment	fraternal

Example essay

My friends and I signed up for a summer camping trip. Luckily, the cost was paid by a local fraternal organization. We were confident we would have fun, though one friend could not go because of a fracture in his leg.

On the trip, we tried to fortify the campsite with plenty of wood for a fire. Next, we learned that many woodland animals do not have one mate. The leader joked that there is a lot of infidelity in the animal world.

During a hike, we found a bone fragment from a fish. The lake near the campsite was so clear that I could see my reflection. We tried to influence one friend to jump in. Later, a group leader fluently told scary stories. The leader said he would be flexible about our schedule, and we stayed up really late.

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Vocabulary Set 7 Quiz

PART 1: MULTIPLE CHOICE

Circle the letter that contains the best definition of the italicized word in each sentence.

1. *Monogamy* is an important value in many cultures.

- a. one child families
- b. one spouse at a time**
- c. an official religion
- d. a single party political system

2. *Polygamy* has been illegal in the United States for many years.

- a. multiple child families
- b. multiple spouses at a time**
- c. multiple religions
- d. multiple party political systems

3. Damon's love of volcanoes led to a career in *geology*.

- a. study of the Earth's famous landmarks
- b. study of the Earth's upper atmosphere
- c. study of the Earth's crust**
- d. study of the Earth's old maps

4. I will memorize the rivers in Missouri for the *geography* test.

- a. study of the Earth's surface**
- b. study of the Earth's history
- c. study of transportation systems
- d. study of water systems

5. Tomorrow there will be a *gradual* increase in temperature.

- a. easy to notice
- b. lengthy
- c. little-by-little**
- d. audible

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Set 7 Quiz

PART 2: FILL IN THE BLANK

Fill in the blank for each of the sentences below.

1. A *progression* of cars filed out of the parking lot.

In this sentence, "progression" probably means:

Series of movement forward in sequence

2. Sasha sent a sympathy card when her friend's grandmother died.

In this sentence, "sympathy" probably means:

Feeling of compassion, expression of
sorrow

3. The museum has a collection of old telegraph machines.

In this sentence, "telegraph" probably means:

Machine used to send messages at a
distance, usually through Morse code

4. Hot weather can dehydrate you quickly.

In this sentence, "dehydrate" probably means:

To lose water from

5. The blizzard will isolate people who live in remote areas.

In this sentence, "isolate" probably means:

To set apart, to keep apart from others

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Set 7 Quiz

PART 3: ESSAY

Write a paragraph (or several) using all five (or ten) of the following words:

monogamy	polygamy	geology	geography	gradual
progression	sympathy	telegraph	dehydrate	isolate

Example essay

Right now, we are doing a unit on the continent of Africa. We are learning about the geology and geography of its regions. For example, in the center of the country, there is a gradual progression from desert to jungle-like areas. In the Sahara dessert, the hot weather can definitely dehydrate travelers.

Some of the tribes of people practice polygamy and others monogamy. Lately, Africa has had to deal with many people getting AIDS and doctors are trying to isolate a better treatment. We definitely have sympathy for the people who have this disease.

When settlers came to Africa from other countries, they put in telegraph lines. Now people are more likely to communicate by cell phone.

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Vocabulary Set 8 Quiz

PART 1: MULTIPLE CHOICE

Circle the letter that contains the best definition of the italicized word in each sentence.

1. Samuel decided to *reject* the job offer.
 - a. recognize
 - b. reconsider
 - c. resist
 - d. refuse**

2. The store made a *projection* that this year would be it's most profitable.
 - a. statement
 - b. advertisement
 - c. prediction**
 - d. reduction

3. We will tour the *judicial* building tomorrow.
 - a. related to courts**
 - b. containing artifacts
 - c. types of offices
 - d. having multiple levels

4. The girls will *collaborate* to plan the party.
 - a. talk loudly
 - b. meet frequently
 - c. work together**
 - d. spend together

5. The doctor's office will send my blood samples to the *laboratory*.
 - a. person who studies the body
 - b. place for scientific experiments**
 - c. organization dealing with disease
 - d. school for medical students

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Set 8 Quiz

PART 2: FILL IN THE BLANK

Fill in the blank for each of the sentences below.

1. In order to get full credit, the homework must be legible.

In this sentence, "legible" probably means:

Clear enough to read

2. My mother is a lecturer at the local college.

In this sentence, "lecturer" probably means:

Person who gives speeches to teach or
inform others

3. The election for class officers will occur in May.

In this sentence, "election" probably means:

Process of choosing someone by voting

4. Before people were required to attend school, many were illiterate.

In this sentence, "illiterate" probably means:

Unable to read or write

5. The literal definition of a word is sometimes different from its slang definition.

In this sentence, "literal" probably means:

Word-for-word or exact

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Set 8 Quiz

PART 3: ESSAY

Write a paragraph (or several) using all five (or ten) of the following words:

reject	projection	judicial	collaborate	laboratory
legible	lecturer	election	illiterate	literal

Example essay

A lecturer spoke about the next election for mayor. He would not make a projection about who would win, but he did think that people might reject the current mayor.

He said, "It is time for the mayor to collaborate with the council to update city buildings. This includes the judicial building and the crime laboratory. Just read the newspaper for a literal description of how run-down these buildings are. The graffiti on the walls is legible from the street." The lecturer also thought the new mayor should do more to help illiterate people in the community.

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Vocabulary Set 9 Quiz

PART 1: MULTIPLE CHOICE

Circle the letter that contains the best definition of the italicized word in each sentence.

1. We found the *location* of the river on the map.
 - a. selection
 - b. direction
 - c. position**
 - d. section

2. The *dialogue* in the play was hard to memorize.
 - a. conversation between characters**
 - b. directions for moving on stage
 - c. music for the closing number
 - d. underlying meaning of the words

3. My mother asked me for an *apology* after I skipped cleaning my room.
 - a. way of attempting again
 - b. expression of regret**
 - c. statement of an excuse
 - d. explanation of error

4. Some side-view mirrors will *magnify* objects.
 - a. darken
 - b. reduce
 - c. engage
 - d. enlarge**

5. Last night, the sunset was *magnificent*.
 - a. wonderful**
 - b. apparent
 - c. clear
 - d. normal

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary Set 9 Quiz

PART 2: FILL IN THE BLANK

Fill in the blank for each of the sentences below.

1. Apathy can keep voters from turning out on Election Day.

In this sentence, "apathy" probably means:

Lack of interest or concern

2. My job requires some manual labor.

In this sentence, "manual" probably means:

Requiring physical work or work with
one's hands

3. Keesha followed her mother's command to clean her room.

In this sentence, "command" probably means:

An order given by an authority

4. The governor's mandate gives more money to public schools.

In this sentence, "mandate" probably means:

A command or direction to act in a
way

5. Some marine animals actually look more like plants.

In this sentence, "marine" probably means:

Relating to the sea