

# North South Foundation-2018 Regional Contests Intermediate Vocabulary (IVB) 1000 Practice Words

## Dear Contestant

Out of the 25 Phase I questions, 10 will come from the 1000 practice words given here; All the 8 rounds of Phase II questions will come from the 1000 practice words given here

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### A

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abase  
abate  
aboriginal  
abrasive  
abstruse  
abyss  
academe  
access  
acclamation  
accolade  
accredit  
accretion  
accrue  
acid test  
acquiesce  
acquisitive  
acronym  
actuary  
acupuncture --  
medical practice  
concerned with  
ad nauseam  
adamantine  
admonitory  
Adonis  
adulatory  
advent  
adventurism  
advert  
aerie -- house that  
is  
affable  
affectation  
affirmation  
agrarian -- Of or  
concerning  
alchemy  
alkali  
allay - to  
allegory  
alliteration  
alluring  
allusion

alms  
altruistic  
amalgamate  
amazon  
ambivalence -- state  
of  
ambush - to  
amorous  
analogous  
android  
anecdote  
anemometer  
angler  
animus  
annex  
annihilate  
annulment  
anonymous  
aperture  
apogee  
apostle  
appellation  
applique  
appraise - to  
approbation  
arachnid  
arcade  
archaic  
archipelago  
arduous  
ascendancy  
ascorbic acid  
assignation  
asteroid  
asunder  
asylum  
asymmetric  
at bay  
atheistic --  
pertaining to  
atone  
attune - to  
audacious  
avidity

avionics -- study of  
avocation  
awe  
axiom  
axiomatic

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### B

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baffling  
barometer  
barrage  
barrio  
barter  
bay  
bear  
bedfellows  
befuddled  
begrudge  
bellicose  
bellow  
bemuse - to  
bench warrant  
benighted -  
pertaining to  
benignant  
berserk  
beseech  
bestow  
beta-carotene --  
source of  
bewail - to  
bifurcate  
bionics -- study of  
biosphere  
biotechnology  
birdie -- in golf  
blatant  
blaze  
blitz  
blockade  
blush  
bobble  
bode  
Bogey  
boggle

bolster - to  
bonsai  
boondocks  
boondoggle  
bovine  
Brahmin  
braise  
brawny  
brood  
brusque  
buckle  
buff  
buffalo  
bumptious  
buoy  
byword

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## C

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caddy  
cadence  
Caesarean  
Cajun  
caliber  
calligraphy -- art  
of  
cameo  
canard  
canopy  
cant - to  
canvass  
caper  
capo  
capricious  
captious  
carafe  
carcinogenic  
cardsharp  
caress - to  
caricature  
carom  
castigate  
catacomb  
catholic  
cat's-paw  
caulk (to)  
chaff  
channel  
chill  
chiropractor  
chirp  
choreograph  
christen - to  
chronicle

chronometer --  
instrument to  
circulatory  
circumscribe  
clemency  
cloven  
clutch  
cobble - to  
cocksure  
cold call  
collage  
collate - to  
collateral  
collusion  
colossal  
comely  
commingle  
commodities  
compass  
complacent  
conciliate - to  
concoct  
concord  
conduit  
confiscatory  
confound  
confrontation  
congruent  
conjecture  
connive  
connotation  
consensus  
consort  
constitute  
constitutional  
contour  
contravention  
convection  
convertible  
convolutions.  
cookie  
copious  
cornice  
corporal  
corroborate  
coruscate  
cosmos  
couch  
courtly  
covenant  
cozy  
craven  
credo  
credulity

creel  
crescendo  
crescent  
crux  
cryptic  
cryptography  
crystallize  
cuddle - to  
cul-de-sac  
cum  
cupidity  
cursory  
cut and run

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## D

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dandle  
dank  
dauntless  
dawdle  
debilitate  
decamp  
decanter  
decorum  
deduce  
defect  
deference  
defraud  
defunct  
deign  
delegate  
demand deposit  
demarcate - to  
demure  
depose  
deposition  
depreciate  
derogatory  
desecrate  
despicable  
despondency  
despot  
detention  
dexterity  
diabolic  
diatribe  
diction  
dictum  
diffidence  
diffident  
dillydally  
dire  
directional  
dis  
discordant

disoriented  
disparate  
disseminate  
dissident -- One who  
is  
dissuade  
distaff -- relating  
to  
distraught  
distress  
dogmatic  
domicile  
dominion  
dote  
dotty  
drone  
due process  
dumbfound  
durable  
dystopia

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## E

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earthy  
ebb  
ebony -- wood that  
is  
ebullient  
ecstatic  
eddy  
edict  
efface - to  
effectuate - to  
efficacious  
effulgence  
elaborate  
electrolytes  
elements  
elicit  
elision  
elixir  
elliptical  
elocution  
elusive  
emancipation  
emblematic  
emoticon  
empathy  
empower  
enamored  
endearing  
endeavor - to  
endorse - to  
endow  
engrossed

enigma  
enmesh  
ensemble  
entreat  
entree  
enumeration  
enunciate  
environs  
envisage - to  
epilogue  
epiphany  
epitome  
equable  
equilibrium  
equinox -- time  
eradicate  
errata  
escapade  
eschew  
espionage  
estrangement  
ethic  
ethnology  
etymologist  
eulogy  
evocative  
evolution  
exalt  
excerpt  
excise tax -- levy  
on  
excursion  
exhort  
exorbitant  
expedite  
expound - to  
expulsion  
extant  
extenuate  
extinct  
extol  
extradite  
extraneous  
extrovert -- person  
who is  
exuberant  
exultation

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## F

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factor  
fail-safe  
fakir  
familial -- relating  
to

fastidious  
feeble  
felicitation  
fervid  
fetid  
fetter  
figment  
figurine  
finicky  
fiscal  
flag  
flair  
flamboyant  
fledgling  
fleece - to  
flick  
flippant  
flora and fauna  
flux  
fly-by-night  
forage  
forbearance  
foreshadow  
forestall  
forge  
formidable  
fray  
fresco  
frugal  
fungo  
furor

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## G

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gadfly  
gainsay  
gasconade  
gawky  
genocide  
germinate  
gibbet  
gibe  
gig  
glint  
gloat  
glossary  
glutinous  
Gothic  
gouge  
gradation  
grapple  
grate  
gravity  
greenback  
grist

grudging  
gull  
gung-ho

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## H

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haggard  
hamstring  
hapless  
Harrier  
harrowing  
hawk - to  
heath  
heckle  
herald -- one who  
heresy  
hinterland  
histrionic  
hoist - to  
hone - to  
hoodwink  
horrendous  
horticulturist --  
one who  
hue and cry  
huggermugger  
hulking  
hype  
hyperventilate  
hypochondria

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## I

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idealist  
idealize - to  
Ignominiously  
imbue  
immemorial  
impale  
impart  
impend - to  
im peril  
impervious  
implore  
imposture  
impoverished  
improvisation  
inadmissible  
inadvertent  
incantation  
incarnation  
inception  
inclement  
incoherent  
incommunicado  
inconceivable

incontrovertible  
incredulous  
incur  
incursion  
indelible  
indemnify  
indictment  
indignant  
indite  
indurate  
inebriate  
ineffable  
inexpedient  
inferno  
inflection  
ingestion  
injunction  
innate  
inordinately  
inquest  
insatiable  
insolent  
insular  
insuperable  
insurgent  
insurrection  
intangible  
intercession  
interlocutor  
interrogate  
intersperse - to  
inversion  
Inviolable  
ipso facto  
ire  
ironclad  
irremediable  
irresolute  
irretrievable  
itinerant

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## J

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jaundiced  
jeopardize  
jitney  
jostle - to  
juggernaut  
julienne  
jurisdiction  
juxtaposition

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## K

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karaoke  
keel

Keepsake  
kinescope  
kiosk  
kitchen cabinet  
kith and kin  
knoll

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## L

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lair  
lampoon  
languorous  
larceny  
latent  
laudatory  
leery  
leonine  
leverage  
levy  
lexicon  
lien  
ligature  
lilting  
limbo  
lingo  
lion's share  
liquidity  
literati  
livid  
locale  
loch  
locus  
locution  
lodestar  
logistics  
lore  
low-key  
lucent  
lucid  
ludicrous

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## M

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maestro  
maladroit  
malcontent  
malice  
manger  
mangy  
mansard  
mar  
marauding  
marsupial  
marten  
masticate  
matrix

medley  
megapolis  
mellifluous  
memoir  
memorabilia  
menial  
mercenary  
mercurial  
mesa  
metaphor  
meteoric  
meticulously  
microcosm  
minaret  
minatory  
minion  
ministration  
mirth  
miscreant  
misgivings  
mite  
mnemonic  
moment  
moratorium  
mordant  
morsel  
mosaic  
muffle  
mufti  
myrtle

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## N

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nadir  
nascent  
nebula  
necrologist  
nemesis  
nettlesome  
nexus  
niche  
nimrod  
nitpicking  
nodule  
noel  
nomenclature  
non-aligned  
nonchalant  
nonproliferation  
nostrum  
notional  
nuclear family

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## O

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oaf

obelisk  
obliterate  
odyssey  
officious  
ogre  
olfactory  
omnibus  
omnivorous  
on tenterhooks  
onus  
ordinance  
ornate  
oscillate  
osmosis  
ostentatious  
overt

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## P

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Pagan  
paladin  
palatial  
palette  
pall  
pallid  
palmy  
pang  
paradigm  
paralegal  
pare - to  
parody  
patent  
pathos  
patrician  
patronage  
patronize  
pavilion  
pedestrian  
pedigree  
pedometer --  
instrument to  
measure  
penal - pertaining  
to  
penchant  
pendant  
penitence  
penurious  
penury  
per se  
peremptory  
perforate  
perjury  
perky  
perspicacity  
pigeon

pinch-hit  
pine  
pinioned  
pithy  
pivotal  
plaintiff  
plait  
plankton  
platoon  
plausible  
play cat-and-mouse  
player  
plea bargain  
pliable  
pneumatic -- related  
to  
pod  
podiatrist  
poignant  
poltergeist  
pontificate  
populace  
populist - promoter  
of  
portentous  
post mortem  
postscript  
posturing  
pragmatic  
prattle  
precarious  
precis  
predatory  
predicate  
predilection  
preen  
premonition  
preposterous  
presage  
prescient  
presumptuous  
prime rate  
primogeniture --  
state of being the  
prince consort  
pristine  
procurement  
prodigious  
progeny  
program trading --  
pertaining to  
proliferation  
prologue  
promiscuous

propinquity  
prostrate  
prototype  
protrude - to  
protuberant  
provincialism  
prudence  
psychosomatic --  
pertaining to  
pussyfoot  
pyre  
Pyrrhic victory --  
one that is

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## Q

quandary  
quibble  
quicksilver  
quirk  
quixotic  
quizzical

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## R

raft  
raillery  
rakish - appearing  
ramification  
rampart  
rank  
rappel - to  
rarefied  
rasher  
ratify  
raucous  
reassess - to  
rebuff  
recapitulate - to  
reconnoiter  
rectilinear  
redeploy  
redundancy  
redux  
referendum  
refulgent  
regalia  
regimen  
regurgitate  
reign  
rejuvenate  
relinquish  
remand  
remorse  
remunerate  
reparation

reprise  
reprobation  
repugnant  
requisition  
requite  
rescind  
resilience  
resilient  
resuscitate  
retrospect  
reverberate  
revere  
rhapsody  
rhetoric  
Ricochet  
rider  
riffraff  
rile  
roundly  
ruckus  
ruddy  
rude  
rudimentary  
russet

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## S

sabbatical  
saccharine  
sacred cow --  
anything thought of  
as  
sacrosanct  
sagacious  
salient  
sanction  
sanctions  
sate  
satire  
savant  
savvy  
saw  
scald  
scam  
scathing  
scepter  
score  
scorned  
scrumptious  
scrunch  
seascape  
sedulous  
seethe  
self-effacing  
semiotics  
Sensate

sententious  
sentient  
shareware  
sheaf  
sheath  
shrew  
shrouded  
shunt  
siesta  
sine qua non  
sinologist -- expert  
in  
sinuous  
skirmish  
sleazy  
sleight  
sleuth  
sloth  
slur  
smidgen  
smitten  
smog  
smorgasbord  
smug  
snipe - to  
snippet  
sodden  
solace  
solicitude  
sound  
sparse  
species  
specious  
specter  
sphinx -- person who  
spin  
sporadic  
sprig  
sprite  
spurious  
squalid  
squeamish  
stalk  
stanch - to  
stark  
stash - to  
statuesque  
status quo  
steep  
sticky wicket  
Stockholm syndrome -  
- condition having  
to do with  
strangulation  
stratagem

stratum  
stripling  
stubble  
stupefy  
sub rosa  
subscribe  
subservient  
subsume  
subtle  
sufferance  
summary  
sumptuous  
surfeit  
surreal -- based on  
surreptitious  
swan song  
Symposium  
synagogue  
syndrome  
synergy  
synonymous  
synthesis

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## T

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tact  
tainted  
tangential  
teal  
tempestuous  
temporize  
tenacious  
tendrils  
tenebrous  
tenet  
tenor  
terrain  
testily  
theology  
thesis  
thrall  
tidings  
timbre  
tinge  
topography  
torpid  
torrid  
Tractable  
trajectory  
transact  
transcend  
transcendent  
transient  
transmute

travail  
trenchant  
trepidation  
trey  
trice  
trilogy  
trip  
trounce  
truism  
trumpet  
turpitude  
tyro

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## U

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ulterior  
unabashed  
unalienable  
undermine  
unequivocal  
unfettered  
unicameral  
unilateralist  
unkempt  
unobtrusive  
unorthodox  
unsullied  
untempered  
usury

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## V

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vacillate  
vale  
valedictory  
vascular -- relating  
to  
vassal  
veneer  
verbalize - to  
verbatim  
verdict  
vermin  
versatile  
vested interests  
vet  
viaduct  
vicarious  
vile  
vilify  
viscous  
voracious  
vortex  
vulnerable

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## W

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wadi  
waffle  
wag  
wane - to  
warble  
warranty  
warren  
welter  
whim  
whimsy  
whiplash  
whisk  
white elephant  
winsome  
wisp  
wistful  
witticism  
wok  
woo  
wraith  
wrangler

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## Y

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yoke

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## Z

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zap  
zealot  
zenith  
zest