

# Vocabulary Practice Exercises

## Comprehensive Review — Practice Set 1

24 Words • 8 Exercise Types • Media Sources: Dragon Ball Z, F1, Peaky  
Blinders

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### Vocabulary Overview

*This practice set covers all vocabulary words learned so far. Words are organized by source media and word type.*

<b>Dragon Ball Z</b>	feistiest, resemblance, outstanding, foe, knack, ridge, search your feelings, half-baked, negate, meddling, jeopardize, withstand, pampered, pay through the nose, stubborn
<b>F1</b>	steer
<b>Peaky Blinders</b>	turn a blind eye to, sell someone to someone, parley, on the back foot

<b>Adjectives</b>	feistiest, outstanding, pampered, stubborn, half-baked
<b>Nouns</b>	resemblance, foe, knack, ridge, meddling, devastation
<b>Verbs</b>	negate, jeopardize, withstand, steer, parley
<b>Idioms &amp; Expressions</b>	search your feelings, pay through the nose, turn a blind eye to, sell someone to someone, on the back foot

## 1 Exercise 1: Definitions — Match the Word

Match each definition (1-12) with the correct word from the word bank below.

### Word Bank A

feistiest    resemblance    foe    knack    ridge    pampered  
negate    jeopardize    withstand    stubborn    meddling    outstanding

1. A special skill or talent, often natural and hard to teach: \_\_\_\_\_
2. To put something in danger; to risk losing or damaging: \_\_\_\_\_
3. The state of looking like or being similar to someone/something: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Treated with excessive care; indulged or spoiled: \_\_\_\_\_
5. To remain undamaged by; to resist or endure successfully: \_\_\_\_\_
6. An enemy or opponent, especially in battle or conflict: \_\_\_\_\_
7. The superlative form meaning “most spirited” or “most bold”: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Interfering in matters that don’t concern you: \_\_\_\_\_
9. Extremely good; excellent or superior: \_\_\_\_\_
10. Refusing to change opinion; determined not to give in: \_\_\_\_\_
11. To deny or make ineffective; to nullify: \_\_\_\_\_
12. A long, narrow elevated area (mountain top or raised line): \_\_\_\_\_

## 2 Exercise 2: Idioms & Expressions — Fill in the Blanks

Complete each sentence with the correct idiom or expression from the box.

### Idiom Bank

search your feelings    pay through the nose    turn a blind eye to  
sell someone to someone    on the back foot    half-baked

1. The manager tried to \_\_\_\_\_ me \_\_\_\_\_ the hiring committee by highlighting all my achievements.
2. After the scandal broke, the politician found himself \_\_\_\_\_, constantly defending his past decisions.
3. I know you're scared, but \_\_\_\_\_ — deep down, you know this is the right choice.
4. The authorities have been accused of \_\_\_\_\_ corruption for years.
5. If you book the hotel at the last minute, you'll \_\_\_\_\_ for it.
6. Your business plan sounds \_\_\_\_\_ — you haven't done enough research yet.

## 3 Exercise 3: Word Forms — Complete the Table

Fill in the missing word forms. Some cells may have “—” if no form exists.

Base Word	Noun	Verb	Adjective	Adverb
feisty	feistiness	—	feisty, feistier, —	—
jeopardize	—	jeopardize	—	—
meddle	—, meddler	meddle	—	—
negate	—	negate	negative	—
stubborn	—	—	stubborn	—
pamper	—	pamper	—	—
withstand	—	withstand, — (past)	—	—
steer	—	steer	—	—

## 4 Exercise 4: Multiple Choice — Choose the Best Answer

*Circle the letter of the best answer for each question.*

1. The word “outstanding” can mean:
  - A) Only “excellent” or “superior”
  - B) Only “not yet paid or resolved”
  - C) Both “excellent” and “pending/unpaid”
  - D) Neither of the above
2. Which sentence uses “foe” correctly?
  - A) He was a foe of vegetables, preferring only meat.
  - B) The hero faced his greatest foe in the final battle.
  - C) She made a foe for chocolate cake.
  - D) The foe weather ruined our picnic.
3. “She has a knack for learning languages.” This means she:
  - A) Struggles with languages
  - B) Has a natural talent for languages
  - C) Dislikes learning languages
  - D) Is forced to learn languages
4. What is the past tense of “withstand”?
  - A) withstanded
  - B) withstood
  - C) withstand
  - D) withstanding
5. “Turn a blind eye to” is closest in meaning to:
  - A) Look carefully at something
  - B) Deliberately ignore something wrong
  - C) Have poor vision
  - D) Be surprised by something
6. If a plan is “half-baked,” it is:

- A) Perfectly prepared
  - B) Incomplete or poorly thought out
  - C) Made with half the ingredients
  - D) Cooking in the oven
7. “Parley” is most commonly used in which context?
- A) Cooking and baking
  - B) Negotiations between enemies
  - C) Sports commentary
  - D) Fashion design
8. A “ridge” can refer to all EXCEPT:
- A) The top of a mountain chain
  - B) Raised lines on fingerprints
  - C) A valley between two hills
  - D) A weather pattern (high pressure)

## 5 Exercise 5: Sentence Completion — Use the Word in Context

*Complete each sentence with the appropriate word. Use the correct form (tense, plural, etc.).*

### Word Bank

resemble    steer    jeopardize    pamper    negate  
withstand    meddle    stubborn    feisty    outstanding

1. The twins bear a striking \_\_\_\_\_ to each other — it's hard to tell them apart.
2. Don't let one bad decision \_\_\_\_\_ all the hard work you've done.
3. Despite his small size, the puppy was the \_\_\_\_\_ of the litter, always barking at bigger dogs.
4. The captain carefully \_\_\_\_\_ the ship through the narrow channel.
5. Her new evidence completely \_\_\_\_\_ his alibi — he couldn't have been there.
6. After the stressful week, she decided to \_\_\_\_\_ herself with a spa day.
7. The old bridge was designed to \_\_\_\_\_ heavy traffic and harsh weather.
8. Stop \_\_\_\_\_ in my business — I can make my own decisions!
9. He's so \_\_\_\_\_ that he won't change his mind even when he's clearly wrong.
10. She received an award for her \_\_\_\_\_ contribution to the field of medicine.

## 6 Exercise 6: Synonyms & Antonyms

### Part A: Match the Synonyms

*Draw a line connecting each word on the left with its synonym on the right.*

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|----------------|---------------|
| 1. foe         | A) excellent  |
| 2. resemblance | B) similarity |
| 3. jeopardize  | C) endanger   |
| 4. stubborn    | D) enemy      |
| 5. outstanding | E) obstinate  |
| 6. knack       | F) talent     |

### Part B: Write the Antonym

*Write an antonym (opposite) for each word.*

1. foe → \_\_\_\_\_
2. pampered → \_\_\_\_\_
3. outstanding (meaning: excellent) → \_\_\_\_\_
4. half-baked → \_\_\_\_\_
5. stubborn → \_\_\_\_\_

## 7 Exercise 7: Error Correction

*Each sentence contains one vocabulary error. Find and correct it.*

1. She has a nack for playing the piano — she never took lessons!  
*Correction:* \_\_\_\_\_
2. The building withstended the earthquake without major damage.  
*Correction:* \_\_\_\_\_
3. He paid through the eye for those concert tickets.  
*Correction:* \_\_\_\_\_

4. The company turned the blind eye to safety violations.

*Correction:* \_\_\_\_\_

5. After the bad review, the restaurant was at the back foot.

*Correction:* \_\_\_\_\_

6. Your proposal sounds half-backed — you need more data.

*Correction:* \_\_\_\_\_

7. The hero defeated his greatest foe in battle.

*Correction:* \_\_\_\_\_ (No error — this sentence is correct!)

8. That metaling neighbor is always asking about our personal life.

*Correction:* \_\_\_\_\_



## 8 Exercise 8: Collocations — Choose the Right Partner

*Circle the word that best completes each collocation.*

1. bear a (strong / heavy / big) resemblance
2. (bitter / sour / angry) foe
3. have a (knack / knock / nack) for something
4. (mountain / field / ocean) ridge
5. withstand (pressure / opinion / color)
6. (bureaucratic / democratic / automatic) meddling
7. jeopardize someone's (safety / color / taste)
8. (pampered / hammered / gathered) lifestyle
9. stubborn as a (mule / mouse / monkey)
10. put someone on the (back / front / side) foot

## 9 Exercise 9: Translation Practice

*Translate these sentences from Portuguese to English using the vocabulary words studied.*

1. Ele é um garoto mimado que nunca precisou trabalhar.  
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2. O prédio foi projetado para resistir a terremotos.  
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3. As autoridades fizeram vista grossa para a corrupção.  
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4. Pagamos caro demais por ingressos de última hora.  
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5. O gol cedo os colocou na defensiva.  
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6. Ela tem um jeito para resolver problemas rapidamente.  
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## 10 Exercise 10: Context Clues — Guess the Word

*Read each mini-context and guess which vocabulary word fits best.*

1. **Context:** The small dog kept barking at the German Shepherd, showing no fear despite being one-tenth its size. Everyone laughed at how spirited and bold the little puppy was.

*Word:* \_\_\_\_\_ (adjective, superlative form)

2. **Context:** “I’ve explained this a thousand times,” she sighed, “but he refuses to accept he might be wrong. He won’t budge an inch.”

*Word:* \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Context:** Before the big battle, the generals from both armies met in the middle of the field to discuss terms and try to avoid bloodshed.

*Word:* \_\_\_\_\_ (verb, old-fashioned)

4. **Context:** The racing driver expertly controlled the car through the tight corners, keeping perfect command of the vehicle’s direction at high speeds.

*Word:* \_\_\_\_\_ (verb)

5. **Context:** “People always say I look just like my grandmother when she was young. We have the same eyes, the same smile, even the same way of walking.”

*Word:* \_\_\_\_\_ (noun)

6. **Context:** The startup presented their business plan, but the investors found it incomplete — they hadn’t considered costs, competition, or even their target market.

*Word:* \_\_\_\_\_ (idiom, adjective)

## 11 Exercise 11: Creative Writing — Use the Words

*Write a short paragraph (5-8 sentences) using at least 6 of the vocabulary words from this practice set. You can write about any topic you like: a story, a description, an opinion, etc.*

**Words to choose from:** feistiest, resemblance, outstanding, foe, knack, ridge, pampered, stubborn, negate, jeopardize, withstand, meddling, steer, parley, half-baked, on the back foot, turn a blind eye to, pay through the nose, search your feelings, sell someone to someone

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## 12 Exercise 12: Word Origins — Etymology Matching

*Match each word with its origin/etymology.*

**Words:**

1. ridge
2. knack
3. parley
4. negate
5. foe

**Origins:**

- A) From Old English “fah” (hostile)
- B) From French “parler” (to speak)
- C) From Latin “negare” (to deny)
- D) From Old English “hrycg” (back, spine)
- E) From an imitative word for a sharp sound/trick

## 13 Exercise 13: Sentence Transformation

*Rewrite each sentence using the word in brackets without changing the meaning.*

1. The team was in a difficult, defensive position after the early mistake. (BACK FOOT)

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2. She has a natural talent for cooking. (KNACK)

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3. The officials deliberately ignored the corruption happening under their noses. (BLIND EYE)

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4. The child was spoiled and given too much attention by his parents. (PAMPERED)

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5. Don't risk your career over one bad decision. (JEOPARDIZE)

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6. We paid way too much for these hotel rooms. (NOSE)

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## 14 Exercise 14: Fill the Story

*Complete this short story using words from the box. Each word is used once.*

### Word Bank

feisti<sup>est</sup>   foe   resemblance   stubborn   withstood  
pampered   meddling   jeopardized   outstanding   steered

Marcus was the (1) \_\_\_\_\_ kid in his class — small but fierce, never backing down from anyone. His (2) \_\_\_\_\_ nature sometimes got him into trouble, but it also earned him respect.

At home, his younger brother Leo was the opposite: a (3) \_\_\_\_\_ child who had never faced real challenges. Despite their differences, they shared a striking (4) \_\_\_\_\_ — the same bright eyes and mischievous smile.

One day, Marcus met his greatest (5) \_\_\_\_\_ on the basketball court: a tall player named Derek. The game was intense, but Marcus (6) \_\_\_\_\_ the pressure and delivered an (7) \_\_\_\_\_ performance.

Meanwhile, their (8) \_\_\_\_\_ neighbor Mrs. Chen almost (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the victory by calling the police about the noise! Luckily, Marcus (10) \_\_\_\_\_ the situation away from disaster by charming her with his smile.

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### **End of Exercises**

*Check your answers with the answer key*