

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.

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

Adjectives	feistiest, outstanding, pampered, stubborn, half-baked
Nouns	resemblance, foe, knack, ridge, meddling, devastation
Verbs	negate, jeopardize, withstand, steer, parley
Idioms & Expressions	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) withstood
 - 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 withstood 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.

2. O prédio foi projetado para resistir a terremotos.

3. As autoridades fizeram vista grossa para a corrupção.

4. Pagamos caro demais por ingressos de última hora.

5. O gol cedo os colocou na defensiva.

6. Ela tem um jeito para resolver problemas rapidamente.

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

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 “fāh” (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)

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

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

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

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

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

14 Exercise 14: Fill the Story

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

Word Bank

feistiest 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.

End of Exercises

Check your answers with the answer key