

# Vocabulary Practice Exercises

## Comprehensive Review — Practice Set 3

40 New Words + 5 Review Words • 14 Exercise Types • Source: Dragon Ball Z

*Exercises ordered by difficulty: Easy → Medium → Hard*

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**Quick Reference table with all words is at the end of this document**

## Vocabulary Overview

This practice set covers all NEW vocabulary words from Dragon Ball Z added since Practice Set 2, plus 5 review words from previous sets for spaced repetition.

<b>DBZ (New)</b>	sicken, insidious, ensued, diaper, wayside, brazen, ruffled, dizzy, preposterous, hasten, loom, tossed, dicey, foreboding, mischievous, seized, canopy, sass, halt, nuisance, uncanny, grievous, grin, savory, fiendish, unquenchable, thereby, cunning, lucky break, bustling, uptight, eager, threshold, grip, fierce, scatter, hideous, safe and sound, scum, twisted mind
<b>Review Words</b>	jeopardize, withstand, meddling, ominous, shrewd

<b>Adjectives</b>	insidious, brazen, ruffled, dizzy, preposterous, dicey, mischievous, uncanny, grievous, savory, fiendish, unquenchable, cunning, bustling, uptight, eager, fierce, hideous
<b>Nouns</b>	diaper, wayside, foreboding, canopy, sass, nuisance, grin, threshold, grip, scum
<b>Verbs</b>	sicken, ensue, hasten, loom, toss, seize, halt, scatter, grip
<b>Adverbs</b>	thereby
<b>Idioms/Expressions</b>	fall by the wayside, safe and sound, lucky break, twisted mind

### Difficulty Progression Guide

**EASY (Exercises 1-4):** Recognition, matching, basic recall

**MEDIUM (Exercises 5-9):** Context application, collocations, comprehension

**HARD (Exercises 10-14):** Production, analysis, creative usage

**— EASY EXERCISES —***Recognition & Matching*

**Exercises 1-4** focus on recognition and basic recall. If you can complete these quickly with 90%+ accuracy, you're ready to move on to Medium exercises.

## 1 Definitions Matching

Match each word (1-20) with its correct definition (A-T). Write the letter on the line provided.

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|---|---|
| 1. sicken _____                             | 11. uncanny _____                         |
| 2. insidious _____                          | 12. grievous _____                        |
| 3. ensued _____                             | 13. fiendish _____                        |
| 4. brazen _____                             | 14. unquenchable _____                    |
| 5. preposterous _____                       | 15. bustling _____                        |
| 6. hasten _____                             | 16. threshold _____                       |
| 7. loom _____                               | 17. fierce _____                          |
| 8. foreboding _____                         | 18. hideous _____                         |
| 9. mischievous _____                        | 19. thereby _____                         |
| 10. cunning _____                           | 20. nuisance _____                        |
| A. Happened next, as a result               | K. A doorway; the starting point or limit |
| B. Full of busy activity                    | L. An annoying person or thing            |
| C. Shamelessly bold, without guilt          | M. Aggressively intense; violent          |
| D. A feeling that something bad will happen | N. Cleverly deceitful; crafty             |
| E. To hurry; to speed something up          | O. Extremely cruel; devilishly difficult  |
| F. To disgust; cause shock and anger        | P. Impossible to satisfy                  |
| G. Spreading harm gradually, unnoticed      | Q. Very serious (harm, error, injustice)  |
| H. By that means; as a result               | R. Extremely ugly; horrifying             |
| I. Playfully naughty                        | S. Absurdly ridiculous                    |
| J. Strangely mysterious; eerily accurate    | T. To appear threatening; seem imminent   |

## 2 Synonyms & Antonyms

For each word, write *ONE* synonym and *ONE* antonym from the word banks provided.

### SYNONYMS Word Bank

crafty    calm    disgusting    dangerous    eerie    grab    throw    serious  
scatter    rush    satisfied    stop    absurd    cruel    lively    bold    pleasant

Word	Synonym	Antonym
1. fierce (adj.)	_____	_____
2. cunning (adj.)	_____	_____
3. hideous (adj.)	_____	_____
4. halt (v.)	_____	_____
5. hasten (v.)	_____	_____
6. seized (v.)	_____	_____
7. dicey (adj.)	_____	_____
8. uncanny (adj.)	_____	_____

### ANTONYMS Word Bank

honest    gentle    beautiful    continue    delay    release    safe    ordinary  
satisfiable    pleasant    calm

### 3 Word Forms Table

Complete the table with the correct word forms. Some cells may be left blank (use "—") if no common form exists.

Base Word	Noun	Verb	Adjective	Adverb
sicken	—	sicken	_____	sickeningly
grip	grip	_____	gripping	—
fierce	_____	—	fierce	fiercely
cunning	cunning	—	cunning	_____
eager	_____	—	eager	eagerly
scatter	scatter	scatter	_____	—
hasten	haste	hasten	_____	hastily
foreboding	foreboding	forebode	foreboding	_____
mischievous	_____	—	mischievous	mischievously
grievous	grievance	grieve	grievous	_____

### 4 Quick Recall: Fill the Gaps

Complete each sentence with the most appropriate word from the box. Use each word only once.

#### Word Bank

diaper	canopy	grin	threshold	wayside	sass	scum	savory
			ruffled	dizzy			

- The baby needs a fresh \_\_\_\_\_ — the old one is wet.
- She couldn't hide her wide \_\_\_\_\_ when she heard the good news.
- Many ambitious projects have fallen by the \_\_\_\_\_ due to budget cuts.
- "Don't give me any of your \_\_\_\_\_!" the teacher warned sternly.
- I prefer \_\_\_\_\_ snacks like cheese and crackers over sweet desserts.
- The monkey swung through the forest \_\_\_\_\_, high above the ground.
- Drug dealers are the \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth.
- She stood nervously on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the door, hesitant to enter.

9. His feathers were all \_\_\_\_\_ after the wind blew through his cage.

10. I felt \_\_\_\_\_ after spinning around too many times.

**— MEDIUM EXERCISES —***Application & Context*

**Exercises 5-9** require applying vocabulary in context. Focus on collocations, common usage patterns, and comprehension.

## 5 Collocations Challenge

Choose the word that BEST completes each collocation. Circle your answer.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ bodily harm (serious physical injury, legal term)

- a) grievous
- b) dicey
- c) fierce
- d) hideous

2. come to a grinding \_\_\_\_\_

- a) threshold
- b) halt
- c) grip
- d) scatter

3. \_\_\_\_\_ resemblance (strangely accurate similarity)

- a) cunning
- b) fierce
- c) uncanny
- d) brazen

4. have a low pain \_\_\_\_\_

- a) wayside
- b) threshold
- c) canopy
- d) grip

5. get a \_\_\_\_\_ break (unexpected lucky chance)

- a) dicey
- b) lucky
- c) bustling

- d) fierce
6. \_\_\_\_\_ thirst for knowledge (impossible to satisfy)
- a) eager
  - b) fiendish
  - c) unquenchable
  - d) cunning
7. \_\_\_\_\_ it out (face difficulty with shameless confidence)
- a) hasten
  - b) brazen
  - c) scatter
  - d) grip
8. a \_\_\_\_\_ feeling that something was wrong
- a) dizzy
  - b) bustling
  - c) foreboding
  - d) savory
9. a crisis was \_\_\_\_\_ on the horizon
- a) scattering
  - b) looming
  - c) ensuing
  - d) gripping
10. \_\_\_\_\_ reducing the risk of heart attack (by that means)
- a) therefore
  - b) thereby
  - c) although
  - d) furthermore

## 6 Media Dialogue Comprehension

Read the following *Dragon Ball Z* scene and answer the questions below.

### Scene: Cell Games Arena — The Z Fighters Face Perfect Cell

**NARRATOR:** The situation looked **dicey** for the Z Fighters. Perfect Cell stood tall, his power **looming** over them like a dark cloud. A sense of **foreboding** filled the air as everyone realized just how outmatched they truly were.

**VEGETA:** [with a **mischiefous grin**] You think you're so powerful, Cell? Your **brazen** confidence will be your downfall!

**CELL:** [laughs] Your words don't **sicken** me, Vegeta. I find your defiance... amusing. But let me **hasten** to add—your pathetic attacks are merely a **nuisance**. They cannot even begin to **jeopardize** my plans.

**PICCOLO:** [thinking] Cell has an **uncanny** ability to predict our every move. His power is **fiendish**—truly, he has a **twisted mind**. We need to find a way to **halt** him before more **grievous** harm comes to the Earth.

**GOKU:** [stepping forward] Everyone, **scatter**! Don't let him **seize** the advantage! Gohan, remember—you have an **unquenchable** spirit within you. Trust in your power!

**GOHAN:** [nervously] But Father, I feel so **uptight**... I'm not sure I can **withstand** his attacks.

**GOKU:** [placing his hand on Gohan's shoulder] You're standing on the **threshold** of greatness, son. This is your moment. Keep a firm **grip** on your courage, and don't let fear **scatter** your focus. The Earth is **eager** for a hero.

**CELL:** [impatiently] Enough of this **meddling**! Chaos **ensued** the last time warriors tried to challenge me, and it will happen again. Your **shrewd** tactics won't save you. I am **cunning**, I am perfect, and soon you will all fall by the **wayside**!

**NARRATOR:** And so the **fierce** battle began, the **bustling** energy of combat filling the arena. Would the Z Fighters emerge **safe and sound**, or would Cell prove that their efforts were utterly **preposterous**? Only time would tell...

### Comprehension Questions:

1. What word describes the risky, uncertain situation facing the Z Fighters?  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Which TWO words describe Cell's cruel intelligence and disturbed thinking?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What does Goku tell Gohan he's standing on the edge of?  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What idiom does Cell use to predict the fighters will fail or be abandoned?  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Find THREE words in the dialogue that describe negative feelings or situations related to danger/threat.  
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## 7 Register & Formality Awareness

*Understanding when to use formal vs. informal language is crucial for natural English.*

### Part A: Choose the more formal option

*For each pair of sentences, identify which one is MORE FORMAL. Then, identify the vocabulary word that signals the register.*

#### 1. Pair A:

- (i) The meeting was called off, thereby delaying the project by two weeks.
- (ii) The meeting was called off, so the project got pushed back two weeks.

More formal: \_\_\_\_\_ Key word: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2. Pair B:

- (i) She hastened to explain her actions to the committee.
- (ii) She quickly tried to explain her actions to the committee.

More formal: \_\_\_\_\_ Key word: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 3. Pair C:

- (i) The defendant was charged with causing grievous bodily harm.
- (ii) The defendant was charged with seriously hurting someone.

More formal: \_\_\_\_\_ Key word: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 4. Pair D:

- (i) The whole situation seems pretty dicey to me.
- (ii) The circumstances appear rather precarious.

More formal: \_\_\_\_\_ Informal word from Set 3: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 5. Pair E:

- (i) He has an insidious influence on the organization's culture.
- (ii) He's been a bad influence on how things work around here.

More formal: \_\_\_\_\_ Key word: \_\_\_\_\_

## 8 Listening Comprehension

*This exercise simulates listening to spoken English. Read aloud or have someone read to you.*

### Part A: Sentence Dictation

*Have someone read each sentence aloud while you write what you hear. Then check your spelling.*

**Note:** The sentences to read aloud are in the Answer Key.

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Part B: Word Recognition

*Listen to the audio descriptions (have someone read them) and write which Set 3 vocabulary word is being described.*

**Note:** The descriptions to read aloud are in the Answer Key.

1. Word: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Word: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Word: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Word: \_\_\_\_\_

## 9 Spaced Repetition Review

*These words appeared in previous sets. Complete the exercises to reinforce long-term retention.*

### SPACED REPETITION — Words from Previous Sets

**Review Words:** jeopardize (Set 1), withstand (Set 1), meddling (Set 1), ominous (Set 2), shrewd (Set 2)

### Part A: Fill in the blanks

*Fill in the blanks with the correct review word:*

1. The dark clouds and distant thunder were an \_\_\_\_\_ sign of the coming storm.
2. Her constant \_\_\_\_\_ in other people's affairs made her very unpopular.
3. A \_\_\_\_\_ businessman knows when to invest and when to hold back.
4. Skipping your medication could \_\_\_\_\_ your recovery.
5. The ancient walls were built to \_\_\_\_\_ enemy attacks.

### Part B: Similar words

*Which Set 3 words are SIMILAR in meaning?*

1. *ominous* (Set 2) is similar to \_\_\_\_\_ (Set 3) — both suggest something bad will happen.
2. *shrewd* (Set 2) is similar to \_\_\_\_\_ (Set 3) — both describe clever thinking.
3. *jeopardize* (Set 1) means to put at risk. A word with similar meaning from Set 3 describing a risky situation: \_\_\_\_\_

**— HARD EXERCISES —***Production & Analysis*

**Exercises 10-14** require production, analysis, and creative application.  
These are the most challenging exercises.

## 10 Trap Sentences — Spot the Error

*Each sentence contains ONE vocabulary error (wrong word, wrong form, or misused collocation). Find and correct it.*

1. The police ceased the suspect's illegal weapons during the raid.

Error: \_\_\_\_\_ → Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

2. He showed a brazing disregard for the safety rules, putting everyone at risk.

Error: \_\_\_\_\_ → Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

3. She has a mischievous smile that always makes people suspicious of her intentions.

Error: \_\_\_\_\_ → Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Many small businesses have fallen on the wayside due to the economic crisis.

Error: \_\_\_\_\_ → Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

5. The news of the scandal hastened her departure, therefore ending her political career.

Error: \_\_\_\_\_ → Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

6. The crowd scattered together when they heard the alarm.

Error: \_\_\_\_\_ → Correction: \_\_\_\_\_

Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

## 11 Error Correction — Full Paragraph

The following paragraph contains 8 errors related to Set 3 vocabulary (spelling, word choice, or usage). Find and underline each error, then write the correction below.

The old mansion had a hidious appearance that sickened visitors. Dark clouds were looming over the threshold, creating an ominous atmosphere. The children, being michievous, decided to explore anyway. They had an uncanning feeling about the place, but their eager curiosity won over their fear. Inside, the bustlng sounds of their footsteps echoed through empty halls. When a door suddenly slammed shut, chaos ensured. "Let's scatter!" shouted the bravest one. "We need to get out save and sound!"

### Corrections:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ → \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ → \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ → \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_ → \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_ → \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_ → \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_ → \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_ → \_\_\_\_\_

## 12 Translation — Portuguese to English

Translate the following sentences from Portuguese to English, using the appropriate Set 3 vocabulary words.

1. Ele é astuto como uma raposa — nunca confie nele completamente.

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2. A situação parecia arriscada, mas chegamos sãos e salvos.

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3. Ela teve um pressentimento ruim de que algo terrível iria acontecer.

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4. O bebê precisa trocar a fralda — está chorando há horas.

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5. Essas alegações são absolutamente absurdas — não faz sentido nenhum!

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6. Os soldados agarraram o prisioneiro antes que ele pudesse escapar.

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## 13 Common Confusion Pairs

*Choose the correct word for each sentence. Both options are real words, but only one fits the context.*

1. The police \_\_\_\_\_ the illegal shipment at the border.
  - a) ceased
  - b) seized
2. After the announcement, chaos \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) ensured
  - b) ensued
3. The situation looks rather \_\_\_\_\_ — I'm not sure we should proceed.
  - a) dicy
  - b) dicey
4. She showed a \_\_\_\_\_ disregard for the rules.
  - a) brazen
  - b) brazing
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the rainforest is home to many birds.
  - a) canopy
  - b) canape
6. I prefer \_\_\_\_\_ breakfast items like eggs and bacon.
  - a) savory
  - b) savvy
7. Regular exercise improves blood flow, \_\_\_\_\_ reducing the risk of heart disease.
  - a) therefore
  - b) thereby
8. The children were being quite \_\_\_\_\_, hiding their parents' keys.
  - a) mischievous
  - b) mischiefous

## 14 Use It or Lose It — Production Prompts

*Write original sentences or short paragraphs using the vocabulary words as indicated. Be creative!*

### Part A: Single-Word Prompts

*Write one original sentence for each word:*

1. **loom** (verb — something threatening):

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2. **threshold** (noun — a starting point or limit):

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3. **thereby** (adverb — connecting cause and effect):

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4. **unquenchable** (adjective — describing desire or thirst):

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### Part B: Mini-Story Prompt

*Write a short paragraph (4-6 sentences) about a SCARY EXPERIENCE using at least 6 words from Set 3. Underline each vocabulary word you use.*

*Suggested words: foreboding, loom, uncanny, hideous, fierce, scatter, seized, ensued, safe and sound*

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## Part C: Dialogue Creation

*Write a short dialogue (4-6 exchanges) between two people in a BUSTLING CITY using at least 4 words from Set 3. Indicate the words used.*

*Suggested words: bustling, eager, halt, nuisance, grip, scatter, uptight, dicey*

# Quick Reference

## Vocabulary Practice Set 3 — 40 Words

*Tear these pages out for easy reference during exercises*

*Frequency: [H] High — [M] Medium — [L] Low*

*Register: [F] Formal — [C] Casual — [Lit] Literary — [!] Disapproving*

Word	Freq	Reg	Core Meaning
sicken	M	F	to disgust; cause shock/anger
insidious	M	F/Lit	spreading harm gradually, unnoticed
ensued	M	F	happened next (as a result)
diaper	H	C	baby's absorbent garment (AmE: diaper, BrE: nappy)
wayside	M	F	roadside; <i>fall by the wayside</i> = fail/be neglected
brazen	M	!	shamelessly bold; without guilt
ruffled	M	C	disturbed; decorated with frills
dizzy	H	C	feeling like spinning; overwhelmed
preposterous	M	F	absurdly ridiculous
hasten	M	F/Lit	hurry; speed up something
loom	M	F/Lit	appear threatening; seem imminent
tossed	H	C	threw lightly; moved restlessly
dicey	M	C	risky; uncertain (BrE slang)
foreboding	M	F/Lit	sense of coming danger
mischiefous	H	C	playfully naughty
seized	H	F/C	grabbed forcefully; captured
canopy	M	F	covering (bed/trees); treetop layer
sass	M	C	rude backtalk; spirited attitude
halt	H	F	stop completely
nuisance	H	C/F	annoying person/thing
uncanny	M	F	strangely mysterious; eerily accurate
grievous	M	F	very serious (harm, error)
grin	H	C	wide smile showing teeth
savory	H	C	salty/spicy (not sweet)
fiendish	M	F/Lit	extremely cruel; devilishly difficult
unquenchable	L	F/Lit	impossible to satisfy
thereby	M	F	by that means; as a result
cunning	M	F/!	cleverly deceitful; crafty
lucky break	M	C	unexpected fortunate chance
bustling	H	C/F	full of busy activity
uptight	M	C	anxious; rigidly conventional
eager	H	C/F	enthusiastically wanting
threshold	H	F	doorway; starting point; limit
grip	H	C/F	firm hold; control; grasp
fierce	H	C/F	aggressively intense; violent
scatter	H	C/F	throw in many directions; disperse

Word	Freq	Reg	Core Meaning
hideous	M	C	extremely ugly; horrifying
safe and sound	H	C	completely unharmed
scum	M	!/C	surface layer; despicable person (strong insult)
twisted mind	M	!	mentally disturbed/perverted thinking

**Review Words from Previous Sets** (5 words for spaced repetition):

**Set 1:** *jeopardize, withstand, meddling*    **Set 2:** *ominous, shrewd*

# Personal Notes

*Use these pages to write down additional examples, mnemonics, or personal associations with the vocabulary words.*





