



327 TOEFL Words You Need to Know

The #1 Vocabulary Builder Flashcards
(and the BEST method to learn them)

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Vocabulary Builder Flashcards

Your mastery of vocabulary will be tested throughout the TOEFL, particularly in the Reading section. If you don't know the definitions of the words, you'll be at a significant disadvantage in this section!

We've provided the following 327 words completely free for you to use. These words are the most commonly appearing words on the TOEFL. Read on for directions on how to print and use them.

Directions to Print:

These flashcards are designed for you to print on a double-sided printer, so that the word appears on one side and the definition appears on the back. For best results, make sure you choose the following settings:

- Duplex
- Scaling: None

How to Use these Flashcards

What does it mean for you to know the word? If you look at the word on a flashcard and can remember the definition, you'll know the basic meaning of the word.

The **wrong** way to study flashcards is to keep going from front to back, front to back. This is ineffective because you spend time on words you already know and not enough on words you have trouble with.

Here's how you can use your flashcards intelligently.

The strategy we recommend is to review the cards you have more problems with more often.

- Each day, start with a stack of 30 cards.
- Go through each card. Place the card into one of two stacks: Know it, or Struggled with it.
- For the Struggled with it stack, go through the entire stack once. Then, split it again, into a know it or struggled with it stacks.
- Repeat step 3 until you have no more Struggled with it stacks. You've now created a waterfall of stacks, where the stack at the end has the words that are hardest for you, and the stack at the beginning is easiest. Theoretically, you should know all the words now.

- Go back up the waterfall. Take the last stack, and combine it with the next highest Know it stack. If you forgot any of the words in the stack, go through all of them again. If you remembered all the words in the stack, integrate the next highest Know it stack.
- When you've gone back to your first Know it stack and you have all the cards in one stack again, you should now know all the words very well.

Think of it like a series of waterfalls, where you keep filtering the cards by difficulty until you're left with the most difficult, hard to remember cards.

Now, go for it! Print out the rest of the pages using the settings we described, and master these common TOEFL vocab words!

Abundant



Accumulate



Accurate



Accustomed



Acquire



Adamant



Adequate



Adjacent



Answer: v. To gradually collect.

Example: Each fall, leaves accumulate in our driveway.



Answer: adj. Present in large quantities.

Example: Living close to a lake means we have an abundant supply of water.



Answer: adj. Used to something.

Example: Having 8AM classes means I'm accustomed to getting up early.



Answer: adj. Correct; free from errors.

Example: Make sure your address is accurate before submitting your online order.



Answer: adj. Refusing to change an opinion.

Example: The defendant was adamant that he was innocent.



Answer: v. To come into possession of.

Example: When my grandmother died, I acquired her cookbook collection.



Answer: adj. Close to or next to.

Example: The park is adjacent to the school.



Answer: adj. Enough to suit your needs.

Example: Our house isn't big, but it's adequate for the two of us.



Adjust



Advantage



Advocate



Adverse



Aggregate



Aggressive



Allocate



Alternative



<p>Answer: n. Something that makes it easier to achieve success.</p> <p>Example: His height gives him an advantage in basketball.</p> <p></p>	<p>Answer: v. To change something so it serves its purpose better.</p> <p>Example: The bike seat may be too high; you'll probably need to adjust it.</p> <p></p>
<p>Answer: adj. Unfavorable; against one's desires.</p> <p>Example: I had an adverse reaction to my medication and had to stop taking it.</p> <p></p>	<p>Answer: v. To publicly support.</p> <p>Example: My aunt advocates for women's rights.</p> <p></p>
<p>Answer: adj. Assertive and pushy.</p> <p>Example: The salesperson was very aggressive when trying to get us to buy the television.</p> <p></p>	<p>Answer: v. To combine.</p> <p>Example: We should aggregate our resources to share them more easily.</p> <p></p>
<p>Answer: n. Another option or choice.</p> <p>Example: If the ATM is broken, an alternative is to stop by the bank.</p> <p></p>	<p>Answer: v. To put aside for a specific purpose.</p> <p>Example: The village needs to allocate funds for building the new school.</p> <p></p>

Amateur



Ambiguous



Ambitious



Amend



Ample



Anomaly



Annual



Antagonize



Answer: adj. Having several potential meanings; unclear and difficult to understand.

Example: When I asked the HR manager what my chances were of getting the job, she gave me a very ambiguous reply.



Answer: n. Someone who is inexperienced or not highly skilled in a particular area.

Example: He's an amateur soccer player and is still learning the rules of the game.



Answer: v. To change for the better; to improve.

Example: I believe we should amend our country's tax laws.



Answer: adj. Having large goals.

Example: My son is very ambitious and hopes to be a millionaire by the time he's thirty.



Answer: n. Deviation from the norm.

Example: The basketball player is the team's best free thrower, so his missing both shots was an anomaly.



Answer: adj. Plentiful.

Example: Our new apartment has ample space for the two of us.



Answer: v. To tease or be hostile towards a person or group.

Example: The boy loves to antagonize his little sister by pulling her hair.



Answer: adj. Occurring yearly.

Example: The annual company barbeque takes place every August.



Attitude



Attribute



Arbitrary



Arduous



Assuage



Assume



Augment



Benefit



Answer: v. To give credit.

Example: Be sure to attribute credit to your sources when writing a research paper.



Answer: n. Manner or feeling.

Example: After she got grounded, the teenager had a bad attitude for the rest of the day.



Answer: adj. Requiring a lot of effort.

Example: After you cross the bridge, there's an arduous walk up the hill.



Answer: adj. Based on a whim or random decision.

Example: Flipping a coin is an arbitrary way to make a decision.



Answer: v. To suppose without solid proof.

Example: I assumed he was rich because he worked as a lawyer.



Answer: v. To lessen a negative feeling.

Example: The mother assuaged her child's fear of the dark.



Answer: n. Something positive or advantageous.

Example: A benefit of doing homework on Friday is that your weekend will be free.



Answer: v. To increase or make larger.

Example: She augments her regular salary by babysitting on the weekends.



Berate



Bestow



Boast



Boost



Brash



Brief



Brusque



Cacophony



Answer: v. To give as a gift.

Example: The medal was bestowed upon him by the president.



Answer: v. To scold.

Example: Our neighbor berated us after we broke his window playing baseball.



Answer: v. To help raise or increase something.

Example: I gave him a pep talk to boost his self-esteem before his speech.



Answer: v. To brag or talk with excessive pride.

Example: He always boasts of his talents after he wins a game.



Answer: adj. Short (in terms of time).

Example: It will only have a brief meeting, so you'll still have plenty of time for lunch.



Answer: adj. Rude and tactless.

Example: The brash man always asked inappropriate questions.



Answer: n. A harsh, unpleasant mixture of noise.

Example: The cuckoo clock shop lets off a cacophony every hour.



Answer: adj. Abrupt to the point of rudeness.

Example: After being away for so long, I expected more than her brusque greeting.



Cease



Censure



Chronological



Clarify



Coalesce



Coerce



Cognizant



Cohesion



Answer: v. To express strong disapproval.

Example: Every parent in our district censured the education cuts.



Answer: v. To stop.

Example: I wish they would cease arguing.



Answer: v. To make clear; to remove confusion.

Example: I didn't understand the instructions, so I asked the teacher to clarify them.



Answer: adj. Arranged in order of time or date.

Example: Put the historical events in chronological order to make them easier to study.



Answer: v. To force someone to do something against their will.

Example: The young boy was coerced into stealing by his friends.



Answer: v. To combine or grow together.

Example: The people on the street eventually coalesced into a group.



Answer: n. Uniting; becoming one.

Example: Water molecules show strong cohesion when they stick together.



Answer: adj. Being aware or having knowledge of something.

Example: Before mountain climbing, you need to be cognizant of the risks.



Coincide



Collapse



Collide



Commitment



Community



Conceal



Concur



Conflict



Answer: v. To fall down or break down.

Example: The old building finally collapsed, leaving nothing but a pile of rubble.



Answer: v. To occur at the same time.

Example: This year Thanksgiving coincided with my birthday.



Answer: n. Dedication to a cause or activity.

Example: Joining a school play is a big commitment. You'll need to practice every evening.



Answer: v. To hit one another with a forceful impact.

Example: The two cars collided on the freeway.



Answer: v. To hide.

Example: The mountains concealed the ocean from view.



Answer: n. A group of people who live or work together.

Example: The Chinese community in my city is hosting a New Year celebration next week.



Answer: n. A disagreement or fight.

Example: The conflict between the two families has been going on for generations.



Answer: v. To agree.

Example: He believes women should be paid as much as men, and I concur.



Constrain



Contemplate



Continuously



Contradict



Contribute



Convey



Copious



Core



Answer: v. To consider thoughtfully.

Example: I spend a lot of time contemplating what career I want to have.



Answer: v. To restrict or repress.

Example: You should move your plant to a bigger pot, otherwise you'll constrain its roots.



Answer: v. To give the opposite opinion.

Example: I told the employees that sales were down, but my boss contradicted me and said sales were actually up.



Answer: adv. To go on without stopping.

Example: My neighbors have been continuously blasting their music since last night.



Answer: v. To make known.

Example: I've conveyed my interest in working for that company.



Answer: v. To give something (usually money or time) to a common fund or cause.

Example: Every roommate contributes part of his paycheck to the grocery bill.



Answer: adj. Central; of main importance.

Example: Although many employees left the company, the core leadership remained.



Answer: adj. Abundant.

Example: He always takes copious notes during class to study later on.



Corrode



Cumbersome



Curriculum



Data



Decay



Deceive



Decipher



Declaration



Answer: adj. Burdensome; clumsy

Example: Trying to carry four grocery bags at once was very cumbersome.



Answer: v. To gradually wear away.

Example: The rust corroded the paint on my car.



Answer: n. Facts, statistics, or pieces of information.

Example: The data from these graphs show that yearly temperatures are increasing.



Answer: n. The courses given by a school or program.

Example: Our school needs to add more music courses to its curriculum.



Answer: v. To trick or mislead.

Example: He deceived me by pretending to be a millionaire.



Answer: v. To decline in health or excellence.

Example: After the tree died, its wood began to decay.



Answer: n. An announcement.

Example: He made a declaration to the office that he was quitting.



Answer: v. To find the meaning of.

Example: The spy deciphered the secret code.



Decline

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Answer: v. To lower in quality.

Example: My attempt at cake degraded into a crumbly mess.



Answer: 1. v. To politely refuse.
2. v. To deteriorate (especially in terms of health.)

Example: 1. I declined his offer of a ride home.
2. Her health has declined ever since she



Answer: v. To state that something isn't true.

Example: He denied being the robber.



Answer: v. To show.

Example: Let me demonstrate the proper way of throwing a football.



Answer: v. To deliver and leave an item.

Example: Please deposit your books in the bin outside the library.



Answer: v. To significantly decrease.

Example: Your shopping sprees have depleted my savings.



Answer: v. To hate.

Example: I despise early morning classes.



Answer: adj. Worth having or wanting.

Example: Bravery is a desirable trait for firefighters to have.



Detect



Deter



Deviate



Devise



Diatribes



Digress



Dilemma



Diminish



Answer: v. To discourage.

Example: The warning signs on the house deterred trespassers.



Answer: v. To locate something.

Example: The police dog detected the missing child's scent.



Answer: v. To plan or create.

Example: The coach devised a plan for winning the game.



Answer: v. To differ from the norm.

Example: I decided to deviate from my normal route home and took a shortcut.



Answer: v. To wander from the main subject.

Example: The teacher digressed from the lecture to discuss the weather.



Answer: n. A sharp criticism or attack.

Example: The politician went into a diatribe against her opponent.



Answer: v. To shrink or reduce.

Example: Sprinkle baking soda on the carpet to diminish the stain.



Answer: n. A situation where one must choose between two difficult choices.

Example: The student faced the dilemma of attending school sick or missing her exam.



Dispose



Disproportionate



Disrupt



Distort



Distribute



Diverse



Divert



Dynamic



Answer: adj. Too large or small when compared to something else.

Example: The piece of pie I received was disproportionately small.



Answer: v. To get rid of.

Example: I need to dispose of this trash.



Answer: v. To misrepresent.

Example: The camera filter distorted the image.



Answer: v. To interrupt by causing a disturbance.

Example: The protesters disrupted the politician's speech.



Answer: adj. Showing a lot of variety.

Example: This city has a very diverse population.



Answer: v. To give portions of something.

Example: Distribute the materials evenly among the class.



Answer: adj. Constantly changing.

Example: The theater has dynamic shows, so you never know what you'll see.



Answer: v. To cause a change of course.

Example: Because of the accident, the police had to divert traffic down a side street.



Ease



Efficient



Eliminate



Elite



Eloquent



Emphasize



Endure



Enhance



<p>Answer: adj. Maximizing productivity.</p> <p>Example: Now that I'm following a schedule at work, I'm much more efficient.</p> <p> PrepScholar.com</p>	<p>Answer: v. To reduce unpleasantness or difficulty.</p> <p>Example: This prescription will ease your allergies.</p> <p> PrepScholar.com</p>
<p>Answer: adj. A select, above-average group.</p> <p>Example: The elite detective team were also sent for when there were big crimes.</p> <p> PrepScholar.com</p>	<p>Answer: v. To remove.</p> <p>Example: Our team lost the match and was eliminated from the competition.</p> <p> PrepScholar.com</p>
<p>Answer: v. To give special importance to when speaking or writing.</p> <p>Example: The teacher emphasized the due date of the project.</p> <p> PrepScholar.com</p>	<p>Answer: adj. Moving speech or writing.</p> <p>Example: Her eloquent writing has gained her many fans.</p> <p> PrepScholar.com</p>
<p>Answer: v. To intensify or magnify.</p> <p>Example: The falling snow enhanced the beauty of the small village.</p> <p> PrepScholar.com</p>	<p>Answer: v. To suffer through something difficult with patience.</p> <p>Example: He has endured four knee operations so far.</p> <p> PrepScholar.com</p>

Epitome



Equivalent



Erroneous



Estimate



Evade



Evaluate



Evidence



Evolve



Answer: adj. Equal.

Example: Twenty-four is equivalent to two dozen.



Answer: n. A perfect example of something.

Example: The duchess is the epitome of class.



Answer: n. An approximate value.

Example: Try to get an estimate of the number of people attending the concert.



Answer: adj. Incorrect.

Example: He apologized for his erroneous statement.



Answer: v. To assess.

Example: At the end of the class, every student will evaluate how well the professor taught.



Answer: v. To avoid or escape.

Example: By hiding in the bathroom, we were able to evade the intruder.



Answer: v. To gradually change.

Example: The small school evolved into a world-class institution.



Answer: n. Facts or information that help prove or disprove something.

Example: These fossils are evidence of evolution.



Exemplary



Exclude



Exclusive



Expand



Expertise



Exploit



Expose



Extension



Answer: v. To leave out.

Example: The young boy was excluded from his friends' soccer game.



Answer: adj. Worthy of imitation.

Example: She is an exemplary student, and you should copy her study habits.



Answer: v. To increase in size.

Example: Adding air to bike tires will cause them to expand.



Answer: adj. Not admitting the majority.

Example: We may not be able to get in since that club is very exclusive.



Answer: v. To use selfishly.

Example: The company exploited its workers by making them work long hours.



Answer: n. Expert knowledge or skill in a particular field.

Example: The surgeon's expertise is knee surgeries.



Answer: n. An act of making something longer.

Example: If you're sick on the day the paper is due, the teacher may give you an extension on the due date.



Answer: v. To reveal or unmask.

Example: The emails presented exposed the company's corruption.



Extract



Famine



Feasible



Finite



Flaw



Fluctuate



Focus



Fortify



Answer: n. A time when there is an extreme lack of food.

Example: Millions of children in Ethiopia died due to the famine there.



Answer: v. To get or remove something.

Example: The dentist extracted one of my teeth.



Answer: adj. Having an end or limits.

Example: Remember that life is finite; you're not immortal.



Answer: adj. Possible to do.

Example: This study plan you made for me sounds feasible, even with my work schedule.



Answer: v. To change continually.

Example: I'm not sure what to wear since the temperature has been fluctuating so much.



Answer: n. A feature that ruins the perfection of something.

Example: I got the diamond for a reduced price since the stone had a flaw.



Answer: v. To strengthen.

Example: The king decided to fortify the castle walls to protect them during attacks.



Answer: v. To prioritize or center on something.

Example: The program is going to focus on environmental issues.



Framework



Frivolous



Function



Fundamental



Gap



Garbled



Generate



Grandiose



Answer: adj. Unnecessary; of little importance

Example: You must stop spending your money on frivolous purchases.



Answer: n. A skeletal structure designed to support something.

Example: Skyscrapers must have a strong framework to support all the floors.



Answer: adj. Of primary importance.

Example: Learning scales is fundamental to being a good piano player.



Answer: n. A purpose natural to a person or thing.

Example: The function of petals is to attract insects to the plant.



Answer: adj. Distorted and unclear.

Example: Our answering machine is so bad that people's voices are always garbled.



Answer: n. A space in between to objects.

Example: Be careful to avoid the gap between the two steps.



Answer: adj. Pompous; overly important.

Example: The actress had only one small part before she got grandiose ideas of her fame.



Answer: v. To produce.

Example: The fire generates heat, which keeps the room warm.



Hackneyed



Haphazard



Harsh



Hasty



Hazardous



Hesitate



Hierarchy



Hindrance



Answer: adj. Lacking planning.

Example: There was no schedule, so the event was very haphazard.



Answer: adj. Overused and unoriginal.

Example: His poems contain many hackneyed phrases.



Answer: adj. In a hurry.

Example: In order to avoid the police, the robbers made a hasty retreat.



Answer: adj. Not gentle; unpleasant.

Example: Her comments on my performance were very harsh and not kind at all.



Answer: v. To pause, often due to reluctance.

Example: She hesitated before entering the abandoned building.



Answer: adj. Full of risk.

Example: The nuclear reactor has a lot of hazardous waste.



Answer: n. Something that causes delay or resistance.

Example: Her hatred of public transportation is a hindrance when trying to get around New York City.



Answer: n. A ranking system.

Example: In the office hierarchy, the manager is higher than the associate.



Hollow



Horror



Hostile



Hypothesis



Identical



Illiterate



Illustrate



Impact



Answer: n. An intense feeling of fear.

Example: The haunted house filled me with horror.



Answer: adj. Empty inside.

Example: The dead tree is hollow.



Answer: n. An unproven idea that attempts to explain something.

Example: You'll need to conduct an experiment to test your hypothesis.



Answer: adj. Extremely unfriendly.

Example: My ex-boyfriend's new girlfriend was very hostile towards me.



Answer: adj. Unable to read.

Example: Because he'd never been able to attend school, the man was illiterate.



Answer: adj. Exactly the same.

Example: The twins were completely identical.



Answer: n. Effect or influence.

Example: His moving words had a large impact on me.



Answer: v. To explain by using an example.

Example: The professor illustrated the lesson with a personal story.



Impair



Implement



Imply



Impose



Impoverish



Incentive



Incessant



Incidental



Answer: v. To carry out.

Example: We will implement the new schedule starting next semester.



Answer: v. To worsen.

Example: Drinking alcohol will impair your driving abilities.



Answer: v. To force upon.

Example: After the riots, the mayor imposed a curfew on the town.



Answer: v. To strongly suggest.

Example: My mother implied that I was the one who forgot to take out the trash.



Answer: n. A reason to do something.

Example: I hate my job, but the big paychecks are a good incentive to stick with it.



Answer: v. To reduce to poverty.

Example: These medical bills are going to impoverish me.



Answer: adj. A minor part.

Example: Don't worry about your grade on this quiz; it's only an incidental part of your grade.



Answer: adj. Continuing without pause.

Example: I can't sleep because of the dog's incessant barking.



Incite



Inclination



Incompetent



Inconsistent



Indefatigable



Indisputable



Ineffective



Inevitable



Answer: n. A preference.

Example: My inclination is to go to bed early.



Answer: v. To urge on.

Example: The ringleader incited the soldiers to rebellion.



Answer: adj. Changing randomly.

Example: His pitching has been very inconsistent all season.



Answer: Iadj. incapable; lacking ability.

Example: The incompetent worker was fired from his job.



Answer: adj. Not able to be challenged.

Example: She's the indisputable star of the basketball team.



Answer: adj. Untiring.

Example: She is an indefatigable hiker and can walk all day.



Answer: adj. Unable to be avoided.

Example: Even if you're healthy, death is inevitable in the end.



Answer: adj. Not producing any major impact.

Example: The drug was shown to be ineffective at curing cancer.



Infer



Inflate



Influence



Inhibit



Initial



Inquiry



Integral



Integrate



Answer: v. To increase in size.

Example: Getting a promotion has really inflated his ego.



Answer: v. To guess based on evidence.

Example: I inferred that she was annoyed based on her body language.



Answer: v. To hinder or restrain.

Example: This cleaning spray inhibits the growth of bacteria.



Answer: n. The ability to have an impact of something.

Example: The older sister has been a positive influence on her younger siblings.



Answer: n. An investigation to determine the truth.

Example: Congress launched an inquiry after the senator was accused of taking bribes.



Answer: adj. The first.

Example: She was the initial president of the company.



Answer: v. To combine.

Example: When making a cake, you need to fully integrate the wet and dry ingredients.



Answer: adj. Necessary to complete the whole.

Example: You can't quit. You're an integral part of this team.



Interpret



Intervene



Intrepid



Intricate



Invasive



Investigate



Irascible



Irony



Answer: v. To come between people, objects, or an event and change what is happening.

Example: When the toddlers couldn't share their toys, their mothers had to intervene.



Answer: v. To explain the meaning of something.

Example: I need you to interpret this German speech for me.



Answer: adj. Highly detailed.

Example: The pattern on this blanket is so intricate.



Answer: adj. Fearless.

Example: The intrepid mountain climber reached the top of Mt. Everest.



Answer: v. To examine or study.

Example: The police are going to investigate the crime scene.



Answer: adj. Intrusive.

Example: We found the stranger's questions too personal and very invasive.



Answer: n. The use of words to give a meaning opposite to their literal meaning.

Example: "I love spending my Friday nights doing homework," she said with irony.



Answer: adj. Easy to anger.

Example: Even though my grandfather seems irascible, he's actually very loving.



Irresolute



Jargon



Jointly



Knack



Labor



Lag



Lampoon



Languish



Answer: n. Words specific to a certain job or group.

Example: To be a successful doctor, you'll need to learn a lot of medical jargon.



Answer: adj. Uncertain.

Example: Not sure which direction to go in, he stood irresolute.



Answer: n. A special talent or skill.

Example: My brother has a real knack for solving tricky math problems.



Answer: adj. Together.

Example: The newlyweds jointly opened up a bank account.



Answer: v. To fall behind.

Example: I stayed with the front group of runners for the first few miles, but after that I began to lag.



Answer: n. Work or effort.

Example: Building a house requires a lot of labor.



Answer: v. To become weak; to be neglected.

Example: During winter break, my plants languished since I was visiting my parents and couldn't water them.



Answer: v. To mock or ridicule.

Example: The cartoonist lampooned the president's speech.



Lecture



Leery



Legitimate



Lenient



Likely



Ludicrous



Maintain



Major



Answer: adj. Wary.

Example: I'm leery of taking the dark-looking shortcut.



Answer: n. A talk given to an audience.

Example: The professor will give a 30 minute lecture before the quiz.



Answer: adj. Merciful; less harsh.

Example: The judge gave the criminal a lenient sentence due to his bad childhood.



Answer: adj. Lawful.

Example: The way he became mayor is completely legitimate.



Answer: adj. Ridiculous.

Example: His claims about me are absolutely ludicrous.



Answer: adj. or adv. Probable.

Example: I don't have much homework, so it's likely I'll be able to go out tonight.



Answer: adj. Very important.

Example: This test is a major part of your final grade.



Answer: v. To continue at the same level.

Example: She has maintained the same weight since high school.



Manipulate

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Maximize

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Answer: v. To increase to the greatest possible size.

Example: The store's goal this year is to maximize its profit.



Answer: v. To influence, especially in an unfair way.

Example: He tried to manipulate the results of the election.



Answer: adj. Ordinary, average.

Example: The meal the chef made was only mediocre.



Answer: v. To find the size and dimensions of something.

Example: By measuring the tree, I found it was seven feet tall.



Answer: n. A way of doing something.

Example: Her method for making bread takes three days.



Answer: v. To fix.

Example: My mother will mend the hole in my shirt.



Answer: n. The smallest or lowest amount possible.

Example: You need to get a minimum of 70% on the test to pass the class.



Answer: v. To move from one place to another.

Example: Every fall, the geese migrate to Florida.



Misleading



Modify



Morose



Negligent



Nonchalant



Obey



Obtain



Obvious



Answer: v. To change.

Example: I need to modify my style so it looks more professional.



Answer: adj. Giving the wrong idea.

Example: The advertisement for the weight loss pills is very misleading since studies have shown they're ineffective.



Answer: adj. Lazy, neglectful.

Example: The negligent babysitter invited her friends over while the children were upstairs.



Answer: adj. Gloomy, depressed.

Example: The boy was morose after hearing he didn't make the football team.



Answer: v. To follow orders or instructions.

Example: My dog always obeys me when I ask her to sit.



Answer: adj. Indifferent, unexcited.

Example: I was hurt when my friend greeted me so nonchalantly.



Answer: adj. Easily understood.

Example: The large poster of Michael Jackson over her bed made it obvious who her favorite singer was.



Answer: v. To get.

Example: The spy obtained the secret codes we need.



Opponent



Oppress



Origin



Paradigm



Parsimonious



Partake



Partial



Paucity



Answer: v. To unfairly burden.

Example: For the past ten generations the royal family has oppressed the peasants by keeping them in poverty.



Answer: n. Someone on the opposite side for a game or contest.

Example: The soccer player blocked her opponent's shot at the goal.



Answer: n. A typical example of something.

Example: This work of art is a paradigm of the period; you'll see many examples of it in the museum.



Answer: n. The source; where something began.

Example: The explorers are trying to find the origin of the Nile.



Answer: v. To join in.

Example: My leg was feeling much better, so I decided to partake in the soccer match.



Answer: adj. Frugal, stingy.

Example: The parsimonious woman only donated a dollar to charity.



Answer: n. Something existing in very small amounts; scarcity.

Example: During the drought, the town had a paucity of fresh water.



Answer: adj. Preferring one option over others.

Example: We can get strawberry ice cream, but I'm actually more partial to chocolate.



Peak



Peripheral



Permeate



Persist



Pertain



Phase



Poll



Potent



Answer: adj. Located on the side or edge.

Example: There are some peripheral fights going on at the outdoor concert.



Answer: n. The highest or most important point.

Example: Winning the championship was the peak of his career.



Answer: v. To continue, especially when facing opposition.

Example: I may have lost my last six games, but I will continue to persist trying to win.



Answer: v. To penetrate or pass through.

Example: Let the maple syrup permeate your waffles before eating them.



Answer: n. A period or stage in a process.

Example: In high school, I went through a phase where I only wore black clothes.



Answer: v. To relate.

Example: How does your question pertain to the lecture?



Answer: adj. Powerful.

Example: Only take one sleeping pill since they're very potent.



Answer: n. A record of opinions or votes.

Example: The polls show that my candidate is going to win the election.



Pragmatic



Praise



Precede



Precise



Prestigious



Prevalent



Primary



Prior



Answer: Tv. o give approval or admiration.

Example: The book is the best I've ever read; I can't praise it enough.



Answer: adj. Practical, sensible.

Example: Your boyfriend is too dramatic. I think you need a more pragmatic man.



Answer: adj. Exact.

Example: When collecting data, it's important that your measurements are very precise.



Answer: v. To come before.

Example: The flower girls preceded the bride when they walked down the aisle.



Answer: adj. Widespread.

Example: If more people don't start washing their hands, disease will become more prevalent.



Answer: adj. Having a high reputation.

Example: Harvard is one of the most prestigious colleges in the United States.



Answer: adj. Previous or earlier.

Example: Prior to becoming a teacher, Elena worked as a book editor.



Answer: adj. First; most important.

Example: Maeve's primary goal in life is to become a doctor.



Proceed



Progeny



Promote



Prosper



Proximity



Quarrel



Range



Rank



Answer: n. Offspring.

Example: The dog's progeny all have yellow fur.



Answer: v. To continue doing something.

Example: I'm sorry for interrupting; please proceed with your speech.



Answer: v. To do well.

Example: Dave hopes his new business will prosper and make him a millionaire.



Answer: v. To further to progress of something.

Example: I'm promoting this new indie movie so that more people will buy tickets to it.



Answer: n. Disagreement or fight; to have an argument.

Example: Nina and her boyfriend always quarrel over money.



Answer: n. Nearness in time or space.

Example: The twins hated to be apart, so they bought houses in close proximity to each other.



Answer: n. An official position or station.

Example: Archibald was promoted to the rank of first captain.



Answer: n. The distance between two things, often the maximum and the minimum.

Example: The range of ages at the concert spanned from 12 to 65.



Rebuke



Recapitulate



Recede



Recommend



Reform



Regulate



Reinforce



Reject



Answer: v. To give a brief summary.

Example: At the end of his speech, the politician made sure to recapitulate his main points.



Answer: v. To sternly disapprove or reprimand.

Example: After staying out too late, Grace received a rebuke from her parents.



Answer: v. To present someone with confidence and approval.

Example: I need to ask Mr. Smith if he'll recommend me for this leadership position.



Answer: v. To retreat or draw back.

Example: Two days after the flood, the seawater finally began to recede from our house.



Answer: v. To supervise or control a process so that it functions correctly.

Example: Ben needs to regulate how much he eats in order to stay at a healthy weight.



Answer: v. To make changes that improve something.

Example: Melanie's father is in charge of reforming to school system.



Answer: v. To say no to something that is offered.

Example: Lydia rejected my invitation to the homecoming dance.



Answer: v. To strengthen with added support.

Example: The builders reinforced the house's wooden frame with steel beams.



Release



Rely



Reproach



Require



Resent



Resign



Resist



Resolve



Answer: v. To depend on.

Example: I rely on coffee to get my through my mornings.



Answer: v. To free; to allow to be known.

Example: The CEO decided to release the company's profits from last year.



Answer: v. To need for a specific purpose.

Example: The camping trip requires that every participant bring their own food and sleeping bag.



Answer: v. To express disapproval or disappointment.

Example: The coach reproached the players for failing to play their best.



Answer: v. To give up an office or position.

Example: Due to his declining health, the mayor decided to resign from office.



Answer: v. To feel bitterness or anger towards someone or something.

Example: I've always resented my sister because she is my mother's favorite child.



Answer: v. To come to a firm decision.

Example: Matt resolved to get better grades next semester by studying every night.



Answer: v. To withstand the effect of.

Example: Resist the impulse to have ice cream for breakfast.



Restrict



Retain



Retract



Retrieve



Rhetorical



Rigid



Rotate

Safeguard

Answer: v. To continue to do something or keep something.

Example: I've decided to retain my normal hairstyle.



Answer: v. To confine or keep within limits.

Example: My doctor told me to restrict myself to one glass of wine a day.



Answer: v. To bring back.

Example: Alexis got out of the car to retrieve the ball her little brother had thrown.



Answer: 1. v. To draw back in.
2. v. To withdraw something after it's found to be untrue.

Example: 1. I felt calmer after the lion retracted its claws.
2. After numerous errors were found, the



Answer: adj. Stiff; unyielding.

Example: The boys' father was happy to see the base of the treehouse was rigid and sturdy.



Answer: adj. Used just for style or impact.

Example: You aren't expected to actually answer rhetorical questions.



Answer: n. Something that serves as protection or ensures safety.

Example: A retirement fund is one way to safeguard your finances for the future.

Answer: v. To turn.

Example: Rotate the sculpture so I can see the other side.

Scrutinize



Section



Select



Sequence



Severe



Shallow



Shelter



Shrink



Answer: n. A part of the whole.

Example: This section of the stadium dressed completely in red.



Answer: v. To very carefully examine.

Example: The judges were looking for perfection, so they scrutinized every entry.



Answer: n. Things that follow each other in a certain order.

Example: Librarians need to know how order books in the correct sequence.



Answer: v. To choose.

Example: Jane selected a blue dress to wear to the wedding.



Answer: adj. Not deep.

Example: You don't need to worry about getting your dress wet. The water is very shallow here.



Answer: 1. adj. Harsh or strict.

2. adj. Grave, critical.

Example: 1. The robbers suffered severe consequences for stealing.
2. My uncle is currently battling a severe illness in the hospital.



Answer: v. To become smaller.

Example: Hopefully this cream will cause my scar to shrink.



Answer: v. To protect from something harmful.

Example: The empty barn gave the men shelter during the storm.



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<p>Answer: n. A person, place, or thing where something was obtained.</p> <p>Example: You shouldn't use Wikipedia as a source when writing school papers.</p> <p></p>	<p>Answer: adj. Important, noteworthy.</p> <p>Example: The Gettysburg Address was a significant event during the Civil War.</p> <p></p>
<p>Answer: v. To clearly indicate which one.</p> <p>Example: You need to specify which size shirt you want before I can order it.</p> <p></p>	<p>Answer: adj. Thinly scattered.</p> <p>Example: The farm was almost empty; there were just a few sparse trees here and there.</p> <p></p>
<p>Answer: adj. Alone; without others.</p> <p>Example: The hermit lives a solitary existence deep in the mountains.</p> <p></p>	<p>Answer: v. To form a theory without strong evidence.</p> <p>Example: My sister loves to speculate on the private lives of celebrities.</p> <p></p>
<p>Answer: v. To calm or comfort.</p> <p>Example: The mother sang a lullaby to soothe her crying baby.</p> <p></p>	<p>Answer: adj. Gloomy; depressing.</p> <p>Example: After losing the competition, the chess players were very somber.</p> <p></p>

Squalid



Stable



Stagnant



Strategy



Subsequent



Substitute



Subtle



Sufficient



Answer: adj. Unlikely to change or fail.

Example: We're lucky to live in a country with such a stable government.



Answer: adj. Filthy and unpleasant.

Example: The shelter was squalid and overcrowded.



Answer: n. A plan to reach a desired outcome.

Example: The football team will need a good strategy to win the game tomorrow.



Answer: adj. Sluggish, showing little movement.

Example: With few new jobs created, the economy has remained stagnant for the past five years.



Answer: n. A person or thing acting in place of another.

Example: If you don't have sugar, honey makes a good substitute for this recipe.



Answer: adj. Coming after something in time.

Example: The first king was a good ruler, but subsequent kings have all been corrupt.



Answer: adj. Enough to serve a particular purpose.

Example: Make sure you have sufficient food for the camping trip.



Answer: adj. Difficult to notice right away.

Example: Maya's perfume was very subtle; you had to get close to her to smell it.



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Answer: v. To oversee work or a process.

Example: My dad didn't think we were old enough to build the fort on our own, so he supervised us.



Answer: v. To briefly give the main points.

Example: The class didn't have time to read the book, so the professor summarized it for them.



Answer: 1. v. To temporarily stop.
2. v. To hang something from somewhere.

Example: 1. The power outage suspended the school concert.
2. The lamp is suspended from the high ceiling



Answer: v. To take the place of something else.

Example: The king was supplanted by his treacherous younger brother who locked him in the dungeon.



Answer: v. To keep going.

Example: I stopped trying to sustain the friendship after he made fun of how I looked.



Answer: adj. Having the belief that someone is doing something dishonest or illegal.

Example: The couple became suspicious when they saw strange men removing their neighbor's expensive electronics during the night



Answer: adj. Relating to a specific subject or craft.

Example: The laptop manual is full of technical terms only a computer expert can understand.



Answer: adj. Serving as a symbol.

Example: A cross is symbolic of Christianity.



Terminal



Tolerate



Transfer



Transition



Transparent



Tuition



Unobtrusive



Unscathed



Answer: v. To put up with.

Example: I tolerate the rude man since he is my husband's best friend.



Answer: adj. Situated at the end.

Example: Everyone on the train must get off at the terminal stop.



Answer: v. To change from one state or condition to another.

Example: The transition from student to employee can often take awhile to get used to.



Answer: v. To move from one place to another.

Example: Ben's work is going to transfer him from Chicago to Detroit.



Answer: n. The fee for instruction at a school.

Example: College tuition prices have gone up in recent decades.



Answer: 1. adj. Easy to see-through.
2. adj. Easy to detect.

Example: 1. The glass vase is completely transparent.
2. Her attempt to flatter the movie star was

very transparent



Answer: adj. Unharmd.

Example: Ian was lucky to walk away from the car crash unscathed.



Answer: adj. Not attracting attention.

Example: The prince's bodyguards had mastered the art of being unobtrusive.



Upbeat



Unjust



Vacillate



Valid



Vanish



Vary



Verdict



Vestige



Answer: adj. Unfair.

Example: Since I tried my hardest on the exam, I felt my teacher's criticism of me was unjust.



Answer: adj. Happy; optimistic.

Example: Even when she's having a bad day, my mom always has an upbeat attitude.



Answer: adj. Just; well-founded.

Example: The soldiers had valid concerns about the battles they'd be facing.



Answer: v. To waver or be indecisive.

Example: She vacillated between the two dresses before finally deciding to wear a skirt.



Answer: v. To be different from something else in a group.

Example: The necklace's diamonds vary in size and shape.



Answer: v. To disappear quickly.

Example: The plane vanished behind the clouds.



Answer: n. A small trace of something that is disappearing or has already disappeared.

Example: The empty castle still had a few vestiges of its former wealth.



Answer: n. A judgement or decision.

Example: The jury delivered a guilty verdict.



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Answer: v. To speak poorly of; to slander.

Example: Mark was vilified by his angry ex-girlfriend.



Answer: n. A small container used to hold liquids.

Example: The chemist carefully filled the vial with the bubbling solution.



Answer: conj. On the contrary.

Example: I always save my money whereas my brother is constantly in debt.



Answer: adj. Taking up a lot of space.

Example: The puffy wedding dress had voluminous sleeves.



Answer: adj. Occurring over a large region.

Example: There is widespread poverty across that country.



Answer: adv. Completely.

Example: The monk is wholly devoted to his faith.



Answer: To droop and become limp.

Example: Plants will wilt if you don't water them regularly.



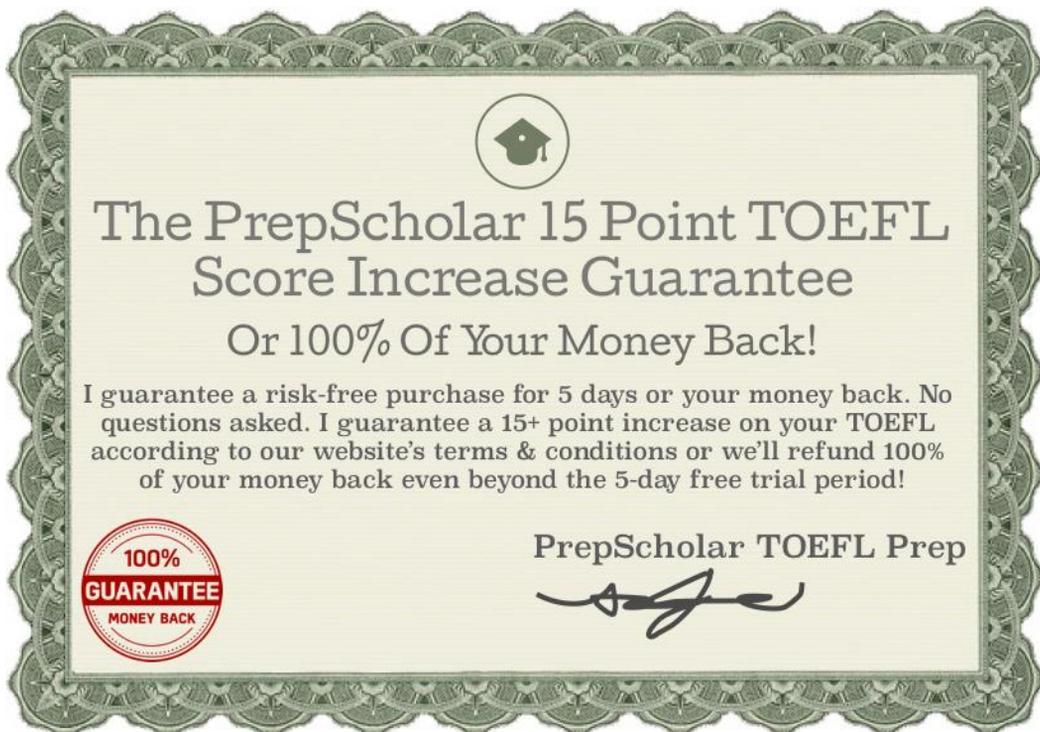
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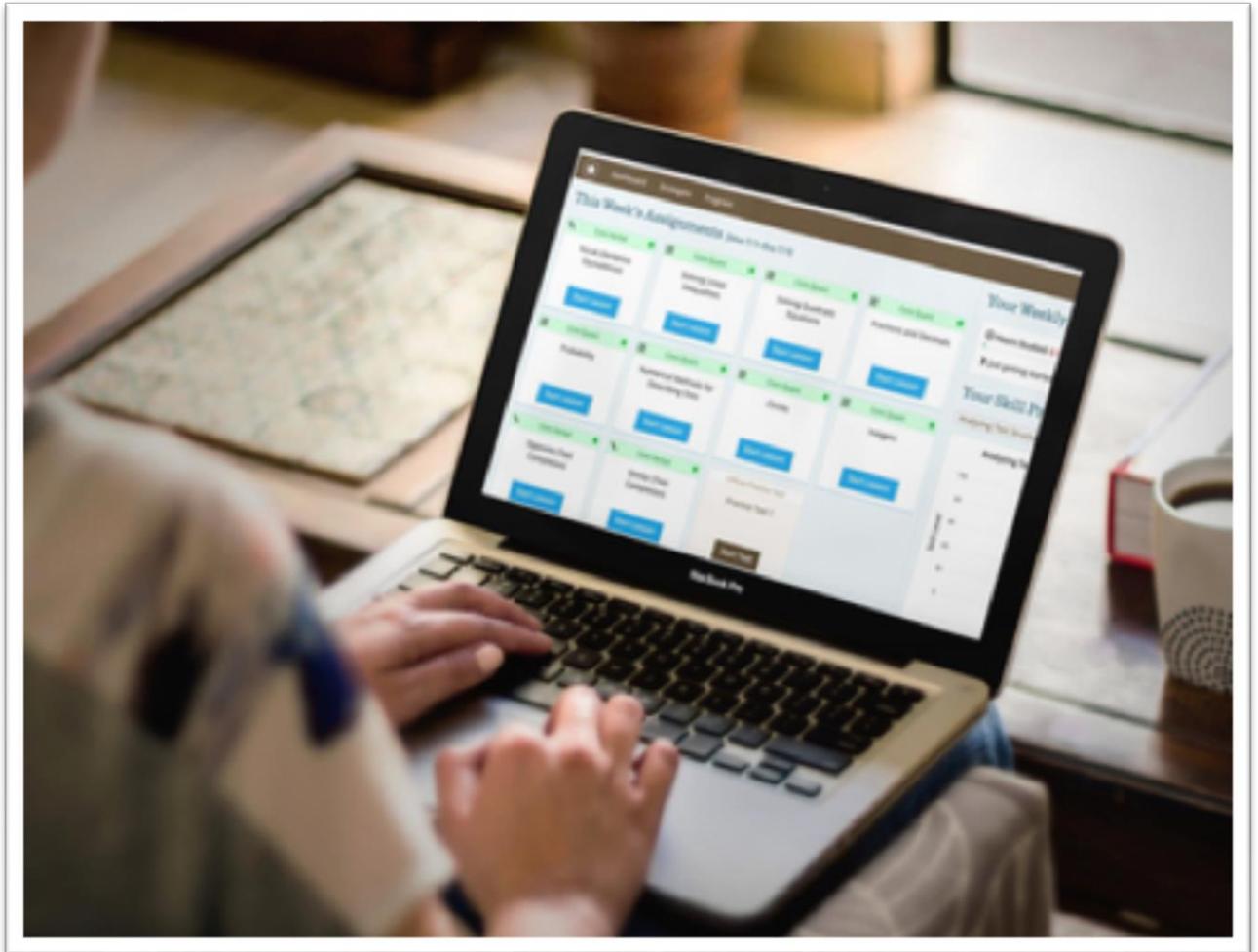
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