

The updated Vocabulary Levels Test

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This is test that looks at how well you know useful English words. Put a check under the word that goes with each meaning. Here is an example.

	game	island	mouth	movie	song	yard
land with water all around it						
part of your body used for eating and talking						
piece of music						

It should be answered in the following way.

	game	island	mouth	movie	song	yard
land with water all around it		✓				
part of your body used for eating and talking			✓			
piece of music					✓	

1,000 Word Level

	choice	computer	garden	photograph	price	week
cost						
picture						
place where things grow outside						

	eye	father	night	van	voice	year
body part that sees						
parent who is a man						
part of the day with no sun						

	center	note	state	tomorrow	uncle	winter
brother of your mother or father						
middle						
short piece of writing						

	box	brother	horse	hour	house	plan
family member						
sixty minutes						
way of doing things						

	animal	bath	crime	grass	law	shoulder
green leaves that cover the ground						
place to wash						
top end of your arm						

	drink	educate	forget	laugh	prepare	suit
get ready						
make a happy sound						
not remember						

	check	fight	return	tell	work	write
do things to get money						
go back again						
make sure						

	bring	can	reply	stare	understand	wish
say or write an answer to somebody						
carry to another place						
look at for a long time						

	alone	bad	cold	green	loud	main
most important						
not good						
not hot						

	awful	definite	exciting	general	mad	sweet
certain						
usual						
very bad						

2,000 Word Level

	coach	customer	feature	pie	vehicle	weed
important part of something						
person who trains members of sports teams						
unwanted plant						

	average	discipline	knowledge	pocket	trap	vegetable
food grown in gardens						
information which a person has						
middle number						

	circle	justice	knife	onion	partner	pension
round shape						
something used to cut food						
using laws fairly						

	cable	section	sheet	site	staff	tank
part						
place						
something to cover a bed						

	apartment	cap	envelope	lawyer	speed	union
cover for letters						
kind of hat						
place to live inside a tall building						

	argue	contribute	quit	seek	vote	wrap
cover tightly and completely						
give to						
look for						

	avoid	contain	murder	search	switch	trade
have something inside						
look for						
try not to do						

	bump	complicate	include	organize	receive	warn
get something						
hit gently						
have as part of something						

	available	constant	electrical	medical	proud	super
feeling good about what you have done						
great						
happening all the time						

	environmental	junior	pure	rotten	smooth	wise
bad						
not rough						
younger in position						

3,000 Word Level

	angle	apology	behavior	bible	celebration	portion
actions						
happy occasion						
statement saying you are sorry						

	anxiety	athlete	counsel	foundation	phrase	wealth
combination of words						
guidance						
large amount of money						

	agriculture	conference	frequency	liquid	regime	volunteer
farming						
government						
person who helps without payment						

	asset	heritage	novel	poverty	prosecution	suburb
having little money						
history						
useful thing						

	audience	crystal	intelligence	outcome	pit	welfare
ability to learn						
deep place						
people who watch and listen						

	consent	enforce	exhibit	retain	specify	target
agree						
say clearly						
show in public						

	accomplish	capture	debate	impose	proceed	prohibit
catch						
go on						
talk about what is correct						

	absorb	decline	exceed	link	nod	persist
continue to happen						
goes beyond the limit						
take in						

	approximate	frequent	graphic	pale	prior	vital
almost exact						
earlier						
happening often						

	consistent	enthusiastic	former	logical	marginal	mutual
not changing						
occurring earlier in time						
shared						

4,000 Word Level

	cave	scenario	sergeant	stitch	vitamin	wax
healthy supplement						
opening in the ground or in the side of a hill						
situation						

	candle	diamond	gulf	salmon	soap	tutor
something used for cleaning						
teacher						
valuable stone						

	agony	kilogram	orchestra	scrap	slot	soccer
group of people who play music						
long, thin opening						
small unwanted piece						

	crust	incidence	ram	senator	venue	verdict
hard outside part						
judgment						
place						

	alley	embassy	hardware	nutrition	threshold	tobacco
government building						
plant that is smoked in cigarettes						
small street between buildings						

	fling	forbid	harvest	shrink	simulate	vibrate
do not allow						
make smaller						
throw						

	activate	disclose	hug	intimidate	plunge	weep
cry						
tell						
turn on						

	diminish	exaggerate	explode	penetrate	transplant	verify
break into pieces violently						
get smaller						
move something to another place						

	adjacent	crude	fond	sane	spherical	swift
beside						
not crazy						
quick						

	abnormal	bulky	credible	greasy	magnificent	optical
believable						
oily						
unusual						

5,000 Word Level

	gown	maid	mustache	paradise	pastry	vinegar
hair on your upper lip						
perfect place						
small baked food						

	asthma	chord	jockey	monk	rectangle	vase
container for cut flowers						
group of musical notes that are played at the same time						
shape with two long and two short sides						

	batch	dentist	hum	lime	pork	scripture
green fruit						
low, constant sound						
meat from pigs						

	amnesty	claw	earthquake	perfume	sanctuary	wizard
liquid that is made to smell nice						
man who has magical powers						
safe place						

	altitude	diversion	hemisphere	pirate	robe	socket
height						
kind of clothing						
person who attacks ships						

	applaud	erase	jog	intrude	notify	wrestle
announce						
enter without permission						
remove						

	bribe	expire	immerse	meditate	persecute	shred
cut or tear into small pieces						
end						
think deeply						

	commemorate	growl	ignite	pierce	renovate	swap
catch fire						
exchange						
go into or through something						

	bald	eternal	imperative	lavish	moist	tranquil
calm and quiet						
having no hair						
slightly wet						

	diesel	incidental	mandatory	prudent	superficial	tame
not dangerous						
required						
using good judgment						