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## Vocabulary List 1



<b>word</b> (part of speech) [pronunciation]	definition  alternate choices for words, including synonyms, phrases, and idioms
<b>yearn</b> (verb) [yurn]	intense longing for something  crave    covet    have one's heart set on something
<b>appendage</b> (noun) [uh-PEN-dij]	a thing attached to something larger or more important  addition    addendum    accessory    attachment    adjunct
<b>intervene</b> (verb) [in-tur-VEEN]	<sup>1</sup> to come between, to alter a situation <sup>2</sup> to interrupt a conversation  intercede    referee    mediate    interpose oneself    intrude
<b>lethargy</b> (noun) [LEH-thur-jee]	lack of energy and/or enthusiasm  sluggishness    inertia    torpor    languor    apathy
<b>denizen</b> (noun) [DEN-uh-zen]	an inhabitant of a particular place  resident    occupant    dweller
<b>intrepid</b> (adjective) [in-TREP-id]	fearless and adventurous  unafraid    undaunted    bold    audacious    indomitable
<b>digress</b> (verb) [di-GRESS]	to get off the subject in speech or writing  deviate    get sidetracked    wander    drift    lose the thread
<b>thwart</b> (verb) [thwort]	prevent someone from accomplishing something  foil    frustrate    stonewall    impede    hinder    derail    stop
<b>brevity</b> (noun) [BREV-i-tee]	use of few words in writing or speech  succinctness    compactness    pithiness    economy of language
<b>queue</b> (noun) [kyoo]	a line of waiting people or vehicles  procession    column    row
<b>segue</b> (verb) [SEG-way]	move without interruption from one thing to another  transition    shift    progress
<b>agoraphobia</b> (noun) [a-gor-ah-FOE-bee-ah]	abnormal fear of being in public spaces and crowds

**A.** Write the best word to complete each sentence.

1. Barbara \_\_\_\_\_ for her friends in San Francisco after her family moved to Salt Lake City. intervened    yearned    digressed
  
2. The alien had an eye in the middle of his forehead and eight \_\_\_\_\_ attached to his pear-shaped body. appendages    queues    denizens
  
3. The Girl Scouts were \_\_\_\_\_ from selling cookies to Mrs. Godwin by the growling dog in her front yard. yearned    thwarted    intervened
  
4. Clyde hummed to himself and played mental word games as he patiently waited in a/an \_\_\_\_\_ to buy tickets for the new *Spider-Man* movie. denizen    agoraphobia    queue
  
5. “Rouse yourself from your \_\_\_\_\_ and show some excitement about learning the new vocabulary words,” said Mrs. Corrigan. brevity    queue    lethargy
  
6. “Your topic is Yellowstone National Park, so don’t \_\_\_\_\_ and talk about your trip to the Grand Canyon in your speech,” said Mr. Clark. digress    yearn    thwart
  
7. Mom \_\_\_\_\_ before Margo was able to squirt whipped cream all over Marcia’s head. digressed    thwarted    intervened
  
8. The shark, whale, and octopus are \_\_\_\_\_ of the ocean. queues    agoraphobias    denizens

9. The \_\_\_\_\_ knight pursued the fire-breathing dragon through the dense forest. lethargic\*    intrepid    yearning\*
10. With \_\_\_\_\_, my mom simply replied, "No," when I asked if I could stay home from school because I was having a bad hair day. brevity    yearning\*    lethargy
11. The hermit lived in a secluded cabin in the woods because of his \_\_\_\_\_. appendages    lethargy    agoraphobia
12. At camp, Ben found the food inedible and the beds uncomfortable and he \_\_\_\_\_ to be home. intervened    yearned    digressed
13. "Looks like you need a cast on that \_\_\_\_\_," the doctor said after examining Doug's broken leg. segue    digression\*    appendage
14. Bobby \_\_\_\_\_ in Kate and Sally's argument because they were his friends. segued    intervened    digressed
15. After running in a marathon, Jeff's \_\_\_\_\_ was understandable. lethargy    brevity    yearning
16. After singing "America the Beautiful," the middle-school choir \_\_\_\_\_ into singing a medley of George M. Cohan songs. digressed    intervened    segued
17. "For this year, each of you may consider yourself to be a/an \_\_\_\_\_ of Room 302," Mr. Salter, the math teacher, said to the seventh grade students on the first day of school. appendage    denizen    segue

\*See Introduction on page iii.

**A.** (continued) Write the best word to complete each sentence.

18. Robert Peary was a/an \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. explorer who became the first person to reach the North Pole in 1909.      lethargic\*    agoraphobic\*    intrepid
19. In his informative essay about the history of Mount Rushmore, Doug \_\_\_\_\_ and wrote about seeing elk and buffalo at the Bear Country Wildlife Reserve.      thwarted    segued    digressed
20. Joe was \_\_\_\_\_ from a perfect attendance record when he had to miss four days of school because he had the chickenpox.      thwarted    digressed    intervened
21. "I know I instructed you to use \_\_\_\_\_ in your paragraph about study habits, but using only two sentences is absurd," said Mrs. Corrigan.      agoraphobia    brevity    digression
22. "When you hear the fire alarm, \_\_\_\_\_ up quickly and walk calmly to the nearest exit," said Mr. Salter.      digress    segue    queue\*
23. Before the musical began, the orchestra played a medley of songs from the show, \_\_\_\_\_ from one melody to another.      digressing    queueing    segueing
24. The origin of the word \_\_\_\_\_ is from the Greek word "agora," meaning a place of assembly.      agoraphobia    denizen    appendage

**B. Write the best word from the choice box to complete each sentence.**

yearned	lethargic*	digress	queued*
appendages	denizens	thwarted	segued
intervene	intrepid	brevity	agoraphobia

1. Branches are \_\_\_\_\_ of trees.
2. She \_\_\_\_\_ up in the crowded line for the concert.
3. However, because of her \_\_\_\_\_, she had an anxiety attack and had to leave the line.
4. Joe did an excellent comprehensive report about the \_\_\_\_\_ of Mongolia.
5. In his report, Joe wrote about both the people and the animals of Mongolia; furthermore, he used \_\_\_\_\_ in his writing.
6. The talk show host had to \_\_\_\_\_ and remind his guest to stay on the topic of inflation.
7. His guest had begun to \_\_\_\_\_ and talk about his country's military instead of inflation.
8. The army \_\_\_\_\_ the enemy as it attempted to invade the city.
9. Magellan was a/an \_\_\_\_\_ explorer, who had great endurance, fearlessness, and fortitude.
10. Grandpa \_\_\_\_\_ for what he called "the good old days," when a loaf of bread cost a nickel, and a person could pay a quarter to see a movie.
11. The boy felt \_\_\_\_\_ after flying for eighteen hours from Australia to his home in the United States.
12. The girls' conversation quickly \_\_\_\_\_ from talking about the history test to talking about the new boy in class.

### C. Story Challenge

Write the best word from the choice box to fill each blank in the story.

denizens	lethargy	yearn	segued	brevity
queue	segue	intervened	agoraphobia	agoraphobic*
thwart	intrepid	appendages	digress	thwarted

### Vampires and Popcorn

"I <sup>(1)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ for a peanut butter and pickle sandwich," said Shay, who loved eating and was often teased about her unusual tastes in food. The six girlfriends who had gathered at Taylor's house for a slumber party groaned as they realized that all Shay wanted to talk about was food.

"Don't <sup>(2)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_," said Taylor. "We were talking about movies." Taylor then told her friends how long she had to wait in a/an <sup>(3)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to buy tickets to see the new vampire movie last Sunday. The discussion about tickets and movies made Shay think about popcorn and cheesy taco chips. Once again she <sup>(4)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in the conversation.

"Can we pop some corn?" Shay asked. In an attempt to <sup>(5)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Shay from talking about food, Taylor tried to get her mind back on movies by telling her the story of *Vampire Victims*, the new flick starring Robert Middleder as the <sup>(6)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ hero who captured the gang of vampires.

Taylor began her story by describing the <sup>(7)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ of the forest who lived near a small town. Next, Taylor <sup>(8)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ into the details of her story. Instead of using <sup>(9)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, Taylor prolonged the story with scary details, hideous descriptions of the vampires with their wolflike <sup>(10)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, and morbid details about their victims. Taylor's retelling of the movie plot was so exciting and vivid that it roused all of the girls out of their sleepy <sup>(11)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ and made Shay forget food for a while. The girls all gathered closer together, and Samantha double-checked the doors to make sure they were locked while Taylor closed all the curtains. Samantha was happy to be surrounded by her friends at Taylor's house and not at a crowded restaurant with them, because she is <sup>(12)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.

"I'd just like to sink my fangs into an artichoke-anchovy pizza," said Shay, ending the tension and making everyone laugh.



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- D.** The underlined part in each sentence is a synonym, idiom, phrase, or definition for a list word. Unscramble the list word and write the word on the blank.
1. Mrs. Corrigan reminded her students that transitions were needed in order to progress from one paragraph to another in an essay. \_\_\_\_\_  
useeg
  2. Mom felt it necessary to interpose herself between her twin daughters, Margo and Marcia, when she thought the disagreement might become a fight. \_\_\_\_\_  
nrnveeite
  3. "Economy of language," stressed Mrs. Corrigan, as she encouraged her English students to avoid redundancy in their writing. \_\_\_\_\_  
vybteir
  4. "Snap out of your inertia," said Brett's dad. "Brady has already cut the grass; now you need to do the cleanup." \_\_\_\_\_  
eglhaytr
  5. The students were happy to see the procession of cars waiting to be washed at their fundraiser for the victims of a local fire. \_\_\_\_\_  
uuqee
  6. "Remember," said Mr. Clark, "provide an attachment with your bibliography to your paper about European capital cities." \_\_\_\_\_  
gpnpeadae
  7. "I have a craving for an anchovy-pineapple pizza for lunch," said Shay. \_\_\_\_\_  
rgyannei\*
  8. Olivia, usually afraid of heights, boldly agreed to try the rock-climbing wall at the gym. \_\_\_\_\_  
lpidteinyr\*
  9. "As occupants of Jefferson Middle School, you are all expected to treat other students fairly and kindly," said Mr. Riley, the assistant principal. \_\_\_\_\_  
zidesnen
  10. Todd got sidetracked while talking about competing in the tennis tournament and began giving details of his summer vacation. \_\_\_\_\_  
sdeeidgr
  11. To impede any strangers from entering Jefferson Middle School, Mrs. Hernandez asked the school board for money to install a new security system. \_\_\_\_\_  
wttahr
  12. While discussing fears, Jolene admitted she experiences abnormal fear of being in public places and crowds. \_\_\_\_\_  
hagabaoropi

**E.** Write the word, idiom, or phrase from the choice box that best defines each list word.

- move without interruption
- concise use of words
- prevent from happening
- to annoy
- lack of energy
- inhabitant of a certain place
- an attachment
- to long for
- abnormal fear of being in crowds
- a disaster
- line of people or vehicles
- to come between, to alter a situation
- get off the subject
- fearless

1. appendage \_\_\_\_\_
2. intervene \_\_\_\_\_
3. yearn \_\_\_\_\_
4. segue \_\_\_\_\_
5. queue \_\_\_\_\_
6. digress \_\_\_\_\_
7. brevity \_\_\_\_\_
8. thwart \_\_\_\_\_
9. agoraphobia \_\_\_\_\_
10. intrepid \_\_\_\_\_
11. lethargy \_\_\_\_\_
12. denizen \_\_\_\_\_

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F. Use each word from the choice box to write a complete sentence.

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|--------------|-------------|------------|-----------------|
| 1. yearn     | 4. lethargy | 7. digress | 10. queue       |
| 2. appendage | 5. denizen  | 8. thwart  | 11. segue       |
| 3. intervene | 6. intrepid | 9. brevity | 12. agoraphobia |

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