

Academic Word List Vocabulary Cards: Chapter 6

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Reading Practice 1, *The Alchemist*

ass<u>is</u>tance	au<u>th</u>or
co<u>in</u>cidence	en<u>co</u>unter
inv<u>o</u>lve	pu<u>rs</u>ue
sym<u>b</u>olic	u<u>l</u>timate

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<p>n. writer, novelist, creator</p> <p>Who is your favorite author? Why? What type of books does this person write? What is your favorite type of book? Why?</p>	<p>n. help, aid, support</p> <p>Do you enjoy providing assistance to other people? Why or why not? If so, when was the last time you assisted someone? Explain.</p>
<p>v. meet, run across</p> <p>Have you ever encountered a particularly difficult person? Explain.</p>	<p>n. twist of fate, chance, luck</p> <p>Do you think that coincidences are meaningful occurrences? Why or why not? Can you recall a coincidence that happened to you? Explain.</p>
<p>v. follow, chase, hunt</p> <p>Have you ever thought of pursuing a career in acting or any other sort of artistic profession? Why or why not?</p>	<p>v. include, contain, require</p> <p>What is involved in getting the diploma or degree you want? For instance, what sorts of courses will you have to take?</p>
<p>adj. best, top, supreme</p> <p>In your opinion, what is the ultimate way to relax? Why? What is the ultimate way to have fun? Why?</p>	<p>adj. figurative, representational</p> <p>Do you like the symbolic aspect of dreams? Have you ever tried to analyze a dream to interpret the meaning of the symbols involved? Why or why not?</p>

Reading Practice 2, The Evolution of the Family

benef<u>i</u>cial	comm<u>u</u>nity
<u>c</u>ontext	ev<u>o</u>lved
indic<u>a</u>tion	<u>n</u>uclear
<u>p</u>aradigm	<u>p</u>recedence
shift	<u>s</u>imilar

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<p>n. neighborhood, society</p> <p>Have you ever gone to a community center? Why or why not? What kinds of activities happen at a community center?</p>	<p>adj. helpful, useful, valuable, advantageous</p> <p>Do you think watching English movies is beneficial for TOEFL students? Why or why not? What is the last film you watched? How was it?</p>
<p>adj. advanced, developed</p> <p>Do you think you are more evolved than your parents in your attitudes about life? Why or why not?</p>	<p>n. situation, environment</p> <p>What are some common context clues? For example, you can guess the meaning of a word if a definition is provided. What other clues can help you find the meaning?</p>
<p>adj. pertaining to nucleus</p> <p>Do you think there will be another nuclear war? Why or why not?</p>	<p>n. sign, suggestion, signal</p> <p>What signs would you take as an indication that you and your romantic partner are not ideally suited for each other? Why?</p>
<p>n. priority, preference, superiority</p> <p>Do you think your personal life should, in some instances, take precedence over your academic studies? Explain.</p>	<p>n. model, example, pattern</p> <p>Which paradigm best serves the interests of citizens: socialism or capitalism? Why?</p>
<p>adj. alike, like-minded, almost the same</p> <p>Would you rather marry someone who is similar to you or someone who is different? Why?</p>	<p>n. change, move</p> <p>Have you ever noticed a shift in your outlook following a trip to a foreign location? Why or why not?</p>

Reading Practice 3, Altruism in Various Species

attach<u>ment</u>	benef<u>ici</u>ary
bond	br<u>ief</u>ly
cons<u>ist</u>	contr<u>ad</u>ict
def<u>in</u>ition	dev<u>ote</u>
<u>ent</u>ity	<u>inj</u>ured
<u>in</u>stance	re<u>ly</u>

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<p>n. recipient, receiver</p> <p>To whom do you feel close enough to designate as a beneficiary in your will? Why would you give this person some of your money and possessions?</p>	<p>n. connection, relationship, bond</p> <p>How do parents form strong attachments to their children? Do you think you will be a good parent? Why or why not?</p>
<p>adv. for a short time</p> <p>Do you think you should study briefly the day before your TOEFL exam? Why or why not?</p>	<p>n. connection, attachment, relationship</p> <p>What are some good ways to form a strong bond with a new friend? Why?</p>
<p>v. disagree with, oppose, challenge</p> <p>Do you think it is acceptable to contradict a teacher? Why or why not?</p>	<p>v. made up of, comprise, composed of</p> <p>Would you like to work at a job that consisted primarily of dealing with people or would you rather work on your own? Why?</p>
<p>v. dedicate</p> <p>Do you devote more attention to your appearance or to learning new skills? Why?</p>	<p>n. meaning, description, explanation</p> <p>What is the definition of altruism? Are you an altruist? Why or why not?</p>
<p>adj. hurt, wounded</p> <p>Have you ever been injured? If so, what happened?</p>	<p>n. unit, being</p> <p>What do you think of the fact that people and corporations are considered equivalent entities under the law? Why?</p>
<p>v. depend, trust</p> <p>Who can you rely on for help when you need it most? Why?</p>	<p>n. case, occasion</p> <p>In what instances would you complain about a neighbor? Why? Have you ever had a difficult neighbor? Explain.</p>

Reading Practice 4, Cosmetic Surgery and the Beauty Premium

alter<u>ation</u>	app<u>arently</u>
com<u>modity</u>	comp<u>ensation</u>
conv<u>incing</u>	det<u>ect</u>
dist<u>inct</u>	doc<u>ument</u>
fee	im<u>age</u>
occu<u>pation</u>	

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<p>adv. it seems that, it appears that</p> <p>Apparently, countries are not meeting their required reductions for carbon dioxide emissions under the Kyoto Protocol. What do you think is going to happen?</p>	<p>n. change, modification, adjustment</p> <p>Do last minute changes or alterations to plans bother you or are you the type that goes with the flow? Explain.</p>
<p>n. payment, reward</p> <p>What kind of compensation would you expect from a classmate who borrowed your notebook and lost it? Why?</p>	<p>n. product, service, tradable item</p> <p>If you were to invest in the stock market, what commodity do you think would make you the most money? Why?</p>
<p>v. notice, sense, perceive</p> <p>Can you detect if a person is lying? If so, how can you tell? If not, why not?</p>	<p>adj. persuasive, believable, credible</p> <p>Have you ever met a really convincing liar? Explain.</p>
<p>v. record, write down, provide evidence</p> <p>When you take a trip, do you like to document your experience in a journal or photo album? Why or why not?</p>	<p>adj. separate, discrete, definite</p> <p>Is there a distinct possibility that you may be absent from class this month? Explain.</p>
<p>n. picture, photograph</p> <p>Have you ever posted an image of yourself online? Explain. Do you upload a lot of pictures to the Internet? Explain.</p>	<p>n. charge, cost</p> <p>In your country, do you pay a fee when your visit the doctor or does the government cover this fee? Explain.</p>
	<p>n. job, work, profession</p> <p>What occupations do you consider exciting? Why? Which ones do you consider boring? Why?</p>

Reading Test, Affirmative Action #1

<u>a</u>llocate	amb<u>u</u>iguous
con<u>se</u>quently	discrimin<u>a</u>tion
<u>d</u>ominate	<u>e</u>thnic
ex<u>cl</u>ude	ex<u>p</u>licit
justif<u>ic</u>ation	min<u>or</u>ity
orient<u>a</u>tion	<u>p</u>revious

Reading Test, Affirmative Action #1

<p>adj. unclear, vague, indefinite</p> <p>Have you ever given someone an ambiguous answer on purpose? For instance, have you ever said you are not sure when you'll be available to go out? Explain</p>	<p>v. assign, allot, distribute</p> <p>What proportion of a person's income should be allocated toward housing? Why?</p>
<p>n. prejudice, unfairness, bias, favoritism</p> <p>Have you ever experienced any form of discrimination? If yes, what happened?</p>	<p>adv. as a result, therefore, thus, accordingly</p> <p>Prejudice exists in the world. Consequently, we have affirmative action to help right this wrong. Do you think it does a good job at correcting this injustice? Why or why not?</p>
<p>adj. racial, cultural</p> <p>What is your favorite type of ethnic food? Why?</p>	<p>v. control, lead, direct, rule, govern</p> <p>Do you like or dislike people who tend to dominate the conversation? Why?</p>
<p>adj. clear, overt, plain, unambiguous</p> <p>What explicit advice would you offer someone visiting your city? Why?</p>	<p>v. keep out, leave out, bar, prohibit</p> <p>Which activities would you definitely exclude from your idea of a perfect day? Why?</p>
<p>n. smaller group</p> <p>Are men or women a minority in your class? How do you feel about this?</p>	<p>n. good reason, explanation</p> <p>Do you think there is ever a valid justification for discrimination? Why or why not?</p>
<p>adj. prior, preceding, before, earlier</p> <p>During the previous week, how much exercise did you get? Explain.</p>	<p>n. leaning, tendency</p> <p>Do you have a left-wing or a right-wing political orientation? For instance, do you favor socialism or capitalism? Why?</p>

Reading Test, Affirmative Action #2

<u>somewhat</u>	<u>target</u>
<u>percentage</u>	

Reading Test, Affirmative Action #2

<p>n. aim, goal, objective</p> <p>Do you have a target score that you would like to get on the TOEFL exam? If so, what is it? Why do you want to get this score?</p>	<p>adj. rather, fairly, to some extent</p> <p>Are you somewhat of a procrastinator? In other words, do you tend to put things off until the next day? Why or why not?</p>
	<p>n. proportion, fraction</p> <p>What percentage of time do you think you waste? Explain.</p>