



# ESL Vocabulary Worksheet for Adults

## Topic: General Reading Comprehension

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### Exercise 1: Understanding News Articles

#### **Exercise 1.1: Identifying Main Ideas**

***Read the following news article excerpt and answer the questions below.***

Excerpt from a news article:

*"In a surprising turn of events, the city council has voted to increase funding for local parks and recreational facilities. This decision comes after a lengthy campaign by community members who have advocated for better maintenance and more green space in the city..."*

1. What is the main topic of the article?
  - A) Community members' personal stories
  - B) City council's new members

- C) Increased funding for local parks
  - D) The process of voting
2. What action did the city council take?
- A) They campaigned
  - B) They voted to increase funding
  - C) They maintained the parks
  - D) They reduced green space

### **Exercise 1.2: Reading for Detail**

Answer the following questions based on the article excerpt.

1. Why has the city council decided to increase funding?
- A) Due to a surprising turn of events
  - B) After a lengthy campaign by community members
  - C) Because of the new council members
  - D) To reduce maintenance costs
2. What have the community members been advocating for?
- A) More council votes
  - B) Better maintenance and more green space
  - C) Increased taxes
  - D) Funding for recreational facilities only

### **Exercise 1.3: Making Inferences**

Infer the answers to the following questions based on the article excerpt.

1. How might the community members feel about the decision?

- A) Disappointed
- B) Indifferent
- C) Pleased
- D) Confused
2. What can be implied about the city council before the campaign?
- A) They were already planning to increase funding
- B) They were unaware of the community's needs
- C) They were against green spaces
- D) They were focused on other issues

## Exercise 2: Interpreting Instructions

### **Exercise 2.1: Sequencing Steps**

*Read the following instructions for assembling a bookshelf. Then, arrange the steps in the correct order by writing the numbers 1-5 next to each step.*

- \_\_\_ Secure the back panel to the frame using the small nails provided.
- \_\_\_ Attach the side panels to the base using the screws and screwdriver.
- \_\_\_ Lay out all pieces on the floor to ensure all parts are present.
- \_\_\_ Insert the shelves into the frame at your desired heights.
- \_\_\_ Place the base panel on a flat surface.

### **Exercise 2.2: Understanding Purpose**

*Match the steps (A-E) with their purposes (1-5).*

**Steps:**

- A) Secure the back panel to the frame.
- B) Attach the side panels to the base.
- C) Lay out all pieces on the floor.

- D) Insert the shelves into the frame.
- E) Place the base panel on a flat surface.

**Purposes:**

1. To check for all necessary parts.
2. To customize the bookshelf.
3. To ensure stability of the bookshelf.
4. To prepare for the assembly.
5. To start the assembly process.

**Exercise 2.3: Clarifying Meaning**

*Fill in the gaps with the correct phrases from the box below.*

"make sure to"

"do not"

"you should"

"it is necessary to"

"remember to"

1. \_\_\_ over tighten the screws as it may damage the wood.
2. Before beginning, \_\_\_ have all the tools you'll need.
3. \_\_\_ check that all the parts fit snugly before use.
4. \_\_\_ follow the assembly instructions in the order they are given to avoid any mistakes.
5. When assembling the bookshelf, \_\_\_ lift with your knees to prevent back injury.



### Exercise 3: Comprehending Emails

#### **Exercise 3.1: Identifying Tone and Purpose**

*Read the following email excerpt and answer the questions below.*

Excerpt from a business email:

*"Dear Team,*

*As we approach the end of the quarter, I want to commend everyone on their hard work. We've seen remarkable progress, and it's clear that our team's dedication has been a driving force behind our success..."*

1. What is the tone of the email?
  - A) Critical
  - B) Appreciative
  - C) Apologetic
  - D) Indifferent
  
2. What is the purpose of the email?
  - A) To address a problem
  - B) To provide instructions
  - C) To praise the team's efforts
  - D) To announce a meeting

#### **Exercise 3.2: Responding to Emails**

*Write a short response to the email, focusing on maintaining an appropriate tone and addressing all questions or requests.*

Draft a response acknowledging the praise and reflecting on the team's success.

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### **Exercise 3.3: Vocabulary in Context**

*Identify the meaning of the key vocabulary from the email.*

1. "Commend" most nearly means:
  - A) Recommend
  - B) Command
  - C) Praise
  - D) Communicate
  
2. "Remarkable" can be best replaced by:
  - A) Noticeable
  - B) Ordinary
  - C) Extraordinary
  - D) Unseen
  
3. "Dedication" is closest in meaning to:
  - A) Hardship
  - B) Commitment
  - C) Distraction

D) Reduction



## Exercise 4: Analyzing Advertisements

### **Exercise 4.1: Identifying Key Information**

Look at the following advertisement and extract the important information.

#### **Advertisement for a smartphone:**

*"Introducing the new SuperPhone X - the ultimate experience in mobile technology! For a limited time only, get yours at the special price of \$599. With its crystal-clear camera, long-lasting battery, and sleek design, the SuperPhone X is the smart choice for those who want the best. Offer valid until December 31st."*

1. What is the product being advertised?
  - A) A camera
  - B) A mobile phone
  - C) A battery
  - D) A design service
2. What is the special price for the SuperPhone X?
  - A) \$599
  - B) \$699
  - C) \$799
  - D) \$899
3. Until when is the offer valid?
  - A) Until sold out

- B) Until December 31st
- C) For a limited time
- D) Until next year

### **Exercise 4.2: Understanding Persuasive Language**

Identify the persuasive words and phrases in the advertisement.

1. Which phrase indicates urgency?
  - A) "Introducing the new"
  - B) "For a limited time only"
  - C) "crystal-clear camera"
  - D) "smart choice"
2. Which word suggests the superiority of the product?
  - A) "ultimate"
  - B) "special"
  - C) "sleek"
  - D) "new"



### **Exercise 5: Engaging with Literature**

#### **Exercise 5.1: Exploring Themes**

Read the following excerpt from a short story and discuss the main themes.

Excerpt from a short story:



*"Margaret had always found solace in the garden. The vibrant colors of the flowers and the gentle hum of nature around her seemed to wash away her worries. It was here that she felt most at peace, away from the hustle and bustle of her daily life..."*

1. What is a theme that can be identified in this excerpt?
  - A) The chaos of daily life
  - B) The tranquility of nature
  - C) The importance of technology
  - D) The struggle for financial success

### **Exercise 5.2: Character Analysis**

Analyze the motivations and characteristics of the character in the story.

1. What can be inferred about Margaret's character?
  - A) She is technology-driven.
  - B) She is nature-loving.
  - C) She is socially active.
  - D) She is financially motivated.

### **Exercise 5.3: Predicting Outcomes**

Predict what might happen next in the story and justify your predictions with evidence from the text.

1. What do you think Margaret will do next?
  - A) Seek out a busy city
  - B) Stay in the garden
  - C) Look for a new technology
  - D) Invest in a business

Provide a reason for your prediction in the question above.

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