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# LEVEL ONE VOCABULARY STORIES

READING IN CONTEXT

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## Level 1 Vocabulary Story 1

Complete the story using words from vocabulary list one in the blank spaces.

actor	island	uncle	actress	fashion	desert	aunt	artist
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Chris Pine is an **actor**. He plays the part of Captain Kirk in the *Star Trek* Movies.

Actors are a kind of **artist**, just like painting or playing music. Zoe Saldana is an **actress**. She is one of Chris's co-stars and plays the part of Uhura.



Many actors and actresses have family who also act. Sometimes it is their mother or father but other times it is an **aunt** or **uncle**.

Acting can take you to many interesting places. You might film on an **island** in the middle of an ocean, or a hot, dry **desert**.

Many people like to follow the **fashion** of their favorite star.

They enjoy seeing what clothing famous people wear.



cousin	businessmen/businesswomen	Club	match	information	file	manager	businessman
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My **cousin** Ali is a **manager** in a shop. Ali is my father's brother's son. He works at Al Jimi Mall and runs a shop. Ali's father is a **businessman** and does business in Dubai and Abu Dhabi. They both work with **businessmen** and **businesswomen** from all around the world.

Ali keeps a **file** with all of the papers for his job in it. The **information** in this folder is very important, and tells about the work Ali does each week.



Ali works very hard but he still has time for a **hobby**. In his spare time, he enjoys playing football at the Rugby **Club**. He has made many friends there and works hard to do well in every **match**.

autumn	clear	cloudy	dances	forest	farmers	moon
spring	sky	sings	singer	grandfather/grandmother	laughs	cool



In **autumn**, when the temperature drops, the air feels very **cool** and clean.

In autumn, some days are warm and **cloudy** while others the sky is **clear**.

My **grandmother** and **grandfather** my mother's parents, are **farmers**. They grow fruits and vegetables, which they collect in autumn. Some nights my grandfather looks up at the **sky** to see the stars and the **moon**. Other days he likes to walk in the **forest** to see all of the trees.



Grandmother says that her favorite time of year is **spring** when the weather is still cool and rainy. When it rains sometimes, she goes outside and **sings** songs and **dances** in the rain. She is a good **singer**. Grandfather **laughs** at us. He thinks it is funny but he likes it when Grandmother sings. She used to be a **singer**.



## Level 1 Vocabulary Story 2

Use the words in the gray box from vocabulary list two to complete the stories.

price	chat	simple	airport	front	busy	art	library	across	bridge
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I hurried over the **bridge** across the road on my way to the **airport** to catch my plane to France. I was happy about my trip. I was going to visit several places full of famous **art** like paintings. I was also going to see a very old **library** with special books.

My flight was leaving in only two hours so I had to hurry. The airport was very **busy** with many people trying to travel. The family at the **front** of the line had so many bags it took a long time to get through check in.



While I was waiting, I started to **chat** with another woman. She was telling me how happy she was with the **price** of her holiday because the cost was low. She said it was **simple** to make the booking and that she was excited about her trip.

simple	followed	tourist	health	healthy	mountain	lake	left	map	exercise
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Aisha loves to travel. She enjoys being a **tourist** and going to many new places and meeting new people. One thing she finds difficult when traveling is staying **healthy** and not getting sick.

Aisha says that if you are going to travel often you need to take care of your **health**. One way to do this is to plan your trip around **exercise** and activities. On one trip, she walked up a very high **mountain**. It was a hard trip but **simple** because you just **followed** a guide along the path.



Another time she went to visit a **lake** where the water was very blue. She spent her time doing water sports like swimming, boating, and sail surfing. She said that the sailboard was very hard to turn to the **left** for some reason.



Aisha tells everyone who likes to travel to make sure they have a **map** of the place they are visiting and a good compass.

### Level 1 Vocabulary Story 3

Complete the story using the words from vocabulary list 3 for level 1.

excellent	bring	activities	alone	national	camping
everyone/everybody		fishing		fall/autumn	



One of my favorite **activities** is **camping**. You go out into the forest, desert, or mountains and camp. It is something you can do with friends or **alone**. I enjoy being out in nature and seeing the pretty landscape. Sometimes I go to the **national** parks. They are special places set aside for the nation to enjoy.

There are many things that you can do while camping. You often see people **fishing** or just paddling a boat. You can also go hiking, or just stay at your tent and visit with friends.

My favorite time to camp is in the **fall** when the temperatures are cooler but not cold like in winter.

Last year, my friends and I went to Hatta National Park. **Everyone** thought it was beautiful. We each agreed to **bring** a meal to share so no one had to do all of the cooking. It was an **excellent** camping trip.



another	everybody	failed	heart	hit	joined	pain	race	prize	rest
running	strong	surprised	team	thin	winner	race	fall		



**T**eam sports are a good way to get fit. I think playing sports is more fun with a team. Everybody was **surprised** when I **joined** my school's relay team.

They all thought that I was too **thin** because I am so small. They did not know that I love **running**.

A relay team means you only have to run part of the **race**. Then you hand off something like a stick called a baton to **another** runner.



At my first race, I was feeling very **strong**, as if I could run all day. I was handed the baton and started my part of the **race** without any problem but just as I handed it to my teammate, I started to **fall**. My **heart** was beating fast when in my chest when my knee **hit** the ground and I felt a sharp **pain**. The coach told me to **rest** for a while and it soon got better. I felt like it would be my fault if the team **failed** to win but we did not fail, we actually won. The whole team got a **prize**. It felt nice to be a **winner**.



## Level 1 Vocabulary Story 4

Use the words in the lists to complete the stories in each box.

air	apartment	bicycle	centre	engineer	office	noisy	trip	traffic	far
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The **air** was fresh and clear when I left my **apartment** in the morning. I had not lived there for long so the area was new to me. I always ride my **bicycle** to work each day. I work at an **office** in the **centre** of town. I work as an **engineer** building things.

My job is close to my new apartment so I don't have to ride very **far**, but sometimes there are so many cars on the road that **traffic** is very bad. It is also very **noisy** with everyone honking their horns.

I'm happy that my **trip** to work does not take very long.



build	comfortable	furniture	mirror	collect	photo	cost	noisy	dirty	way
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The first job I ever had I helped to **build** couches, chairs, and tables. You know **furniture**. The company I worked for made very **comfortable** sofas. They even made a special table that had a **mirror** on top for women to use when putting on make-up.

I did not actually build furniture though. Instead, I made picture frames for people to show off a **photo** or other items they liked to **collect** like coins or stamps. The frames were very fancy and I had to be careful when making them. Some frames were very expensive and **cost** a lot of money.



I really enjoyed my first job but it could be very **noisy** because of the machines and the **way** the sound carried. I always had wood shavings and other messes to clean up. I was always very **dirty** when I got home and had to wash up before supper.



off	way	nurse	middle	plastic	friendly	fire
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Yesterday Aisha was on her **way** to work when she saw a **fire**. The flames and smoke were very high and she was worried. There was a box in the **middle** of the road, which was on fire. Apparently, the box had fallen **off** a truck and someone's cigarette started the fire. The box was full of old papers and **plastic** bottles.

Aisha is a **nurse** and when she got to work at the hospital, she told everyone about what had happened. Aisha is a **friendly** and helpful person and she wanted her friends to be careful when driving home.



## Level 1 Vocabulary Story 5

Use the words from Vocabulary list 5 to complete the stories.

oil	advice	Type	stomach	peppers	onions	thirsty	agreed	try	sick	grow
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This week I went to see my doctor to get some **advice** about weight loss. I had not been feeling very well and wanted to get healthy. Many people in my family have **Type II Diabetes**. They cannot eat sugar. You are at risk of this illness if your **stomach** is large and you are always really **thirsty**.

My doctor said that I was not **sick** but he **agreed** that I should **try** to be healthy. He said the first thing I should do is stop eating candy or sweets and start eating vegetables.



My neighbor has been thinking of making a garden where we could **grow** things like **peppers**, **onions**, and tomatoes. I enjoy all of these vegetables. They are very good in a salad. I like mine with **oil** and lemon.

keep	special	empty	spoons	fork	rich	dish	bake	shared
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Eating healthy can be fun and delicious. I started some good eating habits and last night I cooked my own meal. I made a big **dish** of soup.

I **shared** dinner with my friend. I like to **bake** so I made fresh bread for the meal.



The soup was so **rich** and thick you could almost eat it with a **fork** but we decided to use **spoons**. We both enjoyed the meal so much that soon the bowl was **empty**. It was a very **special** meal because it was my birthday. I saved some of the bread. I decided to **keep** it in the freezer for later.



## Level 1 Vocabulary Story 6

Use the words from Vocabulary list 6 to complete the stories.

climb	break	careful	afraid	arrived	happened	stand	complete
worry	cool	future	return	sound	twice	heavy	check



Last winter, during our **break** I went on an outdoor adventure. This is a trip where you go camping and hiking in a wild area like a forest. We had to walk for miles each day but the area was beautiful. One day we had to **climb** a very tall mountain.

At first, I was **afraid** because the mountain looked very dangerous. In some places, we had to **climb** almost straight up a rock wall. I was very **careful** as I moved along the trail. I kept looking back to **check** on my friends as well.



Finally, we all **arrived** safely at the top of the mountain. I was surprised at how hard the climb had been. Then I was happy I had been able to **complete** the walk and that nothing bad had **happened** to anyone.



After we had a rest, I could see how beautiful the area was. It was amazing to **stand** there and be able to see everything for miles. It was like looking down on the world. I put down my **heavy** bag and looked around me. Every single person was enjoying the view.

After a little while, I began to **worry** about how we would get back down. Then our guide showed us a zip-line. You could ride it down to the bottom of the mountain and at the end land in a lake.

It was so much fun. I **let** the guide take my bag and joined the line for the ride. As I rode the zip-line to the bottom, the **sound** of the air in my ears was very loud. I could not believe how fast I was going.

I had to try **twice** to take off my harness and thought I was past the lake but then I landed with a splash. The water splashing over me felt wonderful.



In the future if you ever want to take a special trip I would suggest you go on this one. One day I hope to **return** to this mountain again.

