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## Vocabulary List 1

<b>word</b> (part of speech) [pronunciation] <b>common word forms</b>	definition alternate choices for words, including synonyms and phrases
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<b>ability</b> (noun) [uh BIL ih tee] <b>able</b> (adjective)	having the physical or mental power to do something talent    skill
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<b>barter</b> (verb) [BAHR ter]	to trade one thing for another without the use of money swap    exchange
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<b>continent</b> (noun) [KAHN tuh nent]	one of the seven large divisions of land on Earth mainland    landmass
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<b>delicate</b> (adjective) [DEL ih kut]	easily broken, damaged, injured, hurt, or made sick fragile    weak    dainty
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<b>extinction</b> (noun) [ek STINK shun] <b>extinct</b> (adjective)	a coming to an end dying out    vanishing    end of life    no longer active
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<b>gradual</b> (adjective) [GRAJ oo uhl] <b>gradually</b> (adverb)	happening slowly and evenly over a long period of time step-by-step    unhurried    creeping    bit-by-bit
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<b>moisture</b> (noun) [MOYS chur] <b>moist</b> (adjective)	water or other liquid causing slight wetness dampness    dew    steam    fog    sweat    mist
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<b>opponent</b> (noun) [uh POH nent] <b>oppose</b> (verb)	a person who competes against another in a game or contest competitor    rival    enemy
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<b>privilege</b> (noun) [PRIV uh lij] <b>privileged</b> (adjective)	a right given to some and not to others benefit    advantage
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<b>triumph</b> (noun) [TRI umf] <b>triumphant</b> (adjective)	the joy of victory or success accomplishment    win    pride    celebration
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**A. Write the best word to complete each sentence.**

1. Kelly uses conditioner when she washes her hair, because it returns the

\_\_\_\_\_ that the shampoo takes out.

triumph    moisture    privilege

2. Sebastian will \_\_\_\_\_ with Casey to fix his bike in exchange for one of his skateboards.

oppose    triumph    barter

3. Libby said, "I get car sick when I'm in the car for longer than an hour because my

\_\_\_\_\_ stomach."

delicate    moisture    triumph

4. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Australia/Oceania is home to unique animals such as the kangaroo and koala bear.

extinction    ability    continent

5. Nick challenged Eli so he could \_\_\_\_\_ him in a contest to see who could solve a Rubiks Cube puzzle first.

triumph    barter    oppose

6. Mrs. Sandberg said she hoped that eBooks would not make real books become

\_\_\_\_\_.

delicate    gradual    extinct

7. The \_\_\_\_\_ change to cooler temperatures meant that winter was on its way.

triumphant    gradual    delicate

8. "My parents had the \_\_\_\_\_ of riding in a cable car to the top of Matterhorn Mountain in the Alps mountain range in Switzerland," said Celine.  
privilege    opponent    triumph
9. Principal Bennet encouraged the primary students to always work to the best of their \_\_\_\_\_.  
ability    delicate    privilege
10. Bridget said that in her favorite book, *Paint the Wind*, eleven-year-old Maya experiences a \_\_\_\_\_ when she gains self-confidence and joy while getting to know the mysterious horse Artemisia and her foal (baby horse).  
delicacy    privilege    triumph
11. Julian's kite collection started when his uncle bought him a brightly colored dragonfly-shaped kite from Indonesia; \_\_\_\_\_ he has collected seven kites from all over the world.  
able    triumphant    gradually
12. Tony's hockey team, the Mighty Munchkins, was \_\_\_\_\_ in their final game against the Super Seals.  
triumphant    privileged    delicate
13. At lunch, Annie \_\_\_\_\_ her grapes for two of Jack's homemade oatmeal raisin cookies.  
privileged    opposed    bartered
14. Mary Louise learned that the largest country on the \_\_\_\_\_ of North America is Canada.  
moisture    continent    opponent

15. Stella's eyes were \_\_\_\_\_ from crying, because she was so happy her Dad was home from the army. privileged   able   moist
16. Rima, who learned basic photography methods in a summer class, was \_\_\_\_\_ to take pictures to use in the yearbook. bartered   opposed   able
17. Josh said that penguins and polar bears risk \_\_\_\_\_ due to the increase in global temperatures. extinction   privilege   triumph
18. Tony's hockey team won the city championship because they were better than all their \_\_\_\_\_. abilities   opponents   privileges
19. Shandra showed the class the \_\_\_\_\_ Star of David necklace that she received as a gift from her aunt. delicate   gradual   privileged
20. Principal Bennet told the kids that they were \_\_\_\_\_ to have Ms. Liu as a history and geography teacher because of her education, experience, and world-wide travels. moist   triumphant   privileged

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

ability  
convince  
bartered

continent  
delicate  
extinction

gradual  
moisture  
opponent

privilege  
triumph  
rural

1. A spider's web looks \_\_\_\_\_, but it is really strong.
2. Kelly had the \_\_\_\_\_ of being chosen to perform an Irish step dance in the talent show.
3. Ms. Liu explained that salt, which was used to preserve food from spoiling before refrigeration, was \_\_\_\_\_ for tea, weapons, and spices.
4. Some scientists think that a huge meteorite crashing into Earth may have caused the \_\_\_\_\_ of the dinosaurs.
5. "Asia is a \_\_\_\_\_ and India is a country in Asia," explained Ms. Liu.
6. "Casey, will you be my \_\_\_\_\_ in a game of chess?" asked Sebastian.
7. Shandra was elected class president because of her leadership \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Dew is \_\_\_\_\_ that collects on grass when temperatures become cooler at night.
9. The Olympic athletes celebrated their \_\_\_\_\_ with a parade through the streets of New York City.
10. "If you work on your map in a \_\_\_\_\_ way, doing a little bit at a time, you will do a better job," Ms. Liu recommended.

### C. Story Challenge

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

bartered  
triumphant  
extinct

gradually  
solution  
ability

moisture  
region  
opponents

delicate  
continents  
privilege

### Continents and Countries

Ms. Liu <sup>(1)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ began the day's lesson by first giving her new group of third graders time to chat, and then by asking who could name the <sup>(2)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ of the world. Eli raised his hand. "North America, South America, Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia/Oceania and Antarctica," he correctly replied.

"Good, Eli," Ms. Liu continued. "Now, I will pass out slips of paper, each with a name of one of the continents. Your assignment is to find a country that begins with the letter of your first name on that continent and be able to mark the location of your country on our world map." Ms. Liu had a dry-erase, wall-size world map in her room. "You all have the <sup>(3)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to use the Internet to find information," she continued. "So as another challenge, I would like you to find two facts about the country you choose."

Ms. Liu gave an example. She said, "If I chose Europe as my continent, I would have to find a country name that begins with "H" because Huan is my first name. So I might choose Hungary, a country in Central Europe." Ms. Liu walked to the map and pointed to Hungary. She then circled the country name. She continued, "One fact about Hungary is that the famous composer and pianist, Franz Liszt, came from Hungary. Another fact is that Hungary has often been <sup>(4)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in water polo at the Olympic games. They defeated many <sup>(5)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ from other nations." After Ms. Liu's example, class ended and everyone was excited about doing his or her Internet research.

The next day, Kelly said she would begin. "Did I misunderstand?" asked Ms. Liu, "I thought Celine was going to start."

"Celine and I <sup>(6)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_," Kelly explained. Celine said if I went first, she would share her brownies from her lunch. So now I have the <sup>(7)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ of being

first.” Kelly walked to the map, pointed to Korea in Eastern Asia and began. “Korea is a country in Asia that is divided into two different countries—North Korea and South Korea. I am an ice skater, so a fact I found interesting is that Kim Yu-Na is a South Korean figure skater who won an Olympic gold medal in 2010.” Kelly continued by showing the class a beautiful, <sup>(8)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ fan painted with trees and mountains. “Another fact is that Korean art includes pottery, masks, paintings, and fans such as this one.”

Casey was next. “I chose Columbia on the continent of South America.” After pointing to Columbia and circling the country name, he said, “Columbia has areas with a lot of <sup>(9)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ because of rain forests and a tropical climate. One fact is that animals such as jaguars, poison dart frogs, and many species of butterflies and birds might be found in the rain forest. One animal—the giant vampire bat—is now <sup>(10)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. Another fact is that Columbia is on the equator, so there is a lot of heat and sun.” Casey concluded his presentation just as class was about to end.

“Kelly and Casey gave us interesting information on Korea and Columbia. Tomorrow we’ll continue learning about more countries,” said Ms. Liu.





**D.** The underlined part in each sentence is a synonym, phrase, or definition for a list word. Unscramble the list word and write the word on the blank.

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|---|-----------|
| 1. Mrs. Ochoa explained that in very dry areas such as deserts, plants depend on the <u>dew</u> that forms in the morning after a hot day is followed by a cool night.  | _____     |
|   | temisuor  |
| 2. On the <u>mainland</u> of Australia, most of the almost 22 million inhabitants live along the coast, because so much of Australia is desert.   | _____     |
|   | ntocnniet |
| 3. Casey said that a jaguar is a big cat that likes the water and has the <u>skill</u> to swim.   | _____     |
|   | liaybit   |
| 4. Casey also said that jaguars face <u>dying out</u> because of people's activities in their habitats, such as logging, farming, and mining.   | _____     |
|   | xnetcioni |
| 5. "I always <u>win</u> at table tennis when I play with my brothers," bragged Annie.   | _____     |
|   | pruhimt   |
| 6. The trail up the mountain had a <u>step-by-step</u> grade.   | _____     |
|   | galardu   |
| 7. Libby thought living in the United States was a <u>benefit</u> because she had the freedom to become a scientist, president, astronaut, or anything else she wanted to be.   | _____     |
|   | glepirvie |
| 8. Even though a hummingbird looks <u>fragile</u> , this little bird is very strong, it flaps its wings nearly 70 times a second, and can even fly backwards.   | _____     |
|   | cteleaid  |
| 9. President Thomas Jefferson asked Lewis and Clark to explore the area west of the Mississippi River. They took items such as fishing hooks, blankets, and hatchets to <u>exchange</u> with Native Americans for safe passage through their lands. | _____     |
|   | rtbera    |
| 10. Mary Louise explained that <u>competitors</u> for her lacrosse team came from other lacrosse clubs.   | _____     |
|   | ntpopnoes |

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

- rival
- unhurried
- downtown
- victory
- talent
- landmass
- dampness
- dainty
- vanishing
- persuade
- to trade
- advantage

1. triumph \_\_\_\_\_
2. privilege \_\_\_\_\_
3. ability \_\_\_\_\_
4. opponent \_\_\_\_\_
5. extinction \_\_\_\_\_
6. moisture \_\_\_\_\_
7. barter \_\_\_\_\_
8. gradual \_\_\_\_\_
9. continent \_\_\_\_\_
10. delicate \_\_\_\_\_

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F. Write a sentence for each underlined list word or word form. Then underline the word in your sentence. An example sentence is provided.



Keywords to use to search the Internet.

1. Write a sentence about a time when you had the privilege of seeing or hearing something special.

Example: I had the privilege of seeing The Nutcracker ballet during Christmas break.

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2. Write a sentence about something delicate in your home.

Example: On a shelf in my living room is a delicate, small carving of a dragon that came from Indonesia.

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3. Write a sentence about something you learned gradually, instead of all at once.

Example: By practicing piano every day, I gradually learned the basic scales, and my fingers began to get stronger.

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4. Write a sentence about seeing a person or a team triumph.

Example: At the 2016 Summer Olympic games in Brazil, my family watched American swimmer Katie Ledecky triumph by winning five gold medals.

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5. Write about something that would be covered with moisture in the early morning.

Example: Mom asked me to wipe off the moisture on the picnic table and benches so that we could eat breakfast outside.

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6. Write a sentence about something you own that you could use to barter with a friend for something he or she has.

Example: I bartered my pencil with a Spider Man eraser for two of Jack's red velvet cupcakes that he had in his lunch.

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7. Write a sentence about your opponent in a game you played.

Example: When I play chess, my usual opponent is my sister.

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8. Write a sentence about a country you would like to visit on the continent of Europe.

Example: I would like to visit Spain on the continent of Europe.

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9. Write a sentence about a family member who has a special ability.

Example: My dad has the ability to use his camera to take beautiful photographs.

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10. Search the Internet to find information about an animal that is extinct.

 extinct animals

Example: The giant rat from the Canary Islands is extinct.

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