

Vocabulary Expansion: Themed Vocabulary Lists for Intermediate English Learners

Introduction

Welcome to "Vocabulary Expansion: Themed Vocabulary Lists for Intermediate English Learners." This e-book is designed to help you build a richer vocabulary by exploring words and phrases related to specific themes, such as travel, work, and hobbies. By learning and practicing these words in context, you'll be able to express yourself more clearly and confidently in English.

Chapter 1: Travel Vocabulary

1.1 Essential Travel Words

Vocabulary List:

Accommodation - a place where you stay, like a hotel or hostel.

Itinerary - a detailed plan for a trip.

Baggage - luggage or suitcases.

Currency - the money used in a particular country.

Passport - an official document that allows you to travel abroad.

Sightseeing - visiting interesting places, especially as a tourist.

Embassy - the office of a country's representative in another country.

Customs - the place where your luggage may be checked when entering a country.

Practice Exercise:

Exercise 1: Fill in the blanks with the correct travel vocabulary word:

"Make sure your _____ is valid before booking an international flight."

"We planned our _____ so that we could visit all the major attractions."

"You need to declare any items you bought abroad at _____."

Exercise 2: Write a short paragraph describing a trip you have taken or would like to take, using at least five of the vocabulary words above.

1.2 Phrasal Verbs for Travel

Vocabulary List:

Check in - to register at a hotel or airport.

Set off - to begin a journey.

Take off - when a plane leaves the ground.

Pick up - to collect someone, usually in a vehicle.

Drop off - to leave someone at a destination.

Practice Exercise:

Exercise 1: Match the phrasal verbs with their correct sentences:

"We _____ at 5 AM to catch the early train." - a. "set off"

"The plane _____ late due to bad weather." - b. "took off"

"Can you _____ me _____ at the airport?" - c. "drop off"

Exercise 2: Create a dialogue between two friends planning a trip, using at least three phrasal verbs from the list.

Chapter 2: Work Vocabulary

2.1 Office and Business Vocabulary

Vocabulary List:

Deadline - the latest time by which something must be completed.

Meeting - a gathering of people to discuss something.

Promotion - a move to a higher position in a job.

Colleague - someone you work with.

Salary - the money you earn from your job.

Client - a person or company that you do business with.

Contract - a legal agreement between two parties.

Report - a document that gives information or an opinion.

Practice Exercise:

Exercise 1: Choose the correct word to complete each sentence:

"She worked hard to meet the _____ for the project."

"After the _____, they decided to extend the contract."

"He was happy to receive a _____ after five years with the company."

Exercise 2: Write a brief description of your ideal job, using at least six of the vocabulary words listed above.

2.2 Phrasal Verbs for Work

Vocabulary List:

Take on - to accept a new responsibility.

Lay off - to terminate someone's employment, usually for economic reasons.

Bring up - to mention or introduce a topic.

Go over - to review something.

Hand in - to submit something, like a report or assignment.

Practice Exercise:

Exercise 1: Complete the sentences using the correct phrasal verb:

"We need to _____ the proposal before the meeting."

"She was _____ because the company was downsizing."

"He _____ his resignation yesterday."

Exercise 2: Write a dialogue between a manager and an employee discussing a new project, using at least three phrasal verbs from the list.

Chapter 3: Hobbies Vocabulary

3.1 Hobbies and Leisure Activities

Vocabulary List:

Photography - the art of taking pictures.

Gardening - growing and taking care of plants.

Knitting - making clothes by interlocking loops of yarn.

Cycling - riding a bicycle.

Painting - creating pictures with paint.

Cooking - preparing food.

Hiking - walking long distances in nature.

Reading - the activity of understanding written text.

Practice Exercise:

Exercise 1: Match the hobbies with their descriptions:

"_____ is great for capturing beautiful moments." - a. "Photography"

"_____ can be very relaxing and creative, especially with colorful yarns." - b.

"Knitting"

"_____ is a wonderful way to explore the outdoors." - c. "Hiking"

Exercise 2: Write a paragraph about your favorite hobby, using at least four of the vocabulary words listed above.

3.2 Phrasal Verbs for Hobbies

Vocabulary List:

Take up - to start a new hobby or activity.

Give up - to stop doing something.

Join in - to participate in an activity with others.

Keep up - to continue doing something regularly.

Get into - to become interested in something.

Practice Exercise:

Exercise 1: Fill in the blanks with the correct phrasal verb:

"I _____ yoga last year and now I practice every day."

"She decided to _____ running after realizing it wasn't for her."

"They _____ the cooking class together every weekend."

Exercise 2: Describe how you got into a new hobby or activity, using at least three phrasal verbs from the list.

Chapter 4: Food and Cooking Vocabulary

4.1 Cooking Terms

Vocabulary List:

Ingredients - the items needed to make a dish.

Recipe - instructions for preparing a dish.

Bake - to cook in an oven.

Boil - to cook in water at a high temperature.

Fry - to cook in oil or fat.

Chop - to cut into small pieces.

Season - to add salt, pepper, or spices to food.

Taste - the flavor of food.

Practice Exercise:

Exercise 1: Choose the correct word to complete the sentences:

"The _____ for this cake calls for three eggs and two cups of flour."

"After you _____ the vegetables, add them to the pan."

"Make sure to _____ the soup well before serving."

Exercise 2: Write a simple recipe for your favorite dish, using at least five of the vocabulary words listed above.

4.2 Phrasal Verbs for Cooking

Vocabulary List:

Whip up - to quickly prepare a meal.

Cut down on - to reduce the amount of something, especially food.

Eat out - to dine at a restaurant.

Boil over - when a liquid spills out of a pot due to boiling.

Heat up - to warm food that has already been cooked.

Practice Exercise:

Exercise 1: Complete the sentences with the correct phrasal verb:

"We decided to _____ tonight instead of cooking at home."

"The milk _____ because I forgot to watch it."

"I'll just _____ some leftovers for dinner."

Exercise 2: Describe a cooking disaster or a successful meal you've prepared, using at least three phrasal verbs from the list.

Conclusion

Congratulations on completing "Vocabulary Expansion: Themed Vocabulary Lists for Intermediate English Learners." By expanding your vocabulary across different themes, you've gained the tools to communicate more effectively in a variety of situations. Continue practicing and exploring new words, and watch your English skills grow!

Chapter 1: Travel Vocabulary

1.1 Essential Travel Words

Exercise 1: Vocabulary Matching Match the travel-related words with their correct

definitions:

Word Definition

Accommodation A place to stay while traveling

Baggage The suitcases or bags you carry while traveling

Currency The money used in a country

Itinerary A plan detailing your travel schedule and activities

Passport An official document required to travel internationally

Exercise 2: Sentence Construction Use each of the following words in a sentence related to travel:

Accommodation

Sightseeing

Embassy

Customs

Exercise 3: Scenario-Based Practice Imagine you are planning a trip to a foreign country. Write a detailed plan including the following elements:

Where you will stay (accommodation)

What you plan to do (sightseeing)

What you will need to bring to avoid issues at the border (customs)

How you will handle any issues with your passport (embassy)

Chapter 2: Work Vocabulary

2.1 Office and Business Vocabulary

Exercise 1: Vocabulary Fill-in-the-Blanks Fill in the blanks with the correct work-related vocabulary word:

"The _____ was set for the end of the month, so everyone worked hard to finish the project."

"She received a _____ to a higher position after her successful performance."

"The _____ requires you to sign a legal agreement before starting work."

Exercise 2: Word Use in Context Write a short paragraph describing a typical workday. Include at least five of the vocabulary words from the list (e.g., client, report, meeting).

Exercise 3: Scenario-Based Practice Create a dialogue between a manager and an employee discussing a project deadline and a potential promotion. Use the

following vocabulary words: deadline, promotion, meeting, and client.

Chapter 3: Hobbies Vocabulary

3.1 Hobbies and Leisure Activities

Exercise 1: Vocabulary Definitions Provide a definition for each of the following hobbies:

Gardening

Cycling

Painting

Knitting

Exercise 2: Vocabulary Application Write a descriptive paragraph about your favorite hobby, including at least five vocabulary words from the list. Describe why you enjoy it and how you engage in it.

Exercise 3: Matching Hobbies Match each hobby to a typical activity associated with it:

Hobby Activity

Photography Taking pictures of landscapes

Gardening Planting flowers and vegetables

Cycling Riding a bike through the park

Cooking Preparing meals and trying new recipes

Chapter 4: Food and Cooking Vocabulary

4.1 Cooking Terms

Exercise 1: Vocabulary Matching Match the cooking terms to their definitions:

Term Definition

Ingredients Items used to prepare a dish

Bake To cook food in an oven

Boil To cook food in boiling water

Season To add spices or flavorings to food

Chop To cut food into small pieces

Exercise 2: Recipe Writing Write a detailed recipe for a dish you enjoy. Include instructions and ingredients, making sure to use at least five cooking terms from the list.

Exercise 3: Cooking Scenario Imagine you are preparing a meal for a special occasion. Describe the steps you would take, using the following terms: bake, chop, boil, season, and taste.

Chapter 5: Additional Vocabulary Themes

5.1 Health and Fitness Vocabulary

Vocabulary List:

Exercise - physical activity to improve health.

Diet - the kinds of food a person regularly eats.

Wellness - overall health and well-being.

Cardio - exercises that increase heart rate.

Strength training - exercises to build muscle.

Exercise 1: Vocabulary Fill-in-the-Blanks Fill in the blanks with the correct health and fitness vocabulary word:

"Regular _____ is important for maintaining good health."

"She follows a balanced _____ to stay fit and healthy."

"Incorporating _____ exercises, like running, helps improve cardiovascular health."

Exercise 2: Scenario-Based Practice Describe a fitness routine using at least five of the vocabulary words. Explain how each component contributes to overall wellness.

Exercise 3: Vocabulary Usage Write a paragraph about how you maintain your health and fitness. Include references to exercise, diet, wellness, cardio, and strength training.

5.2 Technology Vocabulary

Vocabulary List:

Software - programs and applications used on computers.

Hardware - physical components of a computer system.

Network - a system of connected computers.

Application (App) - a software program for a specific task.

Database - an organized collection of data.

Exercise 1: Vocabulary Definitions Define the following technology terms:

Software

Hardware

Network

Database

Exercise 2: Technology in Context Write a short report on the role of technology in modern business. Use at least five of the vocabulary words from the list.

Exercise 3: Technology Scenario Imagine you are setting up a new office with technology. Describe the essential software, hardware, and network components you would need, and how they would function together.