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List One:

Create a simple sentence using the following vocabulary words. A simple sentence has one subject and one verb. It is known as an Independent Clause because it can stand alone. It will never include a dependent clause but can have compound subjects, compound verbs and/or direct objects.

Examples:

Tom reads novels.

Tom reads newspapers.

Tom reads novels and newspapers. (compound direct object)

Tom reads and enjoys novels. (compound verb)

Tom and Harry read novels. (compound subject)

*Tom and Harry read and enjoy novels and newspapers.
(compound subject, verb, direct object)*

1. adversary (n) someone who offers opposition
2. aplomb (n) great coolness and composure under strain
3. apprehensive (adj) in fear or dread of possible evil or harm
4. aptitude (n) inherent ability
5. attentive (adj) taking heed
6. banish (v) send away from a place of residence, as for punishment
7. barricade (v) block off with barriers
8. bluff (v) frighten someone by pretending to be stronger than one is
9. brackish (adj) slightly salty
10. brandish (v) move or swing back and forth

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List Two:

Create a compound sentence using each of the vocabulary words below. A COMPOUND SENTENCE has two independent clauses joined by

- A. a coordinating conjunction (for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so),
- B. a conjunctive adverb (e.g. however, therefore), or
- C. a semicolon alone.

Examples (to match A, B, and C above):

A. Tom reads novels, **but** Jack reads comics.

B. Tom reads novels; **however**, Jack reads comics.

C. Tom reads novels; his friend reads comics.

- 11. circumference (n) the size of something as given by the distance around it
- 12. commotion (n) confused movement
- 13. concoction (n) any foodstuff made by combining different ingredients
- 14. conspicuous (adj) obvious to the eye or mind
- 15. contortion (n) a tortuous and twisted shape or position
- 16. counter (v) speak in response
- 17. cunning (adj) shrewdness as demonstrated by being skilled in deception
- 18. debris (n) the remains of something that has been destroyed
- 19. defiance (n) a hostile challenge
- 20. deft (adj) skillful in physical movements; especially of the hands

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List Three:

Use the following vocabulary words in a complex sentence. A COMPLEX SENTENCE has one dependent clause (headed by a subordinating conjunction or a relative pronoun) joined to an independent clause.

Examples:

A. Although Tom reads novels, Jack reads comics.

B. Jack reads comics although Tom reads novels.

C. Jack Smith, who reads comics, rarely reads novels.

D. People who read comics rarely read novels.

21. destination (n) the place designated as the end, as of a race or journey
22. diminish (v) decrease in size, extent, or range
23. disdain (n) lack of respect accompanied by a feeling of intense dislike
24. dismal (adj) causing dejection
25. dispel (v) force to go away
26. eavesdrop (v) listen without the speaker's knowledge
27. egregious (adj) conspicuously and outrageously bad or reprehensible
28. ember (n) a hot, smoldering fragment of wood left from a fire
29. emerge (v) come out into view, as from concealment
30. engross (v) consume all of one's attention or time

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List Four:

Use the following vocabulary in a compound/complex sentence. A COMPOUND-COMPLEX SENTENCE has two independent clauses joined to one or more dependent clauses.

Examples:

While Tom reads novels, Jack reads comics, but Sam reads only magazines.

dependent clause independent clause independent clause

Tom reads novels, but Jack reads comics because books are too difficult.

independent clause independent clause dependent clause

Jack, who reads comics, rarely reads novels; however, Tom enjoys novels.

dependent clause independent clause independent clause

People who read comics rarely read novels; they often find books difficult.

dependent clause independent clause

31. exasperation (n) a feeling of annoyance
32. exhilarate (v) fill with sublime emotion
33. falter (v) move hesitatingly, as if about to give way
34. foresight (n) seeing ahead; knowing in advance; foreseeing
35. fragrance (n) a distinctive odor that is pleasant
36. furtive (adj) secret and sly or sordid
37. grueling (adj) characterized by effort to the point of exhaustion
38. gusto (n) vigorous and enthusiastic enjoyment
39. habitation (n) the act of dwelling in or living permanently in a place
40. hasten (v) speed up the progress of; facilitate

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List Five:

Practice using the adverbial clause openers for the following 10 vocabulary words. When, While, Where, As, Since, If, Although, & Because (www.asia.b). You must start your sentences with one of the adverbs listed.

41. headway (n) forward movement
42. ignite (v) cause to start burning
43. illuminate (v) make free from confusion or ambiguity
44. impending (adj) close in time; about to occur
45. imperious (adj) having or showing arrogant superiority to
46. jabber (v) talk in a noisy, excited, or declamatory manner
47. jargon (n) technical terminology characteristic of a particular subject
48. jostle (v) make one's way by pushing or shoving
49. jut (v) extend out or project in space
50. kindle (v) call forth, as an emotion, feeling, or response

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List Six:

For the following words, start your sentences with a Prepositional clause. Examples of prepositions are aboard, beside, above, across, among, toward, around, past, during, through, beyond, between, by, upon, within, against, opposite, below, about, and beneath. You are not limited to this list.

51. knoll (n) a small natural hill

52. luminous (adj) softly bright or radiant

53. malleable (adj) easily influenced

54. materialize (v) come into being; become reality

55. meander (v) to move or cause to move in a sinuous or circular course

56. meticulous (adj) marked by extreme care in treatment of details

57. misgiving (n) uneasiness about the fitness of an action

58. momentum (n) an impelling force or strength

59. monotonous (adj) sounded or spoken in a tone unvarying in pitch

60. multitude (n) a large indefinite number

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List Seven:

For the next list, start each sentence with a STRONG transitional opener. Examples of transitions to use: In the first place, As a matter of fact, In like manner, Coupled with, Consequently, Additionally, Furthermore, Thus, Equally, Likewise, Correspondingly, Comparatively, Similarly, Moreover, On the contrary, More importantly, To conclude, Whereas, and Seldom.

61. muster (v) gather or bring together

62. narrate (v) give a detailed account of

63. obscure (adj) not clearly understood or expressed

64. ominous (adj) threatening or foreshadowing evil or tragic developments

65. outlandish (adj) conspicuously or grossly unconventional or unusual

66. persistent (adj) stubbornly unyielding

67. pertinent (adj) having precise or logical relevance to the matter at hand

68. plenteous (adj) affording an abundant supply

69. potential (adj) existing in possibility

70. precipice (n) a very steep cliff

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List Eight:

Use these vocabulary words in a very short sentence. Max. words = 6.

71. pristine (adj) completely free from dirt or contamination

72. quell (v) overcome or allay

73. recluse (n) one who lives in solitude

74. recuperate (v) restore to good health or strength

75. replenish (v) fill something that had previously been emptied

76. repugnant (adj) offensive to the mind

77. restitution (n) a sum of money paid in compensation for loss or injury

78. sabotage (v) destroy property or hinder normal operations

79. scarcity (n) a small and inadequate amount

80. scurry (v) to move about or proceed hurriedly

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List Nine:

Create a unique story using all ten words. No minimum/maximum sentences.

81. serenity (n) the absence of mental stress or anxiety
82. sociable (adj) friendly and pleasant
83. somber (adj) grave or even gloomy in character
84. specimen (n) an example regarded as typical of its class
85. stamina (n) enduring strength and energy
86. subside (v) wear off or die down
87. swagger (n) a proud stiff pompous gait
88. swarm (n) move in large numbers
89. tactic (n) a plan for attaining a particular goal
90. terse (adj) brief and to the point

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List Ten:

FREE WRITE! Just use these words in any sentence (appropriately) you like!

91. translucent (adj) allowing light to pass through diffusely
92. uncanny (adj) surpassing the ordinary or normal
93. unsightly (adj) unpleasant to look at
94. versatile (adj) able to move freely in all directions
95. vigilant (adj) carefully observant or attentive
96. vulnerable (adj) capable of being wounded or hurt
97. waft (v) be driven or carried along, as by the air
98. waver (v) pause or hold back in uncertainty or unwillingness
99. weather (v) face and withstand with courage
100. zeal (n) a feeling of strong eagerness

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