



Words and phrases

1 Language and communication

Underline the correct word in each sentence.

- 1 Humans have the *cognitive/comprehensive* ability to produce and recognize grammar.
- 2 I was working a part-time *interpreter/translator* of Spanish to English documents.
- 3 The use of *gesture/indication* is a significant means of communication.
- 4 Children *attain/acquire* their first language through constant exposure.
- 5 Ensure that all contracts are in writing as *spoken/verbal* contracts are hard to prove.
- 6 The common consensus is that the *characters/hieroglyphics* used for writing in China evolved from earlier Neolithic symbols.
- 7 Sceptics say that chimpanzees can only *repeat/mimic* humans and not genuinely communicate with them.
- 8 Many *indigenous/domestic* languages are sadly under threat of extinction.
- 9 Not everyone seems to have the capacity to learn a foreign *tongue/voice*.
- 10 Early Semitic languages relied on an *oral/aural* tradition rather than a written form.
- 11 Although Tokyo is the capital of Japan, it has moved away slightly from standard Japanese forms and has developed its own regional *dialect/accnt*.
- 12 Carter had heard *gossip/rumours* of mammoth bones being dug up in the nearby tundra.
- 13 There was plenty of *anecdotal/mythical* evidence but no concrete proof of the tomb's existence.

2 Importance

Decide if the pairs of words in italics are synonyms (S) or antonyms (A) in the sentences below.

- 1 It is *vital/crucial* that we take steps to reduce carbon emissions. S/A
- 2 Education is *fundamental/irrelevant* to a long-term successful career. S/A
- 3 The *basic/simple* reason for landslides in this region is deforestation. S/A
- 4 One of the *key/minor* challenges that students face is the amount they have to read in their own time. S/A
- 5 'You've made a couple of *trivial/significant* errors in your introduction.' S/A
- 6 Wang has played a *major/substantial* role in the creation of this new technology. S/A
- 7 The differences between the two sets of results were *negligible/slight*. S/A
- 8 I think we've spent a(n) *essential/needless* amount of time adding graphs to our powerpoint presentation. S/A
- 9 'This part of the essay is rather *redundant/unnecessary*, I'm afraid.' S/A

3 Relationships and connection

Replace the words in italics in each sentence with a more academic phrase from the box.

was instrumental in	was a correlation between
was the epitome of	was irrelevant to
was symptomatic of	was endemic to
	was consistent with
	was indigenous to

- The figure I've chosen is King Abdul Aziz, who *played an important role in* founding modern Saudi Arabia. *was instrumental in*
- In my opinion, the rise in crime at that time *provided us with proof of* a society which ignored its social problems.
- Personally speaking, I feel that any language which *originally came from* a country must be preserved.
- If you look at the slide, you'll see that the result of the second experiment *was very similar to* the result of the first.
- The common cold was an illness that *was very common in* Europe before it was transmitted across the world.
- I would say that my grandfather *was the best example of* the hard-working entrepreneur.
- Actually, I thought there *were some similarities between* the Korean attitude to work and the American one.
- I'm afraid this section of your essay *had no connection to* your thesis statement.

4 Suffixes -hood, -ship

Complete the sentences using one of the suffixes above and a word from the box. Make any other spelling or form changes that are needed.

craftsman	champion	adult	intern
child	likely	scholar	life
			neighbour

- Craftsmanship*... used to be valued, but now many goods are mass produced.
- On reaching a person must be responsible for their own actions.
- In small villages, there is more of a sense of community in the
- I hope to receive a that will allow me to go to university.
- Last year I did a brief in a company in the USA, which gave me valuable work experience.
- There seems to be little of peace being achieved in our lifetime.
- Competitive sport encourages young people to reach level, which provides them with a sense of purpose.
- If the factory is moved overseas, this action will threaten the of hundreds of local people.
- I spent my in Hong Kong, as my father was working there at the time.