

2nd December 2024 – Reading Vocabulary

Starter:

Read the questions below and consider your answer.

You may be asked to answer verbally:

1. Do you agree that that we should **take into account** both the physical and mental aspects of a patient's condition when we treat them? Why (not)?
2. In your opinion, what is the most effective way to ensure that language ability is **demonstrable** in an exam such as the OET?
3. If a patient is experiencing a **tingly** sensation in their hands and feet, what might be the issue?

Spelling test:

1. frail
2. stem
3. pinpoint
4. acute
5. breakdown
6. mitigate
7. magnified
8. detrimental
9. factor in
10. subtle
11. transiently
12. notoriously
13. steer
14. obscure
15. compounded
16. disparate

1. **Phrasal verb: To consider or take something into account when making a decision, assessment, or calculation**
When determining treatment options, doctors must **factor in** the patient's medical history and allergies to ensure safety and efficacy.
2. **Noun: Referring to the sudden failure or malfunction of a machine or system**
The **breakdown** of communication between departments resulted in delays in patient care and treatment.
3. **Adjective: Physically weak or delicate, often implying a lack of strength or vulnerability to illness or injury**
Due to her **frail** condition, the elderly patient needed assistance with mobility to prevent falls and fractures.
4. **Verb: To guide or direct the course of something, often implying control or influence**
The physician advised dietary changes to **steer** the patient away from high cholesterol foods and manage their heart condition.
5. **Adjective: Not obvious or easily detected; often requiring keen perception or insight to recognize or understand**
The early stages of the disease often exhibit **subtle** symptoms, making diagnosis challenging without specific tests.
6. **Verb: To conceal, hide, or make something unclear or difficult to perceive or understand**
An abnormality on an X-ray can **obscure** the view of an affected area, necessitating further imaging tests for a clearer diagnosis.
7. **Adverb: For a short period of time; something that occurs briefly or fleetingly without leaving a lasting impact**
Following the administration of the anaesthesia, the patient experienced a **transiently** elevated heart rate, a common but brief side effect of the medication.
8. **Adjective: Causing harm, damage, or having a negative effect on something**
Smoking has a **detrimental** effect on lung health, increasing the risk of respiratory diseases.
9. **Verb: To precisely identify, locate, or determine something, often a specific detail or issue**
Using advanced imaging techniques, the doctors were able to **pinpoint** the exact location of the tumour.
10. **Adjective: Describing a condition or illness that is severe and typically of short duration, requiring immediate attention**
The patient presented with **acute** abdominal pain, indicative of a possible appendicitis that required immediate surgical intervention.
11. **Verb: Made worse or increased in severity by the addition or combination of various elements or factors**
The patient's health deteriorated as multiple chronic conditions **compounded**, leading to increased complications.
12. **Adjective: Comprising elements that are distinct or fundamentally different from each other**
The study aimed to analyse the effects of **disparate** treatment methods on various subsets of the population.
13. **Adverb: In a way that is widely and unfavourably known or recognized, often due to something negative or infamous**
This strain of bacteria is **notoriously** resistant to antibiotics, posing challenges in treatment.
14. **Verb/Adjective: To have made something appear larger or more significant, emphasizing its importance or impact**
The stress of the accident **magnified** her pre-existing anxiety disorder, leading to intensified panic attacks.
15. **Verb: To stop or slow down the movement or progress of something, often used in the context of preventing a continuous or unwanted occurrence**
Applying pressure helped **stem** the flow of blood from the wound until the medical team arrived.
16. **Verb: To lessen or reduce the severity, intensity, or impact of something undesirable or harmful**
The doctor prescribed medication to **mitigate** the patient's allergic reactions and reduce their severity.