L3 VOCABULARY ITP

STUDENT NAME:_____

TASK: Read the target words. Practice using them by means of the exercises presented here.

LESSON 3

Evolution and Migration

Target Words

1. adapt
2. diverse
3. evolve
4. feature
5. generation
6. inherent
7. migration
8. physical
9. process
10. survive

Definitions and Samples

1. **adapt** *v.* To adjust to the circumstances; to make suitable

   Dinosaurs could not **adapt** to the warmer temperatures.

   The teacher **adapted** the exercises for his more advanced students.

   Usage tips *Adapt* is often followed by *to.*

   Parts of speech adaptation *n,* adapter *n,* adaptable *adj*

2. **diverse** *n.* Various; showing a lot of differences within a group

   India is one of the most linguistically **diverse** countries in the world.

   Usage tips An *-ly* adverb (e.g., *linguistically*) often comes before *diverse.*

   Parts of speech diversify *v,* diversity *n,* diversification *n*

3. **evolve** *v.* To develop; to come forth

   Modern-day sharks **evolved** from their ancestor *Eryops*, which lived more than 200 million years ago.

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Usage tips *Evolve* is often followed by *into* or *from.*

Parts of speech evolution *n,* evolutionist *n*

4. **feature** *n.* Part, characteristic

The best **feature** of this car is its heated seats.

Usage tips *Feature* is often followed by *of.*

Parts of speech feature *v*

5. **generation** *n.* A group of people born at about the same time

As older managers retired, a new **generation** of leaders took control of the company.

Usage tips Before *generation,* an adjective like *new, next, earlier,* or *older* is common. *Generation* is often followed by *of.*

Parts of speech generational *adj*

6. **inherent** *adj.* Naturally characteristic; always found within something, because it's a basic part of that thing

No job can be interesting all the time. Boredom is **inherent** in any kind of work.

Usage tips *Inherent* is often followed by *in.*

Parts of speech inherently *adv*

7. **migration** *n.* Movement from one place to another by a group of people or animals

The **migration** of farm workers from one state to the next depends primarily on the harvest.

Usage tips *Migration* is often followed by *to* or *from.*

Parts of speech migrate *v,* migrant *n,* migratory *adj*

8. **physical** *adj.* Related to the body; related to materials that can be seen or felt

Because of the shape of its throat, an ape does not have the **physical** ability to speak.

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The mountains form a **physical** barrier between the west and the east.

Usage tips *Physical* usually comes before the noun it describes.

Parts of speech physically *adv*

9. **process** *n.* A series of steps leading to a result

To get a good job, most people go through a long **process** of letter-writing and interviews.

Usage tips *Process* is often followed by *of* plus the *-ing* form of a verb.

Parts of speech proceed *v,* process *v*

10. **survive** *v.* To continue living (despite some danger or illness)

After getting lost in the mountains, Gordon **survived** by eating wild plants and catching fish.

Usage tips *Survive* is often followed by a phrase with *by.*

Parts of speech survivor *n,* survival *n*

TOEFL Prep I Find the word or phrase that is closest in meaning to the opposite of each word in the left-hand column. Write the letter in the blank.

_____ 1. physical	(a) not an integral part
_____ 2. migration	(b) stay the same
_____ 3. adapt	(c) die
_____ 4. inherent	(d) staying in one place
_____ 5. survive	(e) mental

TOEFL Prep II Choose the word from the list that is closest in meaning to the underlined part of each sentence. Write it in the blank.

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diverse *evolved* *generation* *process* *survive*

_____ 1. Various languages are spoken on the Indian subcontinent.

_____ 2. Making bread involves a sequence of steps that takes about three hours.

_____ 3. Few sea turtles manage to live through their first year of life.

_____ 4. This age group tends to support current educational policies.

_____ 5. Her thinking about economics has changed slowly in the last several months.

TOEFL Success Read the passage to review the vocabulary you have learned. Answer the questions that follow.

The *migration* from Asia to North America across the Bering Strait (perhaps by land bridge) was a monumental event in human history. The *process* of overspreading the Americas took more than 1,000 years, or 30 *generations*. This might seem to confirm common sense—that slow travel was *inherent* in any great migration without wheeled vehicles across unknown terrain. **Further thought** shows that this process was remarkably fast—about 10 north-south miles per year, on average. The Americas were populated at an astounding pace, when one considers the *physical* limits of the human body and the physical *features* of the American continents. Legs of humans can move only so fast under the best of circumstances, and they work even slower over mountain passes or deserts. Populations spread through the *diverse* regions of the Americas (grasslands, eastern forests, coastal swamps) and needed to *adapt* to their new environments. The migrants' lifestyle had *evolved* over the years to that of professional nomads ensuring that they would find the resources needed to *survive*.

Bonus Structure—**Further thought** *means "looking deeper; thinking more."*

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1. Which sentence best expresses the essential information in th passage?

   a. Human migration across the Bering Strait was remarkably slow
   b. Physical limitations made migration across the Bering Strait almo impossible.
   c. Humans readily adapted to life in the Bering Strait.
   d. The migration through the Americas was surprisingly fast.

2. In this passage, the word monumental is closest in meaning to

   a. disastrous
   b. evolving
   c. important
   d. physical

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