L4 VOCABULARY ITP

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

LESSON 4

Petroleum Alternatives

Target Words

1. constraint
2. contamination
3. deplete
4. dispose of
5. elementally
6. emission
7. extinction
8. reservoir
9. shrink
10. stable

Definitions and Samples

1. **constraint** *n.* Something that restricts thought or action

   The **constraints** of military life kept Eileen from seeing Private Morris more than once a month.

   Parts of speech constrain *v*

2. **contamination** *n.* Being made less clean by a germ or hazardous substance

   The **contamination** in the river came from the factory located just upstream.

   Parts of speech contaminate *v*, contaminant *n*

3. **deplete** *v.* To greatly decrease the supply of a resource or material

   The prolonged war **depleted** the country's national treasury.

   Parts of speech depletion *n*

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4. **dispose of** *v.* To throw away; to get rid of; to kill

She **disposed of** her unwanted possessions before moving.

The tyrant cruelly **disposed of** all his enemies.

Usage tips *Dispose of* should be learned as a unit. In this meaning, *dispose* does not occur without *of.*

Parts of speech disposal *n,* disposable *adj*

5. **elementally** *adv.* In terms of elements; basically

Elementally, coal and diamonds are the same.

Parts of speech element *n,* elemental *adj*

6. **emission** *n.* Sending out from a small space into the general environment; a substance discharged into the air

The Environmental Protection Agency regulates the **emission** of pollutants into the air.

Usage tips *Emission* is usually followed by an *of* phrase.

Parts of speech emit *v*

7. **extinction** *n.* Complete disappearance; the end of existence

Human beings have caused the **extinction** of many other species.

Usage tips *Extinction* implies an absolute end; an extinct thing cannot be brought back into existence.

Parts of speech extinct *adj*

8. **reservoir** *n.* A place where a liquid is collected and stored

Cult members threatened to poison the town's water **reservoir.**

Parts of speech reserve *v*

9. **shrink** *v.* To become reduced in size, amount, or value

If you dry your clothing on the "high heat" setting, they may **shrink.**

Parts of speech shrinkage *n,* shrinkable *adj*

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10. **stable** *adj.* Firm and dependable; showing little change

He fell because the ladder wasn't **stable.**

Parts of speech stability *n*, stably *adv*

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

_____ 1. stable	(a) keep
_____ 2. contamination	(b) expand
_____ 3. extinct	(c) unsteady
_____ 4. dispose of	(d) existing
_____ 5. shrink	(e) purity

TOEFL Prep II Circle the word that best completes each sentence.

1. The (constraints / contamination) of being in prison made her hate society even more.
2. A recognition that the Earth is round was one of the (elemental / shrunken) advances in thought during the time period.
3. Mother Teresa, who helped the poorest of the poor, had a great (disposal / reservoir) of love within her spirit.
4. Automobiles are responsible for some (emissions / extinction) of greenhouse gases.
5. By the end of the storm, the hikers had (depleted / reserved) even their emergency stores.

TOEFL Success Read the passage to review the vocabulary you have learned. Answer the question that follows.

Human consumption of fossil fuels is expected to fully *deplete* the Earth's crude oil reserves by the year 2060. As underground *reservoirs* of oil continue to *shrink,* we have no choice but to find alternatives. **One promising source,** with much cleaner *emissions,* is called bio-diesel. Bio-

Bonus Structure— **One promising source** *signals the point of this paragraph.*

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diesel is often made from soybean oil, although it can be made from any vegetable oil that is not *elementally* different from soy. Bio-diesel can even be made from used cooking oils that homes or restaurants would otherwise *dispose of*. Bio-diesel can be used without *constraint* in any vehicle that runs on diesel—no modifications are needed. Presently, diesel engines can take up to 20 percent soy in their soy-diesel blend. As the need for bio-diesel increases and the technology improves, we may soon witness the *extinction* of the fossil-fueled vehicle. This is good news for the planet, as bio-diesel is a more *stable* source of energy than petroleum, and it reduces *contamination* of our air and water.

An introductory sentence for a brief summary of the passage is provided below. Complete the summary by selecting the three answer choices that express the most important ideas in the passage. In each blank, write the letter of one of your choices.

Bio-diesel is a promising alternative to fossil fuels.
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a. Humans have shown little self-restraint in their consumption of fossil fuels.
b. Underground reservoirs of oil will soon be depleted.
c. Bio-diesel burns cleaner than fossil fuels.
d. Bio-diesel comes from a more stable source than petroleum.
e. Restaurants can save disposal fees on used cooking oil.

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