

Unit 5A Vocabulary Worksheet

Part 1: Vocabulary List Reference

- **appliance** (*noun*): A piece of equipment, usually electrical, used in people's homes.
- **audit** (*noun*): A detailed examination of something to check if it is good enough or accurate.
- **commonplace** (*adjective*): Not special or unusual; happening in many places.
- **commute** (*verb/noun*): To travel between work and home / the journey between home and work.
- **compact** (*adjective*): Small and fitting neatly into a small space.
- **incentive** (*noun*): Something that encourages someone to do something.
- **mode** (*noun*): A particular way in which a machine or system operates, or a method of travel.
- **obstacle** (*noun*): Something that makes it difficult to achieve something or move forward.
- **threshold** (*noun*): The point or level at which something starts to happen or have an effect.
- **utility** (*noun*): A public service such as gas, water, or electricity provided for people to use.

Part 2: Multiple Choice Questions

Instructions: Choose the correct answer (A, B, C, or D) for each item.

1. Before buying a new house, the family conducted an energy _____ to check how much electricity was being wasted.
A) appliance
B) audit
C) obstacle
D) threshold
2. The refrigerator is an essential household _____ that helps keep food fresh for days.
A) appliance
B) commute
C) incentive
D) utility
3. Smartphones were rare twenty years ago, but today they are completely _____ around the world.
A) compact
B) commonplace
C) obstacle
D) threshold



4. Every morning, thousands of workers _____ by train from the suburbs into the city center.
- A) audit
 - B) commute
 - C) mode
 - D) utility
5. Because the apartment was very small, she bought a _____ sofa that could fit in a tight corner.
- A) commonplace
 - B) threshold
 - C) compact
 - D) audit
6. The company offered a cash bonus as an _____ to encourage employees to work on weekends.
- A) obstacle
 - B) appliance
 - C) incentive
 - D) utility
7. Cycling is becoming a popular _____ of transportation because it is clean and healthy.
- A) mode
 - B) audit
 - C) threshold
 - D) appliance



8. Lack of money can be a major _____ for young people who want to start their own businesses.
- A) incentive
 - B) obstacle
 - C) appliance
 - D) commute
9. Scientists warned that global temperatures are reaching a dangerous _____ that could cause permanent changes.
- A) threshold
 - B) mode
 - C) compact
 - D) commute
10. Water and electricity are basic public _____ services that every household needs.
- A) audit
 - B) incentive
 - C) utility
 - D) obstacle
11. To save space, modern car designs are made more _____ while remaining comfortable.
- A) commonplace
 - B) compact
 - C) threshold
 - D) obstacle



12. The heavy morning traffic makes his daily _____ take more than two hours.
- A) audit
 - B) appliance
 - C) commute
 - D) incentive
13. The school administration plans to conduct a financial _____ to see where money can be saved.
- A) audit
 - B) mode
 - C) utility
 - D) threshold
14. Having no internet connection proved to be a serious _____ for online students during the exam.
- A) incentive
 - B) appliance
 - C) obstacle
 - D) mode
15. Electric stoves, microwave ovens, and washing machines are all examples of home _____s.
- A) threshold
 - B) utility
 - C) audit
 - D) appliance