

21st Century Skills Unit 2 Say it your way: Podcast Vocabulary

C  **1.11** Read and listen to the sentences with words and phrases from the podcast. Guess the meaning of each bold word or phrase. Then match each word or phrase to its definition.

- a. Thousands of years ago, before there were any written languages, our human **ancestors** used pictures and **symbols** to communicate. Even with just simple symbols and pictures, they managed to communicate **complex** messages.
- b. In addition to spoken language, all human beings also use body language to help them **get across** their ideas. The use of body language, which includes both **gestures** with your hands and **facial expressions**, such as a smile, is **universal**.
- c. English has a lot of **compound** words for weather. Two examples include **sunlight** (*sun + light*) and **snowstorm** (*snow + storm*).
- d. In informal conversation in English, **reductions** are quite common. For example, *be going to* sounds like *gonna*, and *have to* sounds like *hafta*.
- e. With the Internet, it is easy to **spread** information from one side of the world to the other in just minutes.



1. _____ (n) shortened forms of a phrase
2. _____ (phrasal v) communicate
3. _____ (n) family members who lived a very long time ago, for example our great-great-great grandparents
4. _____ (n) body movements to show something, such as a feeling
5. _____ (adj) made by combining two or more things
6. _____ (adj) not simple; complicated
7. _____ (adj) found or practiced everywhere
8. _____ (n) the looks on people's faces
9. _____ (n) signs, marks, pictures, or objects understood to represent something else
10. _____ (v) to go or travel a distance and reach many people