

[Teacher's Notes] Academic Vocabulary Review Task

AWL – Academic Word List → www.nottingham.ac.uk/~alzsh3/acvocab

- Depending on the level of your ELLs, you may give them these AWL choices for hints.
- Another option is to have the ELLs try the task for homework without the hints.
- Then, provide these “AWL Choice Hints,” so they can double check, etc.

Prominent Religions of the World

Part A AWL Choice Hints – Remember to change the word form if necessary

Achieve	administer	focus	participate	primary	select
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Part B AWL Choice Hints

achieve	community	culture	design	element
irrelevant	maintenance	participate	perceive	restrict
security	traditional			

Part C AWL Choice Hints

element	feature	institute	item	journal
normal	occur	potential	regions	site
strategies	survey	text		

Part D AWL Choice Hints

community	invest	normally	obtained	positive
previously	purchase	range	regulations (x 2)	residents
security	seek	select		

Suggested Answers

1. selected
2. participated
3. administered
4. focused
5. primary/ achieve
6. irrelevant/ achieve
7. perceive/ restrict
8. designed/ elements./ culture
9. security
10. participate / traditional
11. maintain/ community
12. regions
13. features
14. element
15. institute
16. journal
17. text
18. normally/ strategies/ potential
19. items
20. survey
21. site
22. occurs (sublist 1)
23. regulations
24. Previously
25. seek
26. select / purchase
27. regulations
28. residents
29. range / community
30. normally
31. obtained
32. invest
33. positive/ security

[AWL Sublist 2 Gap-fill task]

What's your Religious IQ?

Before you complete this gap fill task, answer the 15 questions in the *United States Religious Knowledge Quiz* found online at www.pew.forum.org Search → US Religious IQ Quiz

Instructions

- First, complete the quiz (above). Part A below gives more information about it.
- Then, read the entire text to get a sense of the content.
- After that, read each sentence and fill in the space with the best AWL Sublist 2 word.
- **You may need to change the word form** (for tense, adjective form, plural, etc)
- All other AWL Sublist 1-10 words are printed in **bold** to help you review them.

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Part A

1. The questions you just answered were _____ from a much longer religious and general knowledge questionnaire which was **conducted** in 2010.
2. How did you compare with the average American that _____ in the **research** study? (You can find **links** to comparison **data** on the same webpage that showed your score.)
3. In May and June 2010, the *Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life* _____ the telephone **survey** in English and Spanish.
4. **Approximately** 3400 Americans were asked 32 questions which _____ on religious knowledge of world religions.
5. It is very difficult to **define** the term "religion". **Nonetheless**, there are three _____ questions that a belief system (or faith) answers: "What is my purpose in life?" and "How do I _____ this purpose?" and "What happens to me after I die?"

Part B

6. Some people believe that religion is _____ to their lives because there are many ways to _____ satisfaction and fulfill ones purpose in life.
7. Others _____ that religion is a system that is used to limit or _____ the behaviour of people, so these others resist any form of "organized religion."
8. Actually, some believers do not like to use the term "religion" or "religious" even though they believe in their God and care about their spiritual life. They suggest that humans _____ "religion" by **emphasizing** different _____ of the holy book and **creating** rules to fit into their _____.
9. Other people find comfort and _____ in the religious customs (or practices) they grew up with in their childhood.

10. Therefore, they may _____ in _____ ceremonies or religious events. For example, every New Year's Day they may go to a temple with their own children even though they do not understand the religious meaning of the ceremony.

11. Some people _____ membership in a religious _____ because they have a sense of belonging and purpose there.

Part C

12. If you look at maps which show the **distribution** of religions, you will find that believers co-exist in most _____ of the world.

13. Most religions share the following _____:

14. There is a supernatural _____ or a higher **authority**. For example, the God can perform miracles such as healing a person of an incurable disease.

15. Most religious leaders take special training in an _____ and are **required** to be **legally** certified to be recognized by the government and the faith community.

16. Students and professors in Religious Studies programs **publish** their **research** in **academic** _____ as well.

17. The believers follow the **guidelines** in a holy _____. This book may have been written by a respected leader or inspired by a supernatural God.

18. The holy book _____ explains how humans were **created**, how they should live, and what happens to the believer's soul after death. Some holy books have stories which model _____ for how to manage _____ situations in daily life.

19. Most religions have _____ which have a **symbolic** value. For example, religious objects include prayer wheels (Tibetan Buddhism), cross (Christian), cow (Hinduism) and head coverings (Islam, Judaism, and Sikhism).

20. If you _____ the **guidelines** in most religions and **cultures**, you will find "The Golden Rule." The basic principle is that you should treat people the same way that you want to be treated.

21. Religious groups may also have a historical holy _____ which believers desire to visit at least once in their lifetime.

22. Religious education for children usually _____ in private schools, the family or places of worship.

Part D

23. In the **media**, you may hear the phrase "separation of church and state." In this **context**, "church" means any religion, and "state" refers to political and **legal** _____. The **concept** of "separation" refers to the distance between the two.

24. _____, the **distinction** between church and state was not very clear in some countries. Over time, some governments **established** their **specific role** in society and allowed **individuals** to choose their own religious belief, if they cared to.
25. Nowadays, a few governments _____ to rule by combining religious and political **ideology**.
26. Many believers gather together on a regular basis to learn about their beliefs and worship their God. However, did you know that religious groups cannot _____ and then _____ land at any **location** they wish?
27. In North America, city planners have Zoning Bylaws (_____) which **indicate** where religious buildings may be **constructed**.
28. One reason for the bylaw is to **ensure** there is enough space for parking. This is a **major issue** for _____ in the neighbourhood.
29. Some religions use their buildings for a wide _____ of programs and activities that serve the entire _____. For example, they may use the **facility** for food banks, day cares, interfaith meetings, blood drives and **temporary** homeless shelter programs.
30. In North America, religious groups _____ belong to a special taxation **category** as well.
31. If the religious group has _____ non-profit charitable **status**, they may **issue** official donation receipts to the people who give **funds** to the organization.
32. Unfortunately, some religious groups are **targeted** in affinity fraud **schemes**. This means a “believer” **convinces** people in the group to _____ in a **specific project** which does not exist. Then, the supposed “believer” takes the money and leaves.
33. Does religion make a _____ **contribution** to society? According to Marsden, “In the twenty-first century, religion has become an increasingly important **factor** in international relations and international _____. Religion is seen by **policy** makers and **academics** as being a **major contributor** in **conflict** and its successful **resolution**” (2012).

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