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Build a Fabulous Vocab

Words That Begin With A

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“Playing 'Bop' is like playing Scrabble with all the vowels missing.”

—Duke Ellington, American bandleader, jazz composer, and pianist, 1899–1974

Language experts do not agree on the number of vowels in English, but they do agree on one thing: every *spoken* word has at least one vowel. Use a word from the Word Bank to complete each sentence below. Notice that the Word Bank contains only nine words—one of the words fits two sentences. Yes, you may use your dictionary.

Word Bank	abattoir	abstract	accelerant	acclimated	adit
	aficionado	alchemical	anachronism	antecedent	

1. The _____ into the main mineshaft ran for almost 200 feet.
2. One Harry Potter Web site matches the character names with _____ symbols.
3. Moesha’s grandfather says that he feels more like an _____ the older he gets.
4. Jaden didn’t think it was fair of Mr. Davis to deduct points from essays if a student used a pronoun without an _____.
5. Marvin is an _____ of World Cup soccer, but his daughter is a tennis nut.
6. “Certainly not! Rubbish!” said Melissa’s dad when she urged him to see the new exhibit of _____ paintings.
7. The firefighters couldn’t identify the _____ the arsonist had used to torch the building.
8. Doug is a vegetarian, so he was disgusted when he had to visit an _____ to buy goatskin for his South Indian drum.
9. When he noticed some symptoms of altitude sickness, Sal knew he still wasn’t _____.
10. Instead of reading the complete article, Chloe used an _____ for her research paper.