The New Vocabulary Levels Test

This is a vocabulary test. Please select the option a, b, c, or d which has the closest meaning to the word in bold .	
Example question	
see: They saw it. a. cut b. waited for c. looked at d. started	The correct answer is c .
If you do not know the word at all, please do not answer the question and continue to the next question.	
However, if you think that you may know the word, please try to answer.	
Let's begin.	
Bilingual versions of this test are also available in Japanese and Chinese. If you are interested in making a version in a different language please feel free to do so, and contact the authors if necessary or required.	

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- 1. time: They have a lot of time.
- a. money
- b. food
- c. hours
- d. friends
- 2. stone: She sat on a **stone**.
- a. hard thing
- b. kind of chair
- c. soft thing of the floor
- d. part of a tree
- 3. poor: We are **poor**.
- a. have no money
- b. happy
- c. very interested
- d. tall
- 4. drive: She drives fast.
- a. swims
- b learns
- c. throws balls
- d. uses a car
- 5. jump: She tried to **jump**.
- a. lie on top of the water
- b. get up off the ground
- c. stop the car on the road
- d. move very fast
- 6. shoe: Where is your other **shoe**?
- a. the person who looks after you
- b. the thing you keep your money in
- c. the thing you use for writing
- d. the thing you wear on your foot
- 7. test: We have a **test** in the morning. 15. many: I have **many**.
- a. meeting
- b. travelling somewhere
- c. a set of questions
- d. an idea to do something
- 8. nothing: He said **nothing** to me.
- a. very bad things
- b. zero
- c. very good things
- d. something

- 9.cross: Don't cross.
- a. go to the other side
- b. push something
- c. eat too fast
- d. wait for something
- 10. actual: The **actual** one is larger.
- a. real
- b. old
- c. round
- d. other
- 11. any: Does she have any friends?
- a. some
- b. no
- c. good
- d. old
- 12. far: You have walked far!
- a. for a long time
- b. very fast
- c. a long way
- d. to your house
- 13. game: I like this game.
- a. food
- b. story
- c. group of people
- d. way of playing
- 14. cause: He **caused** the problem.
- a. made
- b. fixed
- c. explained
- d understood
- a. none
- b. enough
- c. a few
- d. a lot
- 16. where: **Where** did you go?
- a. at what time
- b. for what reason
- c. to what place
- d. in what way

- 17. school: This is a big **school**.
- a. where money is kept
- b. sea animal
- c. place for learning
- d. where people live
- 18. grow: All the children grew.
- a. drew pictures
- b. spoke
- c. became bigger
- d. cried a lot
- 19. flower: He gave me a **flower**.
- a. night clothes
- b. small clock
- c. beautiful plant
- d. type of food
- 20. handle: I can't handle it.
- a. open
- b. remember
- c. deal with
- d. believe
- 21. camp: He is in the camp.
- a. sea
- b. place outside where people
- enjoy nature
- c. hospital
- d. building where people sleep
- 22. lake: People like the lake.
- a. area of water
- b. very young child
- c leader
- d. quiet place
- 23. past: It happened in the past.
- a. before now
- b. big surprise
- c. night
- d. summer
- 24. round: It is **round**.
- a. friendly
- b. very big
- c. very quick
- d. with no corners

- 1. maintain: Can they **maintain** it?
- a. keep it like it is
- b. make it larger
- c. get a better one than it
- d. get it
- 2. period: It was a difficult **period**.
- a. small set of questions
- b. time
- c. thing to do
- d. book
- 3. standard: Her **standards** are very high.
- a. the back under her shoes
- b. test scores
- c. cost of something
- d. level of how good she wants things to be
- 4. basis: This was used as the **basis**.
- a. answer
- b. resting place
- c. next step
- d. main part
- 5. upset: I am upset.
- a. strong
- b. famous
- c. rich
- d. angry
- 6. drawer: The **drawer** was empty.
- a. box that goes in and out for clothes
- b. place to keep cars
- c. place used to keep things cold
- d. animal house
- 7. pub: They went to the **pub**.
- a. place where people drink and talk
- b. place that keeps money
- c. large building with many shops
- d. building for swimming
- 8. circle: Make a circle.
- a. rough picture
- b. space with nothing in it
- c. round shape
- d. large hole

- 9. pro: He's a **pro**.
- a. person who has the job to find important secrets
- b. stupid person
- c. person who writes articles
- d. someone who is very good at doing something and is paid to do it.
- 10. soldier: He is a **soldier**.
- a. person who works in business
- b. person who studies at school
- c. person who works with wood
- d. person who fights in a war
- 11. result: They were waiting for the **results**.
- a. right time
- b. questions
- c. money
- d. effects of something
- 12. resist: They resisted it.
- a. made it work again
- b. looked at it twice
- c. thought hard about
- d. acted against
- 13. lend: She often lends her books.
- a. lets people use them
- b. draws inside them
- c. cleans them
- d. writes her name on them
- 14. refuse: She refused.
- a. went back
- b. thought about something
- c. said no
- d. stayed late
- 15. speech: I enjoyed the **speech**.
- a. type of presentation
- b. very fast run
- c. short piece of music
- d. type of hot food
- 16. pressure: They used too much **pressure**.
- a. money
- b. time
- c. hard pushing
- d. bad words

- 17. refer: She **referred** to him.
- a. supported him
- b. let him go first
- c. talked about him
- d. answered him
- 18. army: They saw the army.
- a. black and white animal
- b. place where books are kept
- c. person who lives nearby
- d. people who protect a country
- 19. knee: Take care of your knee.
- a. small child
- b. part of your leg
- c. plan for spending money
- d. something that is yours
- 20. rope: He found a rope.
- a. thick and strong string
- b. something used to make holes
- c. strong box for keeping money
- d. metal tool used to climb up high
- 21. brand: This is a good brand.
- a. dance party
- b. first try
- c. place to wait for others
- d. name of a company
- 22. seal: They sealed it.
- a. fixed it
- b. closed it tightly
- c. looked at it carefully
- d. opened it quickly
- 23. warn: They were warned.
- a. pushed away
- b. welcomed inside
- c. told about bad things
- d. led into war
- 24. reserve: They have large reserves.
- a. things kept to use later
- b. machine for making bread
- c. money from other people
- d. group that runs a company

- 1. restore: It has been **restored**.
- a. said again
- b. given to a different person
- c. given a lower price
- d. made like new again
- 2. compound: They made a new compound.
- a. agreement between two people
- b. thing made of two or more parts
- c. group that works together
- d. guess based on past experience
- 3. latter: I agree with the latter.
- a. man from the church
- b. reason given before
- c. second one of two things
- d. answer to the spoken question
- 4. pave: It was **paved**.
- a. stopped quickly
- b. divided into many parts
- c. given gold edges
- d. covered with a hard surface
- 5. remedy: We found a good **remedy**.
- a. way to fix a problem
- b. place to eat in public
- c. way to prepare food
- d. rule about numbers
- 6. bacterium: They didn't find a single bacterium.
- a. small living thing causing sickness
- b. plant with red or orange flowers
- c. animal that carries water on its back d. had a lot of parties
- d. thing that has been stolen and sold to a shop
- 7. behavior: Look at her **behavior**!
- a. people who have come to listen
- b. the way she acts
- c. large amount of money
- d. small land with water around it
- 8. fuel: Do you have any **fuel**?
- a. material used to make energy
- b. a drug that stops pain
- c. clothing used to keep you warm
- d. a material put in walls to keep heat inside

- 9. silk: It's made of silk.
- a. smooth and soft cloth
- b. hard black wood
- c. animal fur
- d. very light metal
- 10. conceive: Who **conceived** the idea? 18. review: The committee **reviewed**
- a. told it to others
- b. explained it
- c. thought of it first
- d. said it was had
- 11. legend: It is now a **legend**.
- a. building for keeping old things
- b. thing that is always done
- c. story from the past
- d. event that happens regularly
- 12. impose: This was **imposed**.
- a. completely changed
- b. in the middle of other things
- c. made to look like something else
- d. forced to happen by someone in power
- 13. solution: There is no **solution**.
- a time
- b. support
- c. problem
- d. answer
- 14. celebrate: We have celebrated a lot recently.
- a. found something for the first time
- b. seen many new places
- c. worked very hard
- 15. independence: He has too much independence.
- a. freedom from outside control
- b. time by himself
- c. physical strength
- d. feeling of being better than others
- 16. tunnel: We need a **tunnel** here.
- a. way through or under something
- c. mark on paper to show a short space a. make cloth
- d. piece of material to cover a window

- 17. reward: He got a good **reward**.
- a. things said about him by others
- b. someone to help him in the house
- c. money or gift for the things he did
- d. large group of people to listen to him
- the plan.
- a. examined it carefully for a decision
- b. agreed to allow
- c. made more just like it
- d. threw it away
- 19. mode: The **mode** of production has changed.
- a. type
- b. speed
- c. attitude
- d. amount
- 20. personnel: I don't like the personnel there.
- a. type of chair that folds
- b. machine that controls the heat
- c. people who work there
- d. person who owns a company
- 21. competent: She was very competent.
- a. very fast
- b. made angry easily
- c. able to do things
- d. easily hurt
- 22. devastate: The city was devastated.
- a. made beautiful for a special occasion
- b. separated from the rest of the world
- c. suffered great damage
- d. made dirty by small animals
- 23. constituent: This is an important constituent.
- a. building
- b. agreement
- c. idea
- d. part
- b. long piece of wood or metal to hold 24. weave: She knows how to weave.

 - b. join pieces of metal together
 - c. make people think something
 - d. trick people

- 1. patience: He has a lot of **patience**.
- a. ability to wait
- b. free time
- c. faith in God
- d. knowledge
- 2. strap: She broke the **strap**.
- a. promise
- b. top
- c. plate
- d. belt
- 3. weep: He wept.
- a. finished school
- b cried
- c. died quickly
- d. thought deeply
- 4. haunt: The house is **haunted**.
- a. full of decorations
- b. allowed to be used for money
- c. completely empty
- d. full of ghosts
- 5. cube: I need one more **cube**.
- a. pin
- b. box
- c. cup
- d. postcard
- 6. peel: Shall I **peel** it?
- a. let it sit in water for a long time
- b. take the skin off it
- c. make it white
- d. cut it into thin pieces
- 7. distress: He felt **distressed**.
- a. unwanted
- b. satisfied
- c. unhappy
- d. energetic
- 8. depart: She **departed** yesterday.
- a. went away
- b. said no
- c. went down a hill
- d. got worse

- 9. romance: They had a short
- romance.
- a. difference of opinion
- b. holiday away from home
- c. serious discussion
- d. love relationship
- 10. ambition: He has no **ambition**.
- a. strong desire to do well
- b. ability to understand people's feelings
- c. ability to make new things
- d. enjoyment of life
- 11. dash: They dashed over it.
- a. ran quickly
- b. walked slowly
- c. fought bravely
- d. looked quickly
- 12. drown: People have **drowned** here. b. housekeeper
- a. eaten outside
- b. died in water
- c. dug a hole
- d. cut down trees
- 13. originate: It **originated** here.
- a. grew very well
- b. changed shape
- c. remained
- d first started
- 14. leaf: He touched the leaf.
- a. part of a plant
- b soft shoe
- c. top of a bottle
- d. glass window
- 15. amateur: She is an amateur
- player.
- a. someone who plays for fun, not money
- b. player who replaces other hurt players
- c. player representing her country
- d. ball-sports player
- 16. evacuate: They were **evacuated**.
- a. moved to another place for safety
- b. searched for guns or knives
- c. frightened suddenly
- d. made to look like criminals

- 17. exert: Don't **exert** yourself!
- a. praise too much
- b. hurt yourself
- c. work too hard
- d. give yourself everything you want
- 18. marble: It was made of **marble**.
- a. hard stone
- b. hard wood
- c. soft metal
- d soft cloth
- 19 diminish: It has diminished.
- a. become dark
- b. become less in size
- c. become cloudy
- d. grown colder
- 20. sheriff: The **sheriff** was friendly.
- a. pilot
- c. policeman
- d. teacher
- 21. monarch: They saw the
- monarch.
- a. army group
- b. gate
- c. king or queen
- d. criminal
- 22. plunge: It plunged.
- a. danced around
- b. was made quiet
- c. dropped suddenly
- d. stayed still
- 23. mourn: They mourned for
- several years.
- a. performed on the street
- b. felt very sad
- c. worked hard
- d. used their money carefully
- 24. fragile: These things are very fragile.
- a. special
- b. hard to find
- c. popular
- d. easily broken

- 1. scrub: He is **scrubbing** it.
- a. cleaning
- b. repairing
- c. worrying about
- d. drawing pictures
- 2. dinosaur: The children were pretending to be **dinosaurs**.
- a. people who look for gold
- b. small people that fly
- c. animals that make fire
- d. animals that lived a long time ago
- 3. nun: We saw a **nun**.
- a. small worm
- b. big accident
- c. woman who serves her religion
- d. strange light in the sky
- 4. compost: We need some **compost**.
- a. strong support
- b. mental help
- c. strong material that is used for building
- d. soil used to help the garden
- 5. miniature: It is a **miniature**.
- a. small version of something
- b. brick house
- c. very small living creature
- d. detailed plan for a building
- 6. crab: Do you like **crabs?**
- a. small sea animals
- b. hard thin salty bread
- c. original copy of a piece of music
- d. insect which sings and jumps
- 7. vocabulary: You will need more **vocabulary**.
- a. words
- b. skills
- c. money
- d. guns
- 8. corpse: The **corpse** was found in the park.
- a. large and deep cup
- b. mobile phone
- c. artist's hat
- d. dead body

- 9. rove: He is **roving**.
- a. getting drunk
- b. traveling around
- c. making a musical sound with his lips
- d. working hard using his body
- 10. divert: The rivers were **diverted**.
- a. made to move in a different way
- b. given bridges
- c. made very dirty
- d. made wider and deeper
- 11. trench: They looked at the **trench**.
- a. mountain
- b. long hole
- c. pile of trash
- d. beautiful sight
- 12. technician: She is a **technician**.
- a. man with magical abilities
- b. person who works with and fixes machines
- c. doctor who cares for young children
- d. person who is good at music
- 13. query: I have a query.
- a. headache
- b. large amount of money
- c. question
- d. good idea
- 14. mug: This **mug** needs a wash.
- a. big cup
- b. old car you like
- c. clothes worn under other clothes
- d. area in front of the door where rain and wind cannot reach
- 15. static: It's **static** at the moment.
- a. not popular
- b. demanded by law
- c. often said
- d. not moving or changing
- 16. slaughter: We read about the **slaughter** in the paper.
- a. problem
- b. scientific research
- c. killing
- d. sports event

- 17. spider: We caught the **spider**.
- a. disease that gives red spots
- b. small animal with eight legs
- c. small public bus
- d. oily fish
- 18. circus: We went to the **circus**.
- a. place for people who love God
- b. traveling company of entertainers
- c. place where people run races
- d. music group
- 19. sofa: He bought a **sofa**.
- a. soft seat for two or more people
- b. cutting machine
- c. long pipe for putting water on the garden
- d. a small car with four wheels that a baby can ride in while someone pushes
- 20. logo: They have a pretty logo.
- a. tree with red fruit
- b. reception
- c. picture or word that represents a company
- d. a holiday home
- 21. commemorate: We must **commemorate** his actions.
- a. remember something or someone
- b. pretend to agree with something
- c. protest against something
- d. say good things about him
- 22. crook: They were crooks.
- a. people who are not honest
- b. people who work at hospitals
- c. people who cannot walkd. people who design buildings
- 23. volt: How many **volts** were used?
- a. large envelope for business letters
- b. something used to add flavor to food
- c. units measuring electrical power
- d. material that attracts other metals
- 24. warfare: Modern warfare is frightening.
- a. crime
- b. dancing
- c. fighting
- d. pollution

NVLT Part 6 – Academic Word List

- 1. concept: This is a difficult **concept**.
- a. legal agreement
- b. idea about what something is
- c. way of doing things
- d. a written explanation of a law
- 2. similar: These articles are **similar**.
- a. about a certain thing
- b. of great quality
- c. easy to understand
- d. close to the same
- 3. item: The next **item** is very important.
- a. thing on a list
- b. question sheet
- c. meeting of people
- d. way something looks
- 4. component: Each **component** is very important.
- a. set of ideas which support something
- b. flat part that sits on top of another
- c. small part of something bigger
- d. the person you work with
- 5. compensate: The government should **compensate** the farmers.
- a. give something good to balance something bad
- b. stop them from joining a group
- c. find where they are
- d. bring them together
- 6. professional: She wants to be a **professional** musician.
- a. someone who stays at home
- b. someone who gets paid to play
- c. someone on a list
- d. someone known by many people
- 7. external: They worried about the **external** damage.
- a. not known
- b. outside
- c. based on facts
- d. following

- 8. clause: Please fix that **clause**.
- a. part of a sentence
- b. something you are trying to do
- c. large picture
- d. small object
- 9. migrate: The animals began to **migrate**.
- a. work together
- b. move together to a different place
- c. come together as a group
- d. change together
- 10. priority: That is our **priority**.
- a. deal between two people
- b. most important thing
- c. something that has been printed
- d. person who comes next
- 11. reverse: Try it in **reverse**.
- a. the other direction
- b. the way things are arranged
- c. with the correct sound
- d. at the correct time
- 12. arbitrary: Her decision was **arbitrary**.
- a. not chosen for a reason
- b. necessary for success
- c. not able to be changed
- d. good enough for a purpose
- 13. mutual: The feeling was **mutual**.
- a. easy to understand
- b. fully developed
- c. the same between two people
- d. kept under control
- 14. alternative: Is there an

alternative?

- a. another choice
- b. thing to do
- c. something to say
- d. activity with many people
- 15. colleague: That is my colleague.
- a. something that people talk about
- b. plan of things to do
- c. person you work with
- d. piece of writing

- 16. legal: Is this meeting place legal?
- a. based on the law
- b. free to be used
- c. easy to see
- d. important to someone
- 17. site: He looked for a better site.
- a. basic part of something
- b. opinion about the price
- c. place where something is
- d. something brought from another country
- 18. institute: We must **institute** new changes.
- a. get with effort
- b. control with laws
- c. begin or create
- d. search for
- 19. retain: How will the club **retain** its members?
- a. mix them together
- b. help them develop
- c. help them work together
- d. keep them
- 20. phase: This is one **phase** of the new system.
- a. list of things in a special order
- b. short part of a process
- c. range of levels
- d. rule that controls what something
- is
- 21. pursue: This year she will **pursue** the group's goals.
- a. try to get
- b. change
- c. check over time
- d. make easier
- 22. recover: The men **recovered** their strength.
- a. showed other people
- b. used for a reason
- c. said that they know
- d. got back

- 23. diverse: Having **diverse** information is important.
- a. with no mistakes
- b. very small amount
- c. able to be changed
- d. having different types
- 24. hierarchy: This **hierarchy** is very common.
- a. set of ideas a group has
- b. group with people at different levels
- c. dangerous material
- d. popular way of dressing
- 25. distort: The image is **distorted**.
- a. having more than one meaning
- b. exactly the same as something else
- c. has a badly changed shape
- d. from recent times
- 26. accumulate: He **accumulated** many friends.
- a. understood the value
- b. got more and more
- c. said good things about
- d. became the same as

- 27. abandon: He **abandoned** the project.
- a. used it for his own gain
- b. controlled in a clever way
- c. stopped working on it
- d. made it as small as possible
- 28. rigid: These rules are **rigid**.
- a. how good something is
- b. happening at the same time
- c. continuing for a limited time
- d. not able to be changed
- 29. notwithstanding:

Notwithstanding John's feelings,

Allison went to France.

- a. without knowing
- b. giving back in the same way
- c. because of
- d. not being stopped by
- 30. perspective: You have a good **perspective**.
- a. events that happen again and again
- b. way of seeing things
- c. group of people you know
- d. how other people see you