

## TOEFL PREP 24

**Building Vocabulary-Pronounce the words on the left. Match these vocabulary words with their meanings. Then use them in a sentence.**

reiterate	with distrust
abdicate	support
abet	eagerness
deter	say again
assent	renounce
admonish	find fault
alacrity	agree
entice	prevent
ambiguous	state of lawlessness
amenable	opposite
antithesis	speak distinctly
articulate	vague
anarchy	willing
asylum	tempt
askance	sanctuary

**Testing Grammar Skills: Find the grammatical mistakes in these sentences and correct them.**

1. Elderly sometimes need special care.
2. A laster cane, which the blind find useful, sends out beams that detecting obstacles.
3. The most convincing evidence that female chimpanzees in Tanzania use the aspilia plant for medicinal purposes.
4. A vending machine is a kind of robot that automatically give out candy or other items when money is inserting.
5. Apprentices sometimes fear that they must not be able to master the intricacies of their chosen craft.
6. The importance of the Chaco Canyon archaeological site is that they reveals insights into a whole civilization.
7. Because of financial restrictions, some schools cannot contemplate to stay abreast of advances in modern technology.
8. Mice aren't really more attracted to cheese as they are to grains.
9. Lucid dreamers are those people who recognize when they are dreaming and thus controlling the plot of their dreams.
10. Having first domesticated for milk production, sheep were then used for wool.
11. George Gershwin gathered motifs for his folk opera Porgy and Bess while lived in Charleston.

12. Filming a wild animal in its habitat requires meticulous preparation, unending patience, and, at times, one must be courageous.
13. Every four years the International Olympic Committee selects that city will hold the next games.
14. Even though the team of scientists encounter snow and strong winds, they continued their excavation.
15. Monteverdi, whose works were mainly written on commission for the private theaters of wealthy Italian nobility, wrote his final opera in 1642.
16. Most pioneers walked across the continent than rode in wagons or on horses.
17. Mount Rainier towers nearly three miles above sea level.
18. Postwar women had more opportunities to find the work than they had had in the prewar days.
19. New Orleans is a city where older traditions can still be seen.
20. Of all salmon species, the king salmon is the rare.
21. We suspected they had doctor the results to make the drug seem more reliable.
22. Only if packages are labeled properly sufferers will be able to avoid severe allergic reactions.
23. Putrefy is caused by bacteria and not by a chemical process.
24. The diary of Samuel Pepys contains eyewitness descriptive of the Great Plague and the Great Fire of London.
25. Scientists must be willing to change their position when confronted with new and conflicting data as is this openness to change that allows scientific progress to be made.

**Read this article and answer the questions below.**

In Russia, several religions coexist, including Christianity, Judaism, Islam and animism. The most common religion is Christianity, and most Christians are members of the Russian Orthodox Church. The Church has existed for over 1,000 years, surviving even the official atheism of the Soviet era and the agnosticism that may have been even more prominent at the time. During the communist years, many Russians who practiced Orthodoxy sacrificed career and educational opportunities. The tenacity of Russian Orthodoxy may explain why even nonreligious Russians are inclined to call themselves Russian Orthodox. That same staying power drives the Church today, which is run by Aleksey II of Moscow. Born Aleksey Mikhailovich Ridiger, the future patriarch was from a very pious family. As a boy, Aleksey was often taken by his parents on their annual pilgrimages, when he most certainly began contemplation of the religious way of life he was to choose. As patriarch, Aleksey is exalted in the Church governance, but he is not deified. Aleksey has published articles on Church history and peacemaking in both the ecclesiastical and secular press, broadening the Church's image both in Russia and abroad.

1. Which sentence best expresses the essential information of this passage?
  - a-The Russian Orthodox Church was banned under Soviet control.
  - b-Few Russians believe in God.
  - c-Aleksey II has updated the church's image.
  - d-The Russian Orthodox Church has a long history of strong membership in Russia.

2. Which words from the article have the meanings below?

- \_\_\_\_\_ believing that humans cannot know whether there is a god.
- \_\_\_\_\_ belief that natural objects, such as trees, have souls
- \_\_\_\_\_ one who does not believe in the existence of a supreme being
- \_\_\_\_\_ to consider thoughtfully
- \_\_\_\_\_ to worship as a god
- \_\_\_\_\_ relating to a church
- \_\_\_\_\_ having religious reverence
- \_\_\_\_\_ honored