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## **PRONOUNCER'S LIST**

Pronounce the words at the approximate rate of five per minute. A time indication is given after every five words.

Abbreviated definitions are included for all words and should be given by the pronouncer for words which are marked with an asterisk. Spaces are provided for sentences should you choose to use them; however, sentences are not required by UIL rules.

1. **ownership** - the state or condition of possessing something

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

2. **pedicure** - treatment or care of the feet and toenails

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

3. **junk mail** - advertisements received by postal delivery

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

4. **moralistic** - concerned with what is accepted as good

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

5. **welfare** - the state of being successful; financial aid to people who are poor

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

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6. **commencement** - the act of beginning; a ceremony in which students are awarded diplomas

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

7. **daredevil** - a person who is reckless and who takes risks

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

8. **wasteland** - an area which is not fit for growing crops; an area that is ruined or ugly

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

9. **hospitality** - the treatment of guests or visitors in a generous or friendly manner

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

10. **knockwurst** - a kind of sausage

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

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## TEST PRONOUNCER'S LIST - PAGE 2

11. **curriculum** - the courses offered by a school

Sentence \_\_\_\_\_

12. **farsightedness** - a condition in which a person is able to see things in the distance better than those things which are near

Sentence \_\_\_\_\_

13. **Russian** - a person who lives in a certain European country; the language of the people of that country

Sentence \_\_\_\_\_

14. **reconsider** - to think about again with the possibility of changing one's opinion

Sentence \_\_\_\_\_

15. **tortoiseshell** - being spotted with brown and yellow

Sentence \_\_\_\_\_

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16. **nightmarish** - like an alarming dream or experience

Sentence \_\_\_\_\_

17. **aggressive** - being ready to attack; showing force

Sentence \_\_\_\_\_

18. **repercussion** - an effect or consequence; an impact

Sentence \_\_\_\_\_

19. **turbulence** - storminess; disorder

Sentence \_\_\_\_\_

20. **autobiography** - the life story of a person who writes the story

Sentence \_\_\_\_\_

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## TEST PRONOUNCER'S LIST - PAGE 3

21. **inclination** - a fondness for something; an act of bending; slant; slope

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

22. **factorial** - (n. or adj.) a math term

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

23. **disavow** - to deny or renounce

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

24. **limitless** - without a boundary

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

25. **measurement** - the act of figuring the size of something; the extent or amount that is determined by figuring the size

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

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26. **hobbyhorse** - a child's toy

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

27. **impeccable** - without fault; not inclined to sin

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

28. **herbivore** - an animal which feeds on plants

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

29. **peroxide** - (n.) a kind of compound | (v.) to treat with such a compound; to bleach something such as hair with such a compound

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

30. **tenderhearted** - kind or compassionate

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

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## TEST PRONOUNCER'S LIST - PAGE 4

31. **oppression** - use of power in a cruel manner; despair

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

32. **commensurate** - equal; proportional

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

33. **heroism** - courage or bravery

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

34. **ravioli** - a kind of pasta

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

35. **oblique** - slanting or sloping

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

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36. **subscription** - a purchase of something such as a newspaper or magazine for a certain period of time

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

37. **laughable** - silly, absurd, or preposterous

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

38. **defendant** - a person who has been accused of a crime and is being sued in court

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

39. **turbojet** - a kind of airplane

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

40. **keynote** - the main speech at an event

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

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## TEST PRONOUNCER'S LIST - PAGE 5

41. **emergency** - a crisis

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

42. **everlasting** - eternal or in existence for a long time

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

43. **temporarily** - not enduring; for a short time

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

44. **obdurate** - hardhearted; unyielding or stubborn

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

45. **decisive** - having the power to make a judgment; unquestionable; showing judgment

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

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46. **ovation** - acclaim or praise; applause

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

47. **radius** - an armbone; a line from the midpoint to the outer edge of a circle

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

48. **frustration** - defeat or disappointment; thwarting or foiling

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

49. **valedictorian** - the student who has the highest grade point average in the graduating class

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

50. **metaphor** - a figure of speech

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

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## TEST PRONOUNCER'S LIST - PAGE 6

51. **quoit** - a game or the items used to play the game

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

52. **retrospective** - (adj.) looking back or thinking of the past | (n.) an extensive display of an artist's work over many years

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

53. **juror** - a member of a group of people assembled to determine the guilt or innocence of someone accused of a crime

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

54. **pentameter** - a poetic line with a rhythmical pattern of five feet

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

55. **Kabuki** - a kind of Japanese drama

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

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56. **treadle** - (n.) a device which is pressed to make a machine run | (v.) to operate such a device

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

57. **borax** - a substance used in chemicals and cleansers and used to soften water

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

58. **supersonic** - having to do with speed which is greater than the speed of sound

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

59. **ethnocentric** - being partial to one's own group of people

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

60. **maestro** - someone who is accomplished in an art, especially music

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

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## TEST PRONOUNCER'S LIST - PAGE 7

**61. reluctance** - unwillingness

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

**62. momentarily** - for just an instant; at any instant

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

**63. superscript** - a letter or number that is placed above or to the side and above another letter or number

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

**64. advocate** – (n.) one who supports or promotes an idea or issue | (v.) to support or promote

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

**65. fireproof** – such that it cannot be burned easily

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

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**66. brainstorm** – (n.) an idea or plan that develops quickly | (v.) to generate many new ideas quickly

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

**67. jokingly** - in a manner that is not serious

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

**68. hypochondriac** - a person who suffers from depression and often believes that he/she is ill

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

**69. limousine** - a kind of automobile

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

**70. honeycomb** - a mass of cells used by bees

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

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## TEST PRONOUNCER'S LIST - PAGE 8

71. **crinoline** - a kind of fabric; a petticoat or hoop skirt

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

72. **\*meddlesome** - likely to interfere

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

73. **perennial** - (adj.) lasting through a year or many years; enduring | (n.) a kind of plant; something that happens yearly

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

74. **frightfully** - in a manner that shocks or horrifies

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

75. **bulwark** – something set up for protection; a section of a ship

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

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76. **gamut** - the entire range of something

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

77. **increment** - growth related to amount or value; something added

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

78. **reimburse** - to pay back for money which was spent

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

79. **Ukrainian** - a native of a republic of Eastern Europe; the language of those people

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

80. **mispronounce** - to say in an incorrect manner

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

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## TEST PRONOUNCER'S LIST - PAGE 9

81. **unquestionable** - beyond doubt; not in dispute

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

82. **claustrophobia** - a strong fear of small or narrow places

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

83. **personification** - a figure of speech in which human traits are given to nonhuman entities; the embodiment or exact likeness of something

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

84. **eloquence** - forcefulness, expressiveness, or gracefulness of speech or writing; the art of speaking or writing in such a forceful, expressive, or graceful way

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

85. **libertarian** - a person who believes in personal freedom; a person who believes in free will

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

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86. **glandular** - having to do with organs or cells which produce saliva, sweat, etc.

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

87. **figurative** - metaphorical

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

88. **boulevard** - a kind of street

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

89. **engagement** - a promise to be somewhere at a certain time; a promise to marry; the state of being in a battle

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

90. **falsestto** - a kind of singing voice

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

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## TEST PRONOUNCER'S LIST - PAGE 10

- 91. numismatics** - the collection or study of coins and other items such as medals and paper money

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

- 92. coincident** - harmonious; contemporary

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

- 93. deliverance** - rescue

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

- 94. modification** - the act of changing

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

- 95. quagmire** - a marshy or swampy area; a situation that is extremely difficult

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

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- 96. vinyl** - a compound often used in making clothing or coverings

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

- 97. commiserate** - to feel or show sympathy

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

- 98. despicable** - worthy of scorn or disdain; abhorrent

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

- 99. katydid** - a kind of grasshopper

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

- 100. nonpartisan** - without bias or affiliation with any political group

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

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## TEST PRONOUNCER'S LIST - PAGE 11

- 101. thwack** - to hit or strike

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

- 102. brevity** - the condition of being concise, short, or to the point

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

- 103. engineering** - (v.) to build or manage something as a professional in that field; to guide or plan a course of action | (n.) a field of science or a profession that designs or develops things that people use

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

- 104. Buddhism** - a doctrine; a religion which professes this doctrine

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

- 105. \*frontiersman** - (singular) a person who lives in an unsettled region of a country

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

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- 106. quizzically** - in a teasing manner; in a curious or confused manner

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

- 107. transparency** - the state of letting light pass through so that objects beyond are visible; something such as a picture on glass or a kind of film which is viewed when light is passed through

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

- 108. docudrama** - a television production or a movie which is based on actual events

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

- 109. accelerator** - something that increases speed

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

- 110. levitation** - the act of raising or lifting something by magic

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

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1. **melancholy** - (n.) a sad mood | (adj.) sad

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

2. **chameleon** - a kind of lizard

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

3. **\*permanence** - (singular noun) the state of lasting

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

4. **encipher** - to change a message into code

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

5. **succumb** - to yield or give in; to die

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

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6. **clavichord** - a kind of musical instrument

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

7. **roister** – to have fun in a loud way

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

8. **stalemate** - (n.) a deadlock; (Games) a position in chess | (v.) to bring to a deadlock

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

9. **Norwegian** - a person who lives in a certain European country; the language spoken by the people of that country

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

10. **forbearance** - the act of refraining from (something); restraint

Sentence\_\_\_\_\_

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## TIE BREAKER PRONOUNCER'S LIST - PAGE 2

11. **irreverent** - disrespectful

Sentence \_\_\_\_\_

12. **martyr** - (n.) a person who suffers greatly or dies for his/her belief | (v.) to cause a person to suffer or die for a cause; to persecute

Sentence \_\_\_\_\_

13. **taciturn** - uncommunicative

Sentence \_\_\_\_\_

14. **secede** - to withdraw or break away from a group or organization

Sentence \_\_\_\_\_

15. **kleptomania** - an abnormal desire to steal things

Sentence \_\_\_\_\_

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16. **unabridged** - complete

Sentence \_\_\_\_\_

17. **expedient** - (adj.) opportune; to one's good | (n.) a means; a tool

Sentence \_\_\_\_\_

18. **odyssey** - a long wandering trip; a spiritual quest

Sentence \_\_\_\_\_

19. **johnnycake** - a kind of bread

Sentence \_\_\_\_\_

20. **quadriplegic** - a person who, because of paralysis, cannot use his/her arms and legs

Sentence \_\_\_\_\_

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## TIE BREAKER PRONOUNCER'S LIST - PAGE 3

21. **boisterous** - rowdy; spirited; violent

Sentence \_\_\_\_\_

22. **gregarious** - tending to spend time or live with others of one's own kind

Sentence \_\_\_\_\_

23. **deficiency** - the quality or state of not being complete, of lacking something; the state of not being adequate

Sentence \_\_\_\_\_

24. **malicious** - harmful; spiteful

Sentence \_\_\_\_\_

25. **dissonance** - sounds which do not blend but are harsh; conflict

Sentence \_\_\_\_\_

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26. **lattice** - a kind of trellis

Sentence \_\_\_\_\_

27. **seismograph** - a device which is used to measure the intensity of an earthquake

Sentence \_\_\_\_\_

28. **noise pollution** – unpleasant, loud, or harmful sounds in an environment

Sentence \_\_\_\_\_

29. **obstetrician** - a doctor who takes care of women during and after pregnancy

Sentence \_\_\_\_\_

30. **massacre** - slaughter

Sentence \_\_\_\_\_

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