

## Oxford Word List A2

Gap-Fill Exercises | Book 6 | Units 25–28

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### Digital Privacy & Data

*How your information is collected and used online*

#### WORDBOX

access	account	collect	data
detect	document	identity	link
online	secure	target	track

★ One word does not fit any gap.

Every time you go \_\_\_\_\_ (1) — to check your email, watch a video, or read the news — you leave behind a trail of information. Websites and apps \_\_\_\_\_ (2) this information automatically. Most users do not realise how much \_\_\_\_\_ (3) is being gathered about them every single day.

Companies use this data to build a profile of you: your age, your location, your interests, and your habits. They can then \_\_\_\_\_ (4) you with specific advertisements — showing you products that match what you have recently searched for. The more you use a service, the more accurately it can predict what you want.

To protect yourself, it is important to keep your \_\_\_\_\_ (5) safe. Use a strong password and do not share it with anyone. Always \_\_\_\_\_ (6) your personal details — especially your full name, address, and bank information — by using trusted platforms and checking for the padlock symbol in your browser.

Some apps ask for permission to \_\_\_\_\_ (7) your location even when you are not using them. Think carefully before you agree. Read the \_\_\_\_\_ (8) — the terms and conditions — before you sign up to any service, even if it seems long and boring.

Your digital \_\_\_\_\_ (9) is just as important as your identity in the physical world. If someone steals your \_\_\_\_\_ (10) details, they can open bank accounts, make purchases, and cause serious financial harm. Modern software can \_\_\_\_\_ (11) unusual activity and alert you, but the first line of defence is always your own awareness.

## WORDBOX

brain	condition	cope	cure
decline	disorder	emotion	function
recover	risk	symptom	treat

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A mental health \_\_\_\_\_ (1) — such as anxiety or depression — does not always show obvious physical signs. The first \_\_\_\_\_ (2) that something is wrong might be a change in sleep, appetite, or mood. Many people ignore these early signals, which allows the problem to deepen over time.

If a person's wellbeing begins to \_\_\_\_\_ (3), it is important to seek help early. The human \_\_\_\_\_ (4) is extraordinarily adaptable, but it is not invincible. Doctors can \_\_\_\_\_ (5) many conditions with a combination of medication and therapy; however, there is no single \_\_\_\_\_ (6) for every mental health problem.

It takes time to \_\_\_\_\_ (7) from a serious illness, whether physical or mental. During this period, it is normal to feel overwhelmed. Learning to \_\_\_\_\_ (8) with difficult \_\_\_\_\_ (9) — such as fear, sadness, or frustration — is a key part of the healing process.

A person's ability to \_\_\_\_\_ (10) — to carry out daily tasks and maintain relationships — depends heavily on their overall health. Some conditions affect just one part of the body; others affect every aspect of life. In all cases, a holistic \_\_\_\_\_ (11) involving doctors, family, and community support tends to give the best results.

## WORDBOX

burn	cycle	fuel	generate
impact	maintain	obtain	release
renew	resource	source	waste

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Finding a cleaner \_\_\_\_\_ (1) of energy is one of the great challenges of the twenty-first century. Solar panels, wind turbines, and hydroelectric dams can all \_\_\_\_\_ (2) electricity without producing harmful gases. The technology exists; the challenge is making it affordable and widely available.

Most of the energy we use today still comes from fossil fuels — coal, oil, and gas. Their \_\_\_\_\_ (3) on global temperatures and weather patterns has been serious and long-lasting. When we \_\_\_\_\_ (4) these materials, they \_\_\_\_\_ (5) carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, where it traps heat for decades.

Water is another critical \_\_\_\_\_ (6). Without careful management, this essential \_\_\_\_\_ (7) will become increasingly scarce. In many parts of the world, people already struggle to \_\_\_\_\_ (8) enough clean water for drinking, cooking, and farming.

Everything in nature operates in a \_\_\_\_\_ (9): water evaporates and falls as rain; plants absorb carbon and release oxygen. When human activity disrupts these cycles, the effects can take generations to reverse.

The way we \_\_\_\_\_ (10) energy and materials in our daily lives matters enormously. Choosing to repair rather than replace, to recycle rather than throw away — these habits help \_\_\_\_\_ (11) the natural systems that all life depends on.

## WORDBOX

admit	blame	claim	complex
conflict	convince	debate	depend
determine	dilemma	principle	value

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Making ethical decisions is rarely simple. Life regularly presents us with a \_\_\_\_\_ (1) — a situation where two or more choices each have good and bad consequences, and there is no obviously correct answer. How we respond to these moments says a great deal about our character.

Ethical questions can be extremely \_\_\_\_\_ (2). A scientist might face a \_\_\_\_\_ (3) between publishing research that could save lives but also be misused. A business leader might need to choose between profit and the wellbeing of their employees. In both cases, a clear set of \_\_\_\_\_ (4) — guidelines that direct behaviour regardless of consequences — can help.

One of the most important things a person can do when they make a mistake is to \_\_\_\_\_ (5) it. Taking responsibility, rather than shifting \_\_\_\_\_ (6) onto others, is a sign of maturity and honesty. It is also the first step towards fixing the problem.

People often \_\_\_\_\_ (7) on others to help them make difficult choices — a trusted friend, a mentor, or a parent. But ultimately, each person must \_\_\_\_\_ (8) their own priorities and decide what matters most to them. No one else can do this for you.

In a democracy, citizens \_\_\_\_\_ (9) important issues publicly. They hear different opinions, weigh the evidence, and try to \_\_\_\_\_ (10) others that their view is correct. The quality of this discussion — whether it is honest and based on facts — will \_\_\_\_\_ (11) the quality of the decisions that follow.

# ANSWER KEY

## Exercise 25 — Digital Privacy & Data

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| 1. online   | 2. collect  |
| 3. data     | 4. target   |
| 5. account  | 6. secure   |
| 7. track    | 8. document |
| 9. identity | 10. access  |
| 11. detect  |             |

◆ *Distractor: link*

## Exercise 26 — Health & Medicine

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|---------------|--------------|
| 1. disorder   | 2. symptom   |
| 3. decline    | 4. brain     |
| 5. treat      | 6. cure      |
| 7. recover    | 8. cope      |
| 9. emotion    | 10. function |
| 11. condition |              |

◆ *Distractor: risk*

## Exercise 27 — Environment & Energy

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|--------------|-------------|
| 1. source    | 2. generate |
| 3. impact    | 4. burn     |
| 5. release   | 6. resource |
| 7. fuel      | 8. obtain   |
| 9. cycle     | 10. waste   |
| 11. maintain |             |

◆ *Distractor: renew*

## Exercise 28 — Ethics & Decision-Making

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|-------------|--------------|
| 1. dilemma  | 2. complex   |
| 3. conflict | 4. principle |
| 5. admit    | 6. blame     |
| 7. depend   | 8. determine |

9. debate

10. convince

11. value

◆ *Distractor: claim*