

Vocabulary Practice

► **Activity 1:** Match the words on the left with their definitions / explanations on the right:

1. hover	a) knock
2. bulk	b) float, be suspended above the ground
3. fashion	c) make a visual representation with the use of technology
4. clump	d) having large mass, volume
5. levitate	e) lose energy
6. persist	f) cluster, group of similar things
7. suspend	g) rise above the ground and float in the air
8. dissipate	h) hang
9. die out	i) continue to exist
10. image (verb)	j) cease to exist
11. bump	k) make, form

► **Activity 2:** Cross the odd one out:

- 1) Superconductor electrons **pair up / bind together / are torn apart.**
- 2) Superconductivity **dies out / develops / disappears** at higher temperatures.
- 3) This material is easy to **fashion / flatten / form** into wires.
- 4) When these proteins **clump / dissipate / cluster** together, they cause cells to die.
- 5) High speed trains **float / levitate / fly** above a magnetic track.

► **Activity 3: Discrete or Discreet?** Fill in the blanks with the correct word.

- 1) The process occurred in four _____ steps.
- 2) This form of carbon has a _____ molecular form.
- 3) The assistant followed the distinguished guest at a _____ distance.
- 4) The term _____ *components* refers to elementary electronic devices constructed as single units.
- 5) The writer made a wise and _____ reply to his critics.

► **Activity 4: Rise or Arise?** Fill in the blanks with the correct word, in its correct form.

- 1) The committee is investigating the problems that _____ due to radiation emitted by cell phones.
- 2) The discovery gave _____ to new knowledge and new technologies.
- 3) These issues _____ from the bill that the government passed last week.
- 4) Everybody in the room _____ when the Nobel laureate entered.
- 5) The rocket _____ to the sky and soon disappeared into the clouds.

► **Activity 5:** The prefix **-semi** can be placed before adjectives and nouns to denote *half*; *partly* but not *completely*. It is used both with and without a hyphen (-). E.g., *semiconductors*, *semiconscious*, *semi-naked*, *semidarkness*. In which of the following can you place the prefix **-semi** to create a compound word?

circle / statistics / transistor / formal / ransparent / chips / autonomous /
synthetic / fluids / colon / technology / trailer

► **By the way...** Is *mis* in *semis* pronounced as in *bees* or as in *kites*?

