

4000 Essential English Words 6 Unit 14: The Coward's Lesson

1.

Choose the one that is similar in meaning to the given word.

paw

- A) father
- B) foot
- C) fort
- D) fashion

2.

Choose the one that is similar in meaning to the given word.

cot

- A) chamber
- B) bed
- C) fabric
- D) hut

3.

Choose the one that is similar in meaning to the given word.

camouflage

- A) disguise
- B) funny
- C) tired
- D) scared

4.

Choose the one that is similar in meaning to the given word.

lush

- A) shelf
- B) poem
- C) weather
- D) green

5.

Choose the one that is similar in meaning to the given word.

substantial

- A) backward
- B) majestic
- C) large
- D) comfortable

6.

Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

At first, he didn't know to which animal the ____'s print belonged.

- A) camouflage
- B) outfit
- C) weary
- D) handbook
- E) lush
- F) torches
- G) paw
- H) vigil
- I) enlist
- J) contemplated

7.

Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

But after he looked it up in the ____, he knew what it was.

- A) camouflage
- B) outfit
- C) weary
- D) handbook
- E) lush
- F) torches
- G) paw
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8. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

He decided to ____ in the army.

- A) camouflage
- B) outfit
- C) weary
- D) handbook
- E) lush
- F) torches
- G) paw
- H) vigil
- I) enlist
- J) contemplated

9. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

After he was done signing the papers, he dressed in his new ____.

- A) camouflage
- B) outfit
- C) weary
- D) handbook
- E) lush
- F) torches
- G) paw
- H) vigil
- I) enlist
- J) contemplated

10. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

She was supposed to keep a(n) ____ all night.

- A) camouflage
- B) outfit
- C) weary
- D) handbook
- E) lush
- F) torches
- G) paw
- H) vigil
- I) enlist
- J) contemplated

11. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

However, she soon became ____ and fell asleep.

- A) camouflage
- B) outfit
- C) weary
- D) handbook
- E) lush
- F) torches
- G) paw
- H) vigil
- I) enlist
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12. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

Because the forest was so ____, it was dark inside even during the day.

- A) camouflage
- B) outfit
- C) weary
- D) handbook
- E) lush
- F) torches
- G) paw
- H) vigil
- I) enlist
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13. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

So, in order to see the path, the explorers had to light their ____.

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- B) outfit
- C) weary
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14. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

He ____ how to get the stains out of his favorite suit.

- A) camouflage
- B) outfit
- C) weary
- D) handbook
- E) lush
- F) torches
- G) paw
- H) vigil
- I) enlist
- J) contemplated

15. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

At last, Mark decided to wear another ____.

- A) camouflage
- B) outfit
- C) weary
- D) handbook
- E) lush
- F) torches
- G) paw
- H) vigil
- I) enlist
- J) contemplated

16. Choose the one that is opposite in meaning to the given word.

contend

- A) give up
- B) ready
- C) quick
- D) ugly

17. Choose the one that is opposite in meaning to the given word.

substantial

- A) bright
- B) runny
- C) small
- D) handsome

18. Choose the one that is opposite in meaning to the given word.

hesitant

- A) visible
- B) certain
- C) colorful
- D) broken

19. Choose the one that is opposite in meaning to the given word.

splendid

- A) night
- B) whale
- C) terrible
- D) skin

20. Choose the one that is opposite in meaning to the given word.

enlist

- A) resign
- B) erase
- C) boil
- D) increase

21. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly. Write I if the word is used incorrectly.

I am so *weary*. The loud music kept me awake most of last night.

- A) C
- B) I

22. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly. Write I if the word is used incorrectly.

The pages in the book were *quivering* with sheer horror.

- A) C
- B) I

23. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly. Write I if the word is used incorrectly.

Bill was *hesitant* to speak to his teacher. But after thinking about it, he talked to her.

- A) C
- B) I



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24. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.
Write I if the word is used incorrectly.

You can tell that the bones are old because they don't have any *marrow* left in them.

- A) C
B) I

25. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.
Write I if the word is used incorrectly.

I have five siblings. We often *contend* with each other for our parents' attention.

- A) C
B) I

26. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.
Write I if the word is used incorrectly.

After the meal, Father *strayed* the bill, and we left.

- A) C
B) I

27. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.
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Mountains divide the northern *frontier* from the southern plains.

- A) C
B) I

28. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.
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He parked the car in the *cot* but didn't notice he was on the wrong street.

- A) C
B) I

29. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.
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I installed a new *tract* in the bathroom today.

- A) C
B) I

30. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.
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I had to *contemplate* what I was going to do with my life.

- A) C
B) I

31. THE COWARD'S LESSON

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It was getting dark, and Tom grew **weary**. All he had was a knife, a boomerang, and his **handbook**. He made a camp for the night. It was cold, and the ground was hard. He wished he had his cot and a blanket. Instead, he made a fire, wrapped himself tightly in his jacket, and fell asleep.

A loud noise roused him from his sleep. "What was that?" he wondered.

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Tom **contemplated** many different plans. He was **hesitant** to act. He decided to stay by the fire, but during his **vigil**, he heard more noises.

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Tom went back to his camp and slept. In the morning, he found his squad. He had finally learned courage. He learned that he had to confront his fear in order to conquer it.

Tom strayed from his squad to gaze at a splendid view of a lush forest near the frontier.

- A) TRUE
B) FALSE



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A monster of substantial size left a print from its paw in the dirt near Tom's fire.

- A) TRUE
- B) FALSE

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A loud noise woke him from his sleep.

- A) TRUE
- B) FALSE



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Answer Key:

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|-------|-------|
| 1: B | 19: C |
| 2: B | 20: A |
| 3: A | 21: A |
| 4: D | 22: B |
| 5: C | 23: A |
| 6: G | 24: A |
| 7: D | 25: A |
| 8: I | 26: B |
| 9: A | 27: A |
| 10: H | 28: B |
| 11: C | 29: B |
| 12: E | 30: A |
| 13: F | 31: B |
| 14: J | 32: A |
| 15: B | 33: B |
| 16: A | 34: B |
| 17: C | 35: A |
| 18: B | |

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