

4000 Essential English Words 5 Unit 9: The Weaving Machine

1.

Choose the answer that best fits the question.

What is something that is archaic?

- A) A computer
- B) An Egyptian pyramid
- C) Some bread
- D) Space ships

2.

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Which of these things is often made of brass?

- A) A saxophone
- B) A coat
- C) A chair
- D) A doll

3.

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Which of these is a component in a radio?

- A) Music
- B) Wires
- C) A television
- D) Diamonds

4.

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Which of these things could be seen during the medieval ages?

- A) Telephones
- B) Skateboards
- C) Castles
- D) Soda

5.

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If you are on a small peninsula, you will be quite near to _____.

- A) the mountains
- B) a forest
- C) the sea
- D) the moon

6.

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

weave

- A) to sew
- B) to create
- C) to pull apart
- D) to move

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managerial

- A) entry-level
- B) legislative
- C) ruling
- D) supervisory

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prestige

- A) fame
- B) honor
- C) sin
- D) lowliness

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drawback

- A) artist
- B) benefit
- C) disadvantage
- D) boost

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obsolete

- A) old
- B) innovative
- C) stale
- D) bright



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

benevolent

- A) crazy
- B) kind
- C) angry
- D) dark

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

diminish

- A) buy
- B) decide
- C) ignore
- D) decrease

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radical

- A) new
- B) closure
- C) picture
- D) disadvantage

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

spectacular

- A) unusual
- B) sad
- C) amazing
- D) sudden

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

fad

- A) trend
- B) annoyance
- C) equipment
- D) sale

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

Knights in armor and their squires were common sites in *medieval* times.

- A) C
- B) I

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

Our new boss hasn't made any changes to the company. He has very *radical* ideas.

- A) C
- B) I

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

I don't want to *impose* on my father to help me with my homework. He's very busy.

- A) C
- B) I

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

He *refuted* me because I didn't wash the plates after dinner.

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In *capitalism*, people can own just about any product or object they want.

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But the mayor was a **benevolent** man. He knew about the people's **dependence** on weaving for their livelihood. If he bought the machine, the people would lose their jobs. So he refused to buy it.

Joseph said, "We are no longer in the **medieval** age! Soon everything will be made by machines. Cloth made by hand will soon be **obsolete**. If you don't change your **archaic** ways, your town's income will **diminish**!"

But the mayor said, "I don't like **capitalism**. Don't **impose** your **radical** ideas on my town. Go away!"

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The mayor of Netherton wanted Joseph to impose his radical fad on the town.

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The mayor of Wilton refuted the fact that the machine had drawbacks.

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In Wilton, the people who used to weave got managerial positions at the factories.

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In the end, capitalism brought prestige to both cities.

- A) TRUE
- B) FALSE



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Answer Key:

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| 1: B | 14: C |
| 2: A | 15: A |
| 3: B | 16: A |
| 4: C | 17: B |
| 5: C | 18: A |
| 6: C | 19: B |
| 7: A | 20: A |
| 8: D | 21: B |
| 9: C | 22: A |
| 10: B | 23: B |
| 11: B | 24: A |
| 12: D | 25: A |
| 13: A | |

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