

## 4000 Essential English Words 3 Unit 8: The Anniversary Gift

1.

**Choose the word that is the better fit for each blank.**

Because it was their \_\_\_\_\_, my father bought my mother a gift. It was an \_\_\_\_\_ coat.

- A) anniversary / elegant
- B) elegant / anniversary

2.

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It takes a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ to design new airplanes. You have to know how to make them go \_\_\_\_\_ in the easiest way.

- A) arithmetic / upwards
- B) upwards / arithmetic

3.

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You should be \_\_\_\_\_ of yourself! You know you're not supposed to eat on the \_\_\_\_\_!

- A) couch / ashamed
- B) ashamed / couch

4.

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When the wind blew, the door \_\_\_\_\_ open. And since it was raining, water \_\_\_\_\_ into the room.

- A) burst / dripped
- B) dripped / burst

5.

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My brother is a \_\_\_\_\_, so he knows about construction. However, he doesn't know how to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) sew / carpenter
- B) carpenter / sew

6.

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I heard a news story about something in the \_\_\_\_\_. I guess they found \_\_\_\_\_ under the ground.

- A) coal / highlands
- B) highlands / coal

7.

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Archeologist found \_\_\_\_\_ made from \_\_\_\_\_ in Africa.

- A) ivory / needle
- B) needle / ivory

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People who work at the \_\_\_\_\_ do many things to stay safe. For example, they do not have \_\_\_\_\_ hanging from their clothing because they can get caught in the machinery.

- A) threads / mill
- B) mill / threads

9.

**Choose the word that is the better fit for each blank.**

Bruce worked hard to \_\_\_\_\_ the wood floors. Afterwards, he wiped the floor with a soft \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) fabric / polish
- B) polish / fabric

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On Saturday, my dad made me clean out the \_\_\_\_\_. I also had to \_\_\_\_\_ the bushes.

- A) shed / trim
- B) trim / shed



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### 11. Choose the word that is the better fit for each blank.

What kind of material does a carpenter work with?

- A) Plastic
- B) Iron
- C) Brick
- D) Wood

### 12. Choose the word that is the better fit for each blank.

Which of these things could drip?

- A) A dog
- B) Water
- C) A ball
- D) Dirt

### 13. Choose the answer that best fits the question.

What could you make with a needle?

- A) A shirt
- B) A car
- C) A computer
- D) A chair

### 14. Choose the answer that best fits the question.

What does it mean if your water pipes burst?

- A) They are new.
- B) They've been cleaned.
- C) They are frozen.
- D) They've exploded.

### 15. Choose the answer that best fits the question.

Which is the same color as ivory?

- A) A needle
- B) A tooth
- C) Coal
- D) Wood

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#### Stella and Joe were ashamed of themselves

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**Joe was a carpenter.**

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**Stella and Joe were too poor to heat their shed with coal.**

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**Joe asked Stella to trim the bushes.**

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**Stella used a needle and thread to sew elegant things with beautiful fabric.**

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**Water dripped into their house.**

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**Where were the houses that Joe worked on?**

- A) Near the mill
- B) In the shed
- C) On an elegant street
- D) In the highlands



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#### What did Joe do with his watch?

- A) Hit it with his hammer
- B) Lifted it upward to see it
- C) Left it in the shed
- D) Polished it and sold it

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#### What did Stella make?

- A) Elegant clothing
- B) Ivory hairbrushes
- C) Couches
- D) Anything for herself



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**What did Stella do for Joe on their anniversary?**

- A)** Sold her hair
- B)** Combed her hair
- C)** Made him a shirt
- D)** Bought him a gold watch



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### Answer Key:

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|-------|-------|
| 1: A  | 14: D |
| 2: A  | 15: B |
| 3: B  | 16: B |
| 4: A  | 17: A |
| 5: B  | 18: B |
| 6: B  | 19: B |
| 7: B  | 20: A |
| 8: A  | 21: A |
| 9: A  | 22: D |
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