

4000 Essential English Words 6 Unit 2: The Fossil Hunters

1.

Choose the answer that best fits the question.

What might a person with a large ego say?

- A) "I am the best."
- B) "I can't do it."
- C) "I'm hungry."
- D) "I'm sorry."

2.

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Which is likely to be jagged?

- A) A doll
- B) A cliff
- C) A cloud
- D) A pillow

3.

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Which is likely to be excavated?

- A) Water
- B) A sofa
- C) A computer
- D) The ground

4.

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What is part of the skeletal system?

- A) The skin
- B) The tongue
- C) The skull
- D) The fingernails

5.

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What is an example of an endeavor?

- A) Waking up
- B) Inventing a new machine
- C) Making coffee
- D) Combing your hair

6.

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

The alarm clock was set to *endeavor* every morning at seven A.M.

- A) C
- B) I

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Experts *excavated* the site in hopes of finding an ancient city buried underneath.

- A) C
- B) I

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Everyone loved to hug and kiss the *vicious* baby.

- A) C
- B) I

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The elephant is one of the largest *terrestrial* animals still in existence.

- A) C
- B) I

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The *dubious* chocolate ice cream is a favorite treat at the restaurant.

- A) C
- B) I



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11. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.
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The concerned owner built a fence along the *periphery* of the parking lot.

A) C
B) I

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

Preparing for the difficult test was an *arduous* task for the nervous students.

A) C
B) I

13. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.
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You'll need a *shovel* if you plan on getting on top of the roof.

A) C
B) I

14. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.
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The delicate flower was a *jagged* addition to the arrangement.

A) C
B) I

15. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.
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Children cheered as the circus clown *attained* balloons into different shapes.

A) C
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16. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.
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He filled the ugly holes in the ceiling with *plaster*.

A) C
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17. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.
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At the factory, the workers made screws by pouring liquid metal into a *mold*.

A) C
B) I

18. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.
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I hope she is able to *engrave* all of her homework before school tomorrow.

A) C
B) I

19. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.
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I cannot *conceive* the reason why he would act in such a mean way.

A) C
B) I

20. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.
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The small fights and arguments eventually led to an *outright* war.

A) C
B) I

21. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.
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When the glass vase fell to the floor, we heard an *elastic* sound.

A) C
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22. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.
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She bought a cute new *ego* from the pet store today.

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B) I



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We need to choose a *locale* for Brian's birthday party.

- A) C
- B) I

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

Derrick bought a *skeletal* from that new clothing store downtown.

- A) C
- B) I

25. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.
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Although they were rivals, the stores were able to *coexist* in the same neighborhood.

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- B) FALSE



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When Tim excavated the land, he uncovered many engraved bones.

- A) TRUE
- B) FALSE



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Answer Key:

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| 1: A | 16: A |
| 2: B | 17: A |
| 3: D | 18: B |
| 4: C | 19: A |
| 5: B | 20: A |
| 6: B | 21: B |
| 7: A | 22: B |
| 8: B | 23: A |
| 9: A | 24: B |
| 10: B | 25: A |
| 11: A | 26: A |
| 12: A | 27: B |
| 13: B | 28: A |
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