

4000 Essential English Words 3 Unit 22: The Circus

1. Choose the right word for the given definition.
- to have enough room
- A) accommodate
 - B) circus
 - C) tame
 - D) steer
2. Choose the right word for the given definition.
- to change the color of something
- A) tempt
 - B) dye
 - C) stripe
 - D) dose
3. Choose the right word for the given definition.
- A category of being either a boy or a girl
- A) wipe
 - B) extent
 - C) informal
 - D) gender
4. Choose the right word for the given definition.
- the title of a newspaper story
- A) pose
 - B) headline
 - C) ranch
 - D) inquire
5. Choose the right word for the given definition.
- to pay someone to do something
- A) portrait
 - B) commission
 - C) peer
 - D) messenger
6. Choose the right definition for the given word.
- to pay someone for something
- A) to pay someone for something
 - B) to ask about something
 - C) to make someone want something
 - D) not wild
7. Choose the right definition for the given word.
- steer
- A) a picture of someone
 - B) to stay in one position
 - C) a traveling show
 - D) to control the direction of a car
8. Choose the right definition for the given word.
- stripe
- A) a line
 - B) a person who carries news
 - C) an amount of medicine
 - D) describes being either a boy or a girl
9. Choose the right definition for the given word.
- extent
- A) to have room for
 - B) how much
 - C) to change color
 - D) a place with many animals
10. Choose the right definition for the given word.
- coincide
- A) to happen at the same time
 - B) not official
 - C) to watch carefully
 - D) the title of a news story



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

The patient _____ if the doctor could help his shoulder pain. The doctor gave him a _____ of medication that would relieve the pain.

A) inquired / dose

B) dose / inquired

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

The photographer _____ through the camera, but the picture didn't seem right. So he asked the people to _____ differently.

A) pose / peered

B) peered / pose

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

Her grandfather gave her a _____ that was painted when he was a boy. Her grandfather's family had _____ a famous artist to do it.

A) portrait / commissioned

B) commissioned / portrait

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

The day of the wedding _____ with an important baseball game. As a result, the hotels couldn't _____ the extra guests.

A) accommodate / coincided

B) coincided / accommodate

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

The performers at the _____ had clothing that was _____ funny colors.

A) circus / dyed

B) dyed / circus

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

They didn't understand the _____ of the damage until they saw the _____ that said that thousands of people had lost their homes in the storm.

A) headline / extent

B) extent / headline

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

The _____ carried the notes in a bag that had a long green _____ on the side.

A) messenger / stripe

B) stripe / messenger

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

The owner of the _____ had an _____ meeting with his employees to talk to them about the recent problems.

A) ranch / informal

B) informal / ranch

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

I couldn't tell the _____ of the person _____ the car because it was dark outside.

A) steering / gender

B) gender / steering

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

The trainer _____ the _____ tiger with a treat, but the animal remained in his place.

A) tame / tempted

B) tempted / tame



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The tigers had stripes and were tame.

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People with dyed hair of both genders danced all over the place.

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Ben was commissioned to paint informal portraits of people posing in front of a funny picture.

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Why did Ben like the circus to such an extent?

- A) He could be very rich.
- B) He inquired about getting his own circus.
- C) It made him feel special.
- D) He took a dose of special medicine.

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What good news did the messenger bring?

- A) The circus was coming.
- B) Ice cream was free.
- C) Good weather was coming.
- D) A new movie was showing.



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What did Ben's dad do on his birthday?

- A) He tamed tigers.
- B) He paid for Ben's portrait.
- C) He taught Ben how to drive.
- D) He steered around town looking for the circus.

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Why wasn't Ben tempted by money?

- A) His circus wasn't very good.
- B) He was already very rich.
- C) He wanted other kids to like him.
- D) He only wanted to make people happy.



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Answer Key:

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| 1: A | 16: B |
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| 4: B | 19: B |
| 5: B | 20: B |
| 6: B | 21: A |
| 7: D | 22: B |
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