

4000 Essential English Words 5 Unit 18: The Soldier's Decision

1.

Choose the answer that best fits the question.

Who would most likely serve in a corps?

- A) A teacher
- B) A baby
- C) A minister
- D) A soldier

2.

Choose the answer that best fits the question.

What would you find near a compound?

- A) A fence
- B) A napkin
- C) A parade
- D) A computer program

3.

Choose the answer that best fits the question.

Which would you most likely see in an auditorium?

- A) A shark
- B) A river
- C) A crowd
- D) Birds

4.

Choose the answer that best fits the question.

Who would most likely be involved in combat?

- A) A warrior
- B) A teacher
- C) A swimmer
- D) A dancer

5.

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Which of the following is a dumb thing to do?

- A) To go swimming
- B) To chop wood
- C) To play with matches
- D) To trim your fingernails

6.

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

foe

- A) shovel
- B) friend
- C) room
- D) thumb

7.

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

amnesty

- A) education
- B) prison
- C) energy
- D) highway

8.

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

combat

- A) peace
- B) brush
- C) carpet
- D) bird

9.

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

sacred

- A) brave
- B) better
- C) evil
- D) warm

10.

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

distract

- A) increase
- B) pretend
- C) return
- D) focus



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

dumb

- A) kind
- B) wrong
- C) loud
- D) hurt

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

commonplace

- A) unusual
- B) fresh
- C) pleasant
- D) actual

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

hack

- A) mend
- B) sneeze
- C) blame
- D) dig

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

aggressive

- A) smart
- B) tall
- C) calm
- D) young

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

provoke

- A) mash
- B) burn
- C) tire
- D) soothe

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

realm

- A) lunch
- B) area
- C) gown
- D) idea

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

auditorium

- A) market
- B) assembly hall
- C) music
- D) present

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

rust

- A) morning
- B) speed
- C) truth
- D) decay

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

corps

- A) basin
- B) troop
- C) pace
- D) image

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

meditate

- A) think
- B) bake
- C) swim
- D) sweep

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

compound

- A) garbage
- B) pasture
- C) kilogram
- D) camp

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

reign

- A) bath
- B) snow
- C) rule
- D) chalk

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

arena

- A) stadium
- B) boulder
- C) camera
- D) believable

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

nick

- A) scratch
- B) choice
- C) grain
- D) glove

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

captive

- A) challenge
- B) motor
- C) prisoner
- D) ticket

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

The *arena* was filled with adoring fans.

- A) C
- B) I

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

The wooden fence was covered in a thick layer of *rust*.

- A) C
- B) I

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

His *reign* only lasted three years before he became sick and passed away.

- A) C
- B) I

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

You will like Jack. You both have so much *commonplace* together.

- A) C
- B) I

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Her perfume was too strong. I was *distracted* by it during the meeting.

- A) C
- B) I



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31. THE SOLDIER'S DECISION

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The soldier, however, decided he had seen too much violence. He now felt that all life was **sacred**. The night before his first match, he made a risky decision. He decided that he would not engage in **combat**. He knew he may never be set free, but it was a decision that he was willing to accept.

In the morning, he was led from the prisoners' **compound** to one of the king's arenas. A gate coated in **rust** stood between him and the **auditorium's** floor. He was worried, but he knew what he had to do.

When the gate opened, he calmly walked to the center of the arena and sat. He started to **meditate**. His **foe** Darius, who was skilled in the **realm** of sword fighting and was typically not very **aggressive**, would not fight the quiet soldier until he attacked Darius first.

Darius tried to **provoke** him by **hacking** at the air close to his head with his sword. But the soldier was not **distracted**. He sat quietly, as if he were **dumb**, and looked calmly up at the sky. Even when Darius **nicked** him on the cheek with the edge of his sword, the soldier did not move.

At last, he threw down his sword and shield and gave up. "I can't fight someone who refuses to fight me!" Darius shouted to the king.

The king was very impressed with the soldier. Never in any battle had he seen someone so brave. As a result, he gave the peaceful soldier **amnesty**. The soldier's actions proved to the king and everyone in the arena that peace was more powerful than fighting.

The gate between the soldier and the auditorium was coated with rust.

- A) TRUE
- B) FALSE

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While he meditated, the soldier was distracted by his opponent.

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The king gave the brave soldier amnesty and made him join his elite army corps.

- A) TRUE
- B) FALSE



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The quiet soldier felt that all life was sacred.

- A) TRUE
- B) FALSE



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Answer Key:

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

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