

4000 Essential English Words 6 Unit 12: The Butler

1.

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

reckless

- A) impressive
- B) careless
- C) fake
- D) colorful

2.

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

flaw

- A) loss
- B) injury
- C) mistake
- D) relative

3.

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

farewell

- A) goodbye
- B) maybe
- C) instead
- D) with luck

4.

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

filth

- A) ice
- B) dirt
- C) tear
- D) track

5.

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

bliss

- A) boldness
- B) comfort
- C) greatness
- D) happiness

6.

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

The scientist's theory was full of *flaws*. There was no way it could work.

- A) C
- B) I

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The *butler* catered to the old man's every need.

- A) C
- B) I

8.

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I hope we do not have to say *farewells* to the bus to school.

- A) C
- B) I

9.

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The teacher was proud of the *filth* her students achieved in class.

- A) C
- B) I

10.

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After the initial pain of dropping the hammer on my toe, it went *numb*.

- A) C
- B) I



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

He was not looking forward to cleaning the huge *mound* of dirty dishes in the sink.

- A) C
B) I

12. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.
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The scared child felt *bliss* and cried for his mother.

- A) C
B) I

13. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.
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Huge stained-glass windows *adorn* the new church.

- A) C
B) I

14. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.
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Fossil evidence is a *testament* to the immense size of dinosaurs.

- A) C
B) I

15. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.
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The *reckless* climber took every precaution to ensure a safe climb.

- A) C
B) I

16. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.
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The girl's jump rope has a *cramp* in it.

- A) C
B) I

17. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.
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The weather report says *slate* will fall for the next three days.

- A) C
B) I

18. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.
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My entire family helps with *housekeeping*. I sweep the floor, and my brother dusts.

- A) C
B) I

19. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.
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The mother *grinned* when her child scored the winning run in the baseball game.

- A) C
B) I

20. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.
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The *timber* was a nice addition to our breakfast meal.

- A) C
B) I

21. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.
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He took off his shoes and leaned back into the comfortable *stool*.

- A) C
B) I

22. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.
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Adjust the *valve* to insure proper airflow.

- A) C
B) I



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23. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.
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The *dilapidated* fire truck was a beautiful site.

- A) C
- B) I

24. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.
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The movie was great because it *evoked* strong feelings in viewers.

- A) C
- B) I

25. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.
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You can get hot or cold water from this *faucet*.

- A) C
- B) I

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Greta said, "You've made this ugly old mansion look new again. I'm so thankful for your hard work that I want you to have it. I'll move into a smaller house."

He **grinned** and gave Greta a big hug. He said, "I'm in **bliss**! My hard work really paid off!"

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The dilapidated mansion was covered in filth.

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Gordon's muscles were a testament to his flaws.

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The mound of dirt evoked unhappy feelings in Gordon.

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- B) FALSE

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Gordon tightened the valve under the kitchen faucet and bought timber to build stools.

- A) TRUE
- B) FALSE



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Answer Key:

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

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