

## 4000 Essential English Words 6 Unit 21: The Mayor of Sherman

1.

**Choose the answer that best fits the question.**

What might be abolished?

- A) A rule
- B) A toy
- C) A car
- D) A star

2.

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Who tackles crime?

- A) Bankers
- B) Criminals
- C) Postal workers
- D) Police officers

3.

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Who is infamous?

- A) A trusting friend
- B) An evil king
- C) A tiny puppy
- D) A newborn baby

4.

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If a behavior is pathological, it \_\_\_\_.

- A) is envied
- B) cannot be controlled
- C) can be bad
- D) is pleasant

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Who might be lame?

- A) A healthy baby
- B) An athlete
- C) A young man
- D) Someone in a wheelchair

6.

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A trance is most similar to \_\_\_\_.

- A) dancing
- B) eating
- C) showering
- D) sleeping

7.

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What is most likely to have a charter?

- A) An unknown island
- B) A new automobile
- C) A large company
- D) A basketball

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What might be censored?

- A) A newspaper
- B) A fly
- C) A cruise
- D) Cell phone

9.

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If your skills are phenomenal, they are \_\_\_\_.

- A) ordinary
- B) not appreciated
- C) in need of practice
- D) great

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Which area is likely to be cosmopolitan?

- A) A television set
- B) A bedroom
- C) A big city
- D) A small village



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

lame

- A) rude
- B) kind
- C) smart
- D) healthy

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

secrecy

- A) well known
- B) hidden
- C) upset
- D) popularity

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

abolish

- A) great
- B) start
- C) round
- D) caring

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

remorse

- A) again
- B) grief
- C) happiness
- D) glow

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

disseminate

- A) distribute
- B) collect
- C) open
- D) forget

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

The boy *tackled* when he slipped on the ice.

- A) C
- B) I

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

Many different languages are spoken in this *cosmopolitan* area.

- A) C
- B) I

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

The *trance* was a beautiful arrangement of fruits and flowers on the table.

- A) C
- B) I

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

The doctor had to *amend* the man's lungs to help him breathe better.

- A) C
- B) I

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

The new country created a strong *constitution* to help guide it through the years.

- A) C
- B) I



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The citizens of Sherman didn't care about what the politicians had to say. No one listened to Mr. Webb, even though he had great ideas. They cheered when Mr. Jones spoke, although he didn't talk about important things. His pretty words put people in a **trance**. All the **polls** predicted that Mr. Jones would win the election.

When the votes were totaled, Mr. Jones won easily. But when he took office, he didn't know what to do! He tried to hide his ignorance by working in **secrecy**. He added a law to the city's **constitution** that prevented citizens from seeing the mayor. He even **censored** newspapers that tried to **disseminate** information about his inability to help the people.

Soon, however, Mr. Jones became **infamous** for his poor leadership. There was an **outburst** of anger among the citizens. They were full of **remorse** for their misguided decision to elect an ignorant mayor. They voted to remove Mr. Jones and let Mr. Webb take over. Immediately, Mr. Webb proved that he was a great mayor. He **abolished** Mr. Jones's law, and he was willing to talk openly with everyone. He **tackled** important issues and **amended** unfair laws in the city's **charter**.

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**Two men aspired to be mayor of the cosmopolitan city of Sherman.**

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- B) FALSE

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**Mr. Jones was a pathological speaker who flattered people with his words.**

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**Mr. Webb was lame, so he limped when he walked.**

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**Mr. Webb tackled important issues and amended unfair laws in the city charter.**

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**Mr. Jones censored newspapers that tried to disseminate outbursts of anger.**

- A) TRUE
- B) FALSE



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### Answer Key:

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

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