

## 4000 Essential English Words 6 Unit 5: A Bet

1.

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

An overdose of something is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) expensive
- B) too much
- C) not true
- D) not enough

2.

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What might cause someone to gasp?

- A) Falling asleep
- B) Getting a surprise party
- C) Eating too much
- D) Laying on a bed

3.

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What is something that can be sipped?

- A) A plate of rice
- B) A bowl of fruit
- C) A glass of soda
- D) A piece of chicken

4.

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If you knew that a snake was benign, you would probably feel like this:

- A) Fine
- B) Scared
- C) Angry
- D) Hungry

5.

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She felt apologetic about \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) calling her friend back
- B) walking home alone
- C) forgetting her friend's birthday
- D) giving to charity

6.

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If people are negotiating, what are they doing?

- A) Deciding on something
- B) Arguing about a silly topic
- C) Meeting for the first time
- D) Going on a date

7.

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What does charred meat look like?

- A) It is raw and not cooked enough.
- B) It is cooked perfectly.
- C) It is black on the outside.
- D) It is red on the outside.

8.

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If someone does something with reluctance, how do they feel?

- A) Excited
- B) Unwilling
- C) Frightened
- D) Nervous

9.

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What might ensue after someone has misplaced a lot of money?

- A) A worried search
- B) A visit from the doctor
- C) The arrival of a friend
- D) A party

10.

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What might cause a teacher distress?

- A) All the students doing their homework
- B) Her students always arriving on time
- C) Her students not coming to class
- D) Her students all passing an exam



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

reluctance

- A) loneliness
- B) hesitance
- C) dependence
- D) lateness

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

apologetic

- A) unsure
- B) lucky
- C) sorry
- D) pitiful

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

char

- A) burn
- B) cook
- C) on fire
- D) dark

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

relay

- A) plate
- B) race
- C) desert
- D) snack

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

persuasion

- A) talent
- B) influence
- C) ripeness
- D) climate

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

restate

- A) decide
- B) discuss
- C) lose
- D) summarize

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

gasp

- A) breathe
- B) announce
- C) mean
- D) drink

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

negotiate

- A) decide
- B) discuss
- C) fair
- D) ask

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

sesame

- A) container
- B) food
- C) an animal
- D) shell

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

verge

- A) edge
- B) done
- C) plan
- D) last



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

benign

- A) quick
- B) painful
- C) harmful
- D) warm

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

dogged

- A) working
- B) arrival
- C) flexible
- D) serious

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

clarify

- A) confuse
- B) clean
- C) do again
- D) order

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

waver

- A) river
- B) determine
- C) chili
- D) solid

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

distress

- A) thoughtful
- B) reasonable
- C) peace
- D) surprising

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

sip

- A) gulp
- B) laugh
- C) provide
- D) keep

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

alternate

- A) divide
- B) move
- C) travel
- D) continue

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

overdose

- A) lack
- B) mixture
- C) teacher
- D) cottage

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

wary

- A) tired
- B) mad
- C) small
- D) trusting

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

ensue

- A) come before
- B) safe
- C) punish
- D) ask about



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Russell **restated** the agreement, "That's right I'll carry your books all year if you win—which you won't!"

His **dogged persuasion** convinced her. The chili looked **benign**, but Becky knew it could cause a lot of pain. She bit the bottom of the pepper. Surprisingly, she felt nothing.

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"That was awful!" he said, continuing to **sip** from the glass.

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**Becky was having charred sesame chicken for lunch.**

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B) FALSE

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**The argument ensued because Becky wavered about whether to run the relay.**

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**After Russell and Becky negotiated the bet, they decided that whoever lost would carry the winner's books for a year.**

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**Russell was wary about eating the pepper even if it looked benign.**

- A) TRUE
- B) FALSE



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**Becky was apologetic because of her choice to take the first bite of the pepper.**

A) TRUE

B) FALSE



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### Answer Key:

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

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