

4000 Essential English Words 5 Unit 1: The Little Mice

1.

Choose the answer that best fits the question.

You would have empathy if you _____.

- A) shared sad feelings
- B) lost in a game
- C) hurt your arm
- D) ate a large meal

2.

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How would you feel if there was a dearth of food?

- A) Happy
- B) Hungry
- C) Full
- D) Sleepy

3.

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If something is a convenience, then it makes _____.

- A) you very angry
- B) you feel sick
- C) a lot of money
- D) a task easier

4.

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How would a resourceful person deal with a problem?

- A) Ignore it
- B) Give up
- C) Cry and ask for help
- D) Find a solution

5.

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If something was deliberate, then it was _____.

- A) done with pride
- B) done easily
- C) done on purpose
- D) not done at all

6.

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How would you describe someone feeling a sense of outrage?

- A) Peaceful
- B) Upset
- C) Tired
- D) Arrogant

7.

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What fanciful idea might a doctor have?

- A) Give a patient medicine
- B) Be kind to them
- C) Tell them to rest
- D) Ask a fairy for advice

8.

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What would a tired person likely opt to do?

- A) Watch a movie
- B) Exercise
- C) Finish a book
- D) Go to bed

9.

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To rectify hurting your friend, you would _____.

- A) say sorry
- B) laugh at him
- C) hit him
- D) ignore him

10.

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What might appall a teacher?

- A) Smart students
- B) A happy student
- C) A mean attitude
- D) A long test



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

outrage

- A) idea
- B) anger
- C) beauty
- D) personality

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

rectify

- A) to correct
- B) to sadden
- C) to bore
- D) to be hard

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

sustenance

- A) belief
- B) flowing
- C) food and drink
- D) torn

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

dire

- A) terrible
- B) likely
- C) large
- D) small

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

opt

- A) to remove
- B) to yell
- C) to shout
- D) to choose

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

tedious

- A) fun
- B) to read
- C) to shrink
- D) to love

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

appall

- A) to greet
- B) to lower
- C) to please
- D) to create

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

paltry

- A) worthless
- B) large
- C) ugly
- D) absent

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

grueling

- A) rough
- B) exact
- C) easy
- D) necessary

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

resourceful

- A) foolish
- B) realistic
- C) impressive
- D) surprising



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

I had a big breakfast. Many hours will *elapse* before I feel hungry again.

A) C
B) I

22. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.
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Dan was a nice man, but no one would work for him because of his *fanciful* ideas.

A) C
B) I

23. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.
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I was very grateful for my birthday gifts. I *griped* about them to all of my friends.

A) C
B) I

24. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.
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Because there was a *dearth* of food at home, the family went out to eat.

A) C
B) I

25. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.
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The puppy was happy to learn new tricks. Each one was very *mundane* for him.

A) C
B) I

26. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.
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Mother *allotted* me and my brother the money. Now she had all the money.

A) C
B) I

27. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.
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The boy was proud of his trophies. He displayed them in a *cache* for everyone to see.

A) C
B) I

28. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.
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Because he had planned for the trap to capture his victim, he was very *deliberate*.

A) C
B) I

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

The violent criminal was on the news this evening. His actions *appalled* most people.

A) C
B) I

30. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.
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That man is very selfish. He has *empathy* for every person he meets.

A) C
B) I



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Beth had a sister named Mary. Mary lacked ambition. She had **fanciful** ideas about how she would survive winter. She thought that food would just come to her and that she could work at her own **convenience**. She **opted** to spend the days playing and dancing, instead of gathering beans. When the final hours of autumn **elapsed**, Mary had only a **paltry** amount of food stored away.

Mary realized that her food supply was too small to last through winter. She visited her sister. Mary said, "Beth, lamina **dire** situation. I didn't gather enough food for winter. Will you let me share your beans? Please have some **empathy** for your sister!"

Beth thought for a moment. Then she replied, "Mary, I am truly sorry for you. But I will not give you any of my beans. Instead, I will let you have my empty bag. You can still work hard and gather enough food for the winter. It will be **tedious**, but you will learn the value of hard work."

Beth's words **appalled** Mary. Mary cried with **outrage**, "There is too much work! I won't have any time to dance or play!"

Beth said, "It is crucial that you gather enough food. You must have **sustenance** before you have fun. Go now, and **rectify** your situation."

Mary **griped** some more, but she knew that her sister was right. She took the bag and went to work gathering her own beans for the winter.

Beth was resourceful and conservative, so she gathered a paltry pile of beans for her cache.

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Because gathering food was tedious, Beth allotted a few hours of every day to do it.

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Beth did grueling and mundane work to overcome the dearth of food in the winter.

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Beth's reply appalled Mary and made her reply in outrage.

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When the hours of autumn elapsed, Mary had a massive amount of food.

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- B) FALSE



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Answer Key:

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

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