

## 4000 Essential English Words 5 Unit 28: The Lottery

1.

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

What would you find at an aquarium?

- A) A blanket
- B) A squid
- C) A cow
- D) A coyote

2.

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

What can you do to improve your grades?

- A) Copy them
- B) Study more
- C) Miss class
- D) Get less sleep

3.

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

What is the ultimate result of going to college?

- A) Signing up for classes
- B) Taking many tests
- C) Getting a degree
- D) Dating

4.

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

What happens if you insulate a house in the winter?

- A) Cold air stays outside.
- B) Fires cannot be lit.
- C) You can never get outside.
- D) It will float.

5.

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

Who would most likely publish an autobiography?

- A) An important person
- B) A five-year-old
- C) A shy teenager
- D) A dead person

6.

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

recipient

- A) an attempt
- B) a giver
- C) a friend
- D) a follower

7.

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

misplace

- A) to try
- B) to help
- C) to find
- D) to declare

8.

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naughty

- A) wanting more
- B) over
- C) lacking
- D) behaving well

9.

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

longevity

- A) short life
- B) plans
- C) answers
- D) tallness

10.

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

thrive

- A) to create
- B) to do bad
- C) to agree
- D) to move around

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

gracious

- A) mean
- B) silly
- C) kind
- D) smart

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

norm

- A) abnormal
- B) common
- C) everyday
- D) average

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

intrigue

- A) to excite
- B) to bore
- C) to reassure
- D) to trust

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

arbitrary

- A) accidental
- B) solar
- C) random
- D) planned

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

probe

- A) to touch
- B) to open
- C) to ignore
- D) to build

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

Make sure to *misplace* your money so that you will always have it.

- A) C
- B) I

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

The *orangutans* at the zoo swung so gracefully from the trees.

- A) C
- B) I

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

The tigers in the *aquarium* loved to run and play.

- A) C
- B) I

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

The greedy man loved *philanthropy*. He never offered to help anybody.

- A) C
- B) I

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

The box broke when he *overloaded* it with books.

- A) C
- B) I

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

The mechanics of computers *intrigue* me.

- A) C
- B) I



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

The *longevity* of the rat was fifty centimeters.

- A) C  
B) I

23. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.  
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Plants will *thrive* if they are not given any water.

- A) C  
B) I

24. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.  
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The *naughty* girl always obeyed her mother.

- A) C  
B) I

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

The *ultimate* result of the game was a win for the home team.

- A) C  
B) I

26. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.  
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Some people play the lottery in hopes that they will *improve* their lives.

- A) C  
B) I

27. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.  
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Paying for gasoline before pumping it is a *norm*.

- A) C  
B) I

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

I *probed* the audience because I didn't want to hear what they had to say.

- A) C  
B) I

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

Waiting your turn in line is a social *convention*.

- A) C  
B) I

30. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.  
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My dog is a great *reptile*.

- A) C  
B) I

31. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.  
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I *insulated* my room with blankets to keep the loud noises out.

- A) C  
B) I

32. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.  
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She was the *recipient* of the grand prize.

- A) C  
B) I

33. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.  
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Someday, I will write my father's *autobiography*.

- A) C  
B) I



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

I don't want to play with you anymore. You make up *arbitrary* rules as we play.

- A) C
- B) I

35. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.  
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The store clerk was so *gracious*. He helped me find everything I was looking for.

- A) C
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She said, "Good morning, Joe! I have great news. You're the **recipient** of this check for one million dollars! You won the lottery!"

Joe couldn't believe it. His mind was **overloaded** with emotions. Joe said, "Thank you! Thank you!"

After he calmed down, Joe made a photocopy of the check in case he **misplaced** the original one. He sat and thought about what he wanted to do with the money. He didn't want to spend it in an **arbitrary** way. Joe thought, "I know there are others who need this money more than I do. I've always loved animals, so I think I'll buy things for the zoo!"

Joe knew that the zoo was in bad shape. The cages were too small, and they weren't **insulated** from the cold. Animals couldn't **thrive** in such conditions.

He took out some stationery and wrote a letter to the zoo. He offered to help the zoo buy huge cages for the large mammals and **reptiles**. He offered to buy healthy food for the **orangutans** to increase their **longevity**. He even said that he would buy new glass walls for the **aquarium** because the old ones were cracked.

Joe's act of **philanthropy** **intrigued** the zookeeper. He **probed** Joe to learn why he spent his money to **improve** the zoo. It wasn't a social **convention** for a person to be so **gracious**.

Joe told the zookeeper, "I know it's not the **norm**, but my **ultimate** decision to help these animals is better than anything I could have done for myself. If I ever write an **autobiography**, I will write that this was the happiest day of my life."

**Joe was the recipient of a check because he won the lottery.**

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- B) FALSE



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**He wanted to buy new glass walls for the aquarium because the old ones were cracked.**

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**If Joe wrote an autobiography, he would write about the norms of the overloaded aquarium.**

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**When Joe opened the door, he saw one of the naughty neighborhood children.**

- A) TRUE
- B) FALSE



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### Answer Key:

1: B	21: A
2: B	22: B
3: C	23: B
4: A	24: B
5: A	25: A
6: B	26: A
7: C	27: A
8: D	28: B
9: A	29: A
10: B	30: B
11: A	31: A
12: A	32: A
13: B	33: B
14: D	34: A
15: C	35: A
16: B	36: A
17: A	37: A
18: B	38: B
19: B	39: A
20: A	40: B

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