

## 4000 Essential English Words 6 Unit 25: Hundred Plays

1.

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

veteran

- A) wet
- B) amateur
- C) young
- D) vague

2.

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

harmonize

- A) exaggerate
- B) disagree
- C) lessen
- D) mark

3.

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

misguided

- A) lost
- B) lengthy
- C) common
- D) well-planned

4.

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

villain

- A) supporter
- B) thief
- C) hero
- D) loud person

5.

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

scorn

- A) respect
- B) weird
- C) delicate
- D) factory-related

6.

**Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.**

Stella was amazed by the performance of the \_\_\_\_.

- A) industrious
- B) communal
- C) rehearsed
- D) metropolitan
- E) fluid
- F) statutes
- G) acrobats
- H) inventive
- I) Mandarin
- J) judicial

7.

**Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.**

She thought their \_\_\_\_ movements were beautiful.

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8.

**Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.**

Dave had four siblings, so he was used to \_\_\_\_ living.

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They shared almost everything and were \_\_\_\_ about finding new uses for old things.

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### 10. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

The \_\_\_\_ system has many roles.

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### 11. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

It interprets laws and \_\_\_\_ and judges whether they are fair.

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### 12. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

The students \_\_\_\_ for the play every day after school.

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### 13. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

They were very \_\_\_\_ and often stayed after dark.

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### 14. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

\_\_\_\_ is spoken throughout northern and southwestern China.

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15. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

However, other languages are also popular in \_\_\_\_\_ areas.

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

The animal rights *advocacy* group worked to protect animals.

- A) C
- B) I

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

He was well-liked by people in his class. A lot of people *scorned* him.

- A) C
- B) I

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

Going on a rollercoaster is a wild *sensory* experience.

- A) C
- B) I

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

Items like sunscreen, towel and bathing suit are *staple* items needed for the beach.

- A) C
- B) I

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

The hotel had a *communal* kitchen that the guests were free to use.

- A) C
- B) I

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

The *acrobat* had studied biology for many years before he became successful.

- A) C
- B) I

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

The audience *rehearsed* the play for the actors.

- A) C
- B) I

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

Chris's actions were *misguided*. He should have found out the facts first.

- A) C
- B) I

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

The people of the small town were very *metropolitan*.

- A) C
- B) I



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

Mandarin Chinese is said to be one of the hardest languages to learn.

- A) C  
B) I

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

Kayla watched the *fluid* motions of the graceful bird.

- A) C  
B) I

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

The *statute* was placed in front of the new police station.

- A) C  
B) I

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

The singers *harmonized* during the last part of the song. It sounded lovely.

- A) C  
B) I

29. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.  
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After his shoelaces tore, the *inventive* boy used floss to tie his shoes together.

- A) C  
B) I

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Mrs. Campbell's son was lazy and *industrious*.

- A) C  
B) I

31. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.  
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I'm interested in getting a job as a *judicial* officer, like my father the judge.

- A) C  
B) I

32. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.  
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Some insects *mimic* the appearance of poisonous bugs to keep predators away.

- A) C  
B) I

33. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.  
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The *veteran* gave my pet dog medicine to feel better.

- A) C  
B) I

34. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.  
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Long *vines* grew around the side of the house and covered up the front wall.

- A) C  
B) I

35. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.  
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The *villain* helped the family escape their house when it caught fire.

- A) C  
B) I



## 36. HUNDRED PLAYS

Over two thousand years ago, Chinese farmers had a problem. Even though they were very **industrious**, the weather became too cold outside to plant their **staple** food, rice. So what did they do? Since they had so much free time during the long, cold winters, the **inventive** farmers started performing tricks to entertain themselves. They used their farm tools and anything they could find to make their tricks more spectacular. They even twisted their bodies into crazy shapes and performed awesome jumps. Over time, they became great **acrobats**, and their art form came to be known as "Hundred Plays."

Hundred Plays involves doing many kinds of tricks. For example, in **Mandarin**-speaking parts of China, performers do the lion dance. They wear costumes and **mimic** the animal's movements. Early performers also did tricks on ropes and **vines** that were high above the ground.

Even though the acrobats' **fluid** movements may have looked easy, they took a lot of work.

Learning Hundred Plays is a **communal** event. A **veteran** of the acrobatic arts usually teaches younger people in the village. They spend a lot of time **rehearsing**. The young performers also learn an old philosophy. The teachings help them **harmonize** the **sensory** aspects of acrobatics with mental aspects. In other words, it teaches them to use their physical and mental strength together.

Since the art has its origins with poor farmers, rich people used to **scorn** acrobats. They thought acrobats were **villains**. The rich people thought the acrobats just wanted to trick them. But later, their **misguided** opinions changed. Acrobats came to be respected in Chinese society. They were invited to perform in **metropolitan** areas as well as in small villages. They performed for important people, including **judicial** officers. Arts **advocacy** groups convinced the government to support Chinese acrobatics. As a result, there is now a **statute** that made several villages the center of training future acrobats.

**The Chinese farmers became great acrobats while planting staple crops like rice.**

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- B) FALSE

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**The version of the lion dance in Mandarin-speaking areas involves performers mimicking the movements of the lion.**

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- B) FALSE



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**Chinese acrobats gain their fluid motions by rehearsing often.**

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**The art form of Hundred Plays harmonizes the sensory and mental aspects of acrobatics.**

- A) TRUE
- B) FALSE



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**Advocacy groups worked to get a statute that would protect acrobats from being scorned.**

- A) TRUE
- B) FALSE



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### Answer Key:

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

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