

## 4000 Essential English Words 1 Unit 15: The Big Race

1.

**Choose the right word for the given definition.**

something of value that is given to the winner

- A) opportunity
- B) prize
- C) risk
- D) happen

2.

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lucky

- A) extreme
- B) across
- C) fortunate
- D) yet

3.

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to eat

- A) consume
- B) breathe
- C) realize
- D) observe

4.

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the feeling of being afraid

- A) length
- B) fear
- C) happen
- D) characteristic

5.

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to do by chance

- A) respond
- B) realize
- C) excite
- D) happen

6.

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how long something is

- A) length
- B) characteristic
- C) wonder
- D) mistake

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to let air in and out of your body

- A) observe
- B) breathe
- C) consume
- D) excite

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something you did wrong

- A) happen
- B) fear
- C) mistake
- D) risk

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up to this point

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- B) length
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to understand

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- B) breathe
- C) respond
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11. Check the sentence with the bolded word that makes better sense.

- a. Being tall is a **characteristic** of many trees.
- b. I was **fortunate** because I received some useless gifts.

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- a. Because he left work early, Carl had an **opportunity** to go to the concert.
- b. I could feel the **length** of the air outside.

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- a. Angela felt **fear** when she got a good grade on her test.
- b. Our team won. We were **fortunate**.

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- a. Jeremy thought his hair was just the right **length**.
- b. Michelle left her **characteristic** at my house.

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- a. Theresa found an **opportunity** on the ground outside.
- b. Billy feels **fear** when he has to talk in front of people.

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Suddenly, the race began. The rabbit ran extremely quickly. The turtle walked slowly. After a minute, the rabbit looked back. He saw that the turtle was far behind him and was **breathing** quickly because he was so tired. The rabbit smiled and slowed to a walk.

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**What is this story about?**

- A)** A race between a rabbit and a turtle
- B)** The risk of running in a race
- C)** The extreme speed of rabbits
- D)** How to observe a turtle



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**What did the duck do for the other animals?**

- A) He told them the news.
- B) He gave them a prize.
- C) He responded to their questions.
- D) He sold tickets to them.

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**Why did the dog think the turtle had no opportunity to win the race?**

- A) The turtle hadn't won a race yet.
- B) The turtle couldn't walk across such a length.
- C) Being fast was not a characteristic of turtles.
- D) The turtle was not fortunate.



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**What did the rabbit do after he woke up?**

- A)** He consumed some grass.
- B)** He realized his mistake.
- C)** He breathed quickly.
- D)** He excited the animals.



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### Answer Key:

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| 1: B  | 11: A    |
| 2: C  | 12: A    |
| 3: A  | 13: B    |
| 4: B  | 14: A    |
| 5: D  | 15: None |
| 6: A  | 16: A    |
| 7: B  | 17: D    |
| 8: C  | 18: C    |
| 9: D  | 19: B    |
| 10: A |          |

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