

4000 Essential English Words 1 Unit 9: The Starfish

1. Choose the right definition for the given word.
- wave
- A) to pass from physical life
 - B) salt water that surrounds land
 - C) a raised line of water
 - D) land in the middle of water
2. Choose the right definition for the given word.
- taste
- A) to hurt
 - B) to find
 - C) flavor
 - D) to walk
3. Choose the right definition for the given word.
- against
- A) to be touching something
 - B) to stop from happening
 - C) maybe
 - D) enjoyable
4. Choose the right definition for the given word.
- rock
- A) feelings
 - B) a place by the ocean
 - C) honest
 - D) a hard thing in the ground
5. Choose the right definition for the given word.
- throw
- A) to name something
 - B) to put something into the air
 - C) to make something work
 - D) to stop something from being hurt
6. Choose the right definition for the given word.
- island
- A) land
 - B) salt water
 - C) feelings
 - D) hard thing
7. Choose the right definition for the given word.
- discover
- A) to be nice
 - B) to find something
 - C) to stop
 - D) to name
8. Choose the right definition for the given word.
- step
- A) a. to keep from harm
 - B) to be next to
 - C) to walk
 - D) to hurt
9. Choose the right definition for the given word.
- beach
- A) water that comes on land
 - B) a sandy or rocky place by the ocean
 - C) the flavor of something
 - D) something could happen
10. Choose the right definition for the given word.
- fix
- A) to make something work
 - B) to pass from physical life
 - C) to be honest
 - D) to make something move in the air



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11. Choose the right word for the given definition.

to be touching something

- A) beach
- B) against
- C) discover
- D) wave

12. Choose the right word for the given definition.

to break something

- A) identify
- B) maybe
- C) damage
- D) ocean

13. Choose the right word for the given definition.

a way that you feel

- A) prevent
- B) emotion
- C) rock
- D) pleasant

14. Choose the right word for the given definition.

very honest

- A) still
- B) step
- C) throw
- D) frank

15. Choose the right word for the given definition.

land in the middle of water

- A) save
- B) taste
- C) island
- D) fix

16. Choose the word that is a better fit for each sentence.

I like to play on the _____.
The big _____ pushed the swimmer back.

- A) wave / beach
- B) beach / wave

17. Choose the word that is a better fit for each sentence.

They walked across the _____ to find food.
I am scared of some animals that live in the _____.

- A) ocean / island
- B) island / ocean

18. Choose the word that is a better fit for each sentence.

My dad knows how to _____ cars.
If you _____ the light, we won't be able to see at night.

- A) fix / damage
- B) damage / fix

19. Choose the word that is a better fit for each sentence.

We have to go around that large _____.
We are _____ planning to go to Florida this winter.

- A) still / rock
- B) rock / still

20. Choose the word that is a better fit for each sentence.

Do you know how to _____ a football?
Please _____ into the house.

- A) step / throw
- B) throw / step



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One evening I took a **pleasant** walk by the ocean. When the waves came in, many starfish* fell on the **beach**. Some starfish went back into the water, and they were safe. But other starfish were **still** on the sand. They would die if they did not get into the water. There were many starfish on the beach that night. It made me sad, but I knew I could not **fix** the problem. I **stepped** very carefully so I did not **damage** them.

Then I saw a little girl. She was also sad about the starfish. She wanted to **prevent** all of them from dying. She asked me if I could **perhaps** help her.

"To be **frank**, I don't think we can do anything," I said.

The little girl started to cry. She sat back **against** a **rock** and thought for a while. Finally, the **emotion** was gone. She stopped crying and stood up. Then she picked up a starfish and **threw** it into the water.

"What are you doing?" I asked her. But she did not answer me. She just threw as many starfish as she could. "You cannot **save** all of them!" I said.

She stopped to look at me. "No, I cannot save them all," she replied. Then she picked up a very big starfish and said, "But I can save this one." And then she smiled and threw the starfish as far as she could into the ocean.

**starfish - an animal shaped like a star that lives in the water*

What is this story about?

- A) A girl who wants to save starfish
- B) How to throw starfish
- C) A girl who is too frank
- D) Birds and animals at the ocean

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What causes the little girl's emotion?

- A) She cannot fix the damage she finds to homes.
- B) She cannot prevent starfish from dying in the sand.
- C) She discovers starfish in the water.
- D) She steps on a rock and hurts her foot.



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What does the man think is NOT good about the island?

- A)** Watching the waves
- B)** Identifying birds
- C)** The starfish dying on the sand
- D)** Tasting new food

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What does the girl think the man can perhaps do?

- A)** Identify birds
- B)** Take a walk on the beach
- C)** Discover something pretty
- D)** Help her save starfish



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Answer Key:

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| 1: C | 13: B |
| 2: C | 14: D |
| 3: A | 15: C |
| 4: D | 16: B |
| 5: B | 17: B |
| 6: A | 18: A |
| 7: B | 19: B |
| 8: C | 20: B |
| 9: B | 21: A |
| 10: A | 22: B |
| 11: B | 23: C |
| 12: C | 24: D |

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