

4000 Essential English Words 1 Unit 30: Cats and Secrets

1.

Choose the right definition for the given word.

section

- A) higher
- B) the top layer
- C) a part
- D) to look at

2.

Choose the right definition for the given word.

inside

- A) in front
- B) the inner part
- C) proof
- D) someone very good at something

3.

Choose the right definition for the given word.

proper

- A) a strong feeling
- B) to treat the same
- C) correct
- D) in the middle

4.

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different

- A) not influenced
- B) not the same
- C) to show how to do
- D) a phrase with a different meaning

5.

Choose the right definition for the given word.

memory

- A) a bag in clothes
- B) a normal thing
- C) how much money
- D) something you remember

6.

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idiom

- A) higher
- B) a meaning different from its words
- C) facts that prove something
- D) to look carefully

7.

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amount

- A) how much there is
- B) a part of something larger
- C) to treat the same
- D) the right thing to do

8.

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honesty

- A) the top of something
- B) to learn about something
- C) in front of something
- D) the quality of being truthful

9.

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master

- A) a way of acting
- B) someone who is very good at something
- C) to show how to do something
- D) a feeling that something is correct or true

10.

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scan

- A) to give something to someone
- B) to look carefully at something
- C) something that happens a lot
- D) something you remember



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11. Check the better response to each question.

Is his picture above mine?

- A) Yes, it is much lower than yours.
- B) Yes, it is much higher than yours.

12. Check the better response to each question.

Should we go straight ahead to get to your house?

- A) No, we must turn left.
- B) No, it is in front of us.

13. Check the better response to each question.

Is this the correct amount?

- A) No, you must pay more money.
- B) No, that is the wrong answer.

14. Check the better response to each question.

What is your belief about ghosts?

- A) I think they are real.
- B) There are many movies about ghosts.

15. Check the better response to each question.

Did he put the table in the center of the room?

- A) Yes, it is against the wall.
- B) Yes, it is right in the middle.

16. Check the better response to each question.

Is lightning common here?

- A) No, it happens all the time.
- B) No, it never happens here.

17. Check the better response to each question.

Can you demonstrate how to solve the problem?

- A) Yes, I can show you.
- B) No, I know how to do it.

18. Check the better response to each question.

Do you have evidence to prove it?

- A) Yes, I have a news article.
- B) Yes, I think that I'm a nice person.

19. Check the better response to each question.

How much did your shirt cost?

- A) It was on sale for \$15.
- B) I bought it at the mall last week.

20. Check the better response to each question.

Will he be an independent leader?

- A) Yes, he always does what other people do.
- B) Yes, he makes his own decisions.



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21. CATS AND SECRETS

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It came from a **section** of England. Long ago, people there went from town to town to sell things like vegetables, clothes, and pigs. They had strong **beliefs** about **honesty**. They didn’t like lying. One day, a man went to the section’s **center** to sell things.

“I have a baby pig for sale! It won’t **cost** much,” he said. He held the animal **above** his head. His style was **different** from honest people’s style. He was a **master** of tricking people and lying.

A woman named Beth **scanned** his pig. He offered her the pig for one gold coin. That was a very small **amount**. Beth gave him the coin. He put it in his pocket. He walked **ahead** of Beth to get the pig.

He gave her a closed bag and said, “Here’s your pig.” He then left very quickly.

Beth looked at the bag’s **surface**. It was moving. She opened it to let the pig out. A cat was **inside**! “He tricked me! That isn’t **proper**,” she said.

Later, the man returned to trick more people. Beth saw him and the **memory** of the cat came back. She told her friends. They stopped him. But no one knew what to do next.

Someone said, “We need an **independent** and fair person to decide that.” They went to the judge. Beth told him about the cat in the bag.

The judge asked, “Is there **evidence**? Can you **demonstrate** how he did it?”

“Look in his bag,” said Beth. She opened it and let a cat out of the bag. They learned the man’s secret, and he went to jail.

That’s how the idiom “let the cat out of the bag” came to mean to tell a secret.

What is the main idea of this story?

- A) It is about a common belief about cats.
- B) People should scan evidence carefully.
- C) Masters of lying will go to jail.
- D) It is about the origin of an idiom.

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What did Beth say after she was tricked?

- A) That’s not proper.
- B) That’s a very small amount.
- C) Can you demonstrate how he did it?
- D) We need an independent and fair person to help.



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Where did the man hold the pig?

- A) In a pocket
- B) On the surface of the bag
- C) Above his head
- D) In the section's center

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Why did Beth look at the bag?

- A) The surface was moving.
- B) The man had a different style.
- C) The man was ahead of her.
- D) He offered the pig for so little money.



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Answer Key:

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

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