

## 4000 Essential English Words 6 Unit 16: The Brute and the Billionaire

1.

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

culprit

- A) sewer
- B) engine
- C) victim
- D) muscle

2.

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

segregate

- A) defend
- B) whisper
- C) whisper
- D) improve

3.

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

uproar

- A) calm
- B) particle
- C) jewels
- D) substance

4.

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

clumsy

- A) helpful
- B) quick
- C) healthy
- D) graceful

5.

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

premature

- A) smart
- B) late
- C) near
- D) great

6.

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

When they canceled the show, there was a great \_\_\_\_ from the crowd.

- A) clumsy
- B) billionaire
- C) culprits
- D) flammable
- E) underestimate
- F) premature
- G) uproar
- H) segregated
- I) backstage
- J) amid

7.

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

It was so loud that the actors could hear it \_\_\_\_.

- A) clumsy
- B) billionaire
- C) culprits
- D) flammable
- E) underestimate
- F) premature
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8.

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

He placed the rags \_\_\_\_ the pile of logs.

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

The rags were very \_\_\_\_ and would help start the fire.

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- B) billionaire
- C) culprits
- D) flammable
- E) underestimate
- F) premature
- G) uproar
- H) segregated
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### 10. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

I wouldn't \_\_\_\_ that man's class just by the way he talks and dresses.

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- B) billionaire
- C) culprits
- D) flammable
- E) underestimate
- F) premature
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### 11. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

I've heard that he is actually a(n) \_\_\_\_.

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- B) billionaire
- C) culprits
- D) flammable
- E) underestimate
- F) premature
- G) uproar
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It might have been \_\_\_\_ of her to walk so soon after the operation.

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- B) billionaire
- C) culprits
- D) flammable
- E) underestimate
- F) premature
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### 13. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

Her movements were very \_\_\_\_, and she might have hurt herself.

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- B) billionaire
- C) culprits
- D) flammable
- E) underestimate
- F) premature
- G) uproar
- H) segregated
- I) backstage
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### 14. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

The police officer \_\_\_\_ the people into two groups.

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- B) billionaire
- C) culprits
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**15. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.**

One group was innocent people, and the other was the \_\_\_\_.

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- B) billionaire
- C) culprits
- D) flammable
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**16. Choose the one that is similar in meaning to the given word.**

mob

- A) broom
- B) crowd
- C) gun
- D) choice

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

tumult

- A) plan
- B) gate
- C) tent
- D) noise

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

brute

- A) monster
- B) camera
- C) smell
- D) temper

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

resent

- A) buy
- B) lose
- C) give
- D) hate

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

scrutiny

- A) tower
- B) part
- C) study
- D) dream

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

testify

- A) learn
- B) solve
- C) greet
- D) declare

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

collide

- A) sing
- B) crash
- C) float
- D) bake

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

subject

- A) force
- B) show
- C) sleep
- D) teach



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24. Choose the one that is similar in meaning to the given word.

evacuate

- A) leave
- B) suck
- C) check
- D) share

25. Choose the one that is similar in meaning to the given word.

satire

- A) supper
- B) promise
- C) coffin
- D) comedy

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

We had very little time to *evacuate* the building before the earthquake.

- A) C
- B) I

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

The guards sometimes *subjected* the prisoners to unfair punishments.

- A) C
- B) I

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

Some people like to watch action movies. But I enjoy a good *satire*.

- A) C
- B) I

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

When we heard the phone *collide*, we thought it was our uncle calling us.

- A) C
- B) I

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

We whispered very quietly in all the *tumult*, or someone might have easily heard us.

- A) C
- B) I

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

The women loved the *brute* because he was so kind and gentle.

- A) C
- B) I

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

My brother was one of the angry people in the *mob* that day.

- A) C
- B) I

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

Her father had to *testify* in court about the car accident he saw.

- A) C
- B) I

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

I tried to solve the math problem several times and finally *resented* it in the morning.

- A) C
- B) I

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

He has several large homes and his own airplane because he's a *billionaire*.

- A) C
- B) I



## 36. THE BRUTE AND THE BILLIONAIRE

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It was soon revealed that the fire had started **backstage**, and only two people were in the area at the time. One was the husband of the play's star actress, the **billionaire** Henry Rich. The other was the theater's janitor, Bill, a large and strong man who looked like a **brute**.

The crowd **segregated** the two men and demanded to know who the **culprit** was. Most of the crowd thought that Bill was to blame. They felt that he had started the fire without ever **subjecting** him to any **scrutiny**. Bill **resented** this but said nothing.

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The crowd then turned their eyes to the billionaire. "He did it!" they shouted. "Make him pay!"

"Wait," the billionaire said over the **uproar**. "I admit that I started the fire, but it was an accident. I was going backstage to see my wife and was **clumsy**. I **collided** with a lamp, and it fell to the floor. The floor was **flammable**. A fire started, and I fled."

The mob was surprised. The man they blamed was innocent, and the billionaire was guilty. To pay for his error, the billionaire not only repaired the theater but had it remade to be better than before.

**The performance was a satire of Communism.**

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- B) FALSE

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**The billionaire and the play's star actress were the only two people backstage.**

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**Because Henry looked like a brute, the crowd underestimated his character.**

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**The billionaire fell down amid the tumult while everyone fled the fire.**

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- B) FALSE



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**The crowd made an uproar when they learned who had started the fire.**

- A) TRUE
- B) FALSE



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### Answer Key:

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

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