

4000 Essential English Words 6 Unit 3: Dressed to Excess

1.

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

vanity

- A) truck
- B) pride
- C) dusk
- D) shelf

2.

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

aristocrat

- A) noble
- B) painting
- C) weather
- D) angel

3.

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

pad

- A) pocket
- B) cushion
- C) alley
- D) subject

4.

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

vulgar

- A) young
- B) faint
- C) short
- D) rude

5.

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

predominant

- A) mysterious
- B) gradual
- C) superior
- D) parallel

6.

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

attire

- A) clothing
- B) wheel
- C) labor
- D) smell

7.

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

tangle

- A) knot
- B) tint
- C) slope
- D) spice

8.

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

enlarge

- A) fight
- B) rent
- C) greet
- D) swell

9.

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

absurd

- A) hungry
- B) round
- C) funny
- D) polite

10.

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

signify

- A) scribble
- B) symbolize
- C) consult
- D) remove



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

Beth's ¹¹_____ had made her face lose a lot of its color.

- A) strap
- B) aristocracy
- C) excess
- D) vie
- E) craze
- F) feminine
- G) rouge
- H) hallmark
- I) reputable
- J) anemia

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

She decided to use some ¹²_____ to make her cheeks look less pale.

- A) strap
- B) aristocracy
- C) excess
- D) vie
- E) craze
- F) feminine
- G) rouge
- H) hallmark
- I) reputable
- J) anemia

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

All the girls had to own that style of purse with the yellow ¹³_____.

- A) strap
- B) aristocracy
- C) excess
- D) vie
- E) craze
- F) feminine
- G) rouge
- H) hallmark
- I) reputable
- J) anemia

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

But Pam knew that it was just another ¹⁴_____.

- A) strap
- B) aristocracy
- C) excess
- D) vie
- E) craze
- F) feminine
- G) rouge
- H) hallmark
- I) reputable
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15. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

John was not like the other members of the ¹⁵_____.

- A) strap
- B) aristocracy
- C) excess
- D) vie
- E) craze
- F) feminine
- G) rouge
- H) hallmark
- I) reputable
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16. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

Though he had a(n) ¹⁶_____ of money, he gave it to help people.

- A) strap
- B) aristocracy
- C) excess
- D) vie
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17. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

Will had to ¹⁷_____ with other students for the respect of the teacher.

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- B) aristocracy
- C) excess
- D) vie
- E) craze
- F) feminine
- G) rouge
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18. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

However, once he became a(n) ¹⁸_____ student, he stopped studying.

- A) strap
- B) aristocracy
- C) excess
- D) vie
- E) craze
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19. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

Some people thought the musician's lipstick made him look ¹⁹_____.

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- B) aristocracy
- C) excess
- D) vie
- E) craze
- F) feminine
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20. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

But others felt that this ²⁰_____ is what made him so popular.

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- B) aristocracy
- C) excess
- D) vie
- E) craze
- F) feminine
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- H) hallmark
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21. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly. Write I if the word is used incorrectly.

We all felt that the new office rules were completely *absurd*.

- A) C
- B) I

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

The bushes were *tangled* with vine.

- A) C
- B) I

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

Losing your memory as you get older is called *anemia*.

- A) C
- B) I

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

A strong smell is the *hallmark* of a good cheese.

- 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.

It was easy to get lost in the big house. Its many hallways made it seem like a *craze*.

- A) C
B) I

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

The local *vanity* asked people to give old clothing and money.

- A) C
B) I

27. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.
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After putting on too much *rouge*, she looked like a clown.

- A) C
B) I

28. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.
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Everyone may attend *excess* those who have not finished their assignment.

- A) C
B) I

29. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.
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Talking to people with food in your mouth is not only gross. It is also quite *vulgar*.

- A) C
B) I

30. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.
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Because he was an *aristocrat*, he had to wash dishes in order to make enough money.

- A) C
B) I

31. DRESSED TO EXCESS

If you traveled back in time to the 1700s in Europe, you would laugh when you saw how the **aristocracy** dressed. Soon you'd realize, though, that the **aristocrats** of Europe were very serious about their appearance.

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Pale skin was also a **craze**, yet this too was done in **excess**. One could not simply be pale. Instead, she needed to look as if she had **anemia**. In order to look paler, ladies actually cut themselves daily, so they would bleed.

The hairstyles, however, were the **hallmark** of women's fashion. These stood a meter high on the ladies' heads. The columns of hair were a ridiculous **tangle** of wigs, jewels, flowers, and even stuffed birds.

Men's fashion was similarly **absurd**. Today it would probably seem very **feminine**. **Reputable** men wore wigs of long curly hair. Their shoes had large soles or high heels so that they could walk high above the filth on the streets. Furthermore, just like the ladies, the men wore lipstick and put **rouge** on their cheeks.

Their clothes were brightly colored, often purple and pink. They were made from the finest of fabrics and decorated with jewels and lace. The men **vied** with one another to see who wore the more expensive clothes, for the clothing **signified** his wealth and status.

Both men and women spent huge amounts of money and time on how they looked. Though such **vanity** would seem **vulgar** today, three hundred years from now, the fashions of our time might also seem completely ridiculous.

Ladies used pads to enlarge their hips and shoulders.

- A) TRUE
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Only the ladies wore lipstick and rouge.

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The aristocracy's vanity would seem vulgar today.

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Women's hair was a tangle of wigs, straps, flowers, and stuffed birds.

- A) TRUE
- B) FALSE

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Men's fashion was absurd and feminine.

- A) TRUE
- B) FALSE



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Answer Key:

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

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