

4000 Essential English Words 2 Unit 9: The Tale of Bartelby O'Boyle

1.

Check the sentence with the bolded word that makes better sense.

- a. Parents have **authority** over their children.
- b. Poor people **aid** rich people by giving them money.

2.

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- a. When you have **authority**, you cannot do anything.
- b. When people **cooperate**, they can get more done.

3.

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- a. You should **admire** people who tell lies.
- b. Learning a new language can **frustrate** some people.

4.

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- a. If you **aid** someone, he or she will usually thank you.
- b. If you **cooperate** with your friends, you will feel lonely.

5.

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- a. You should **frustrate** your friends when they help you.
- b. Most students **admire** teachers who work hard.

6.

Check the one that suits the blank naturally.

If you help other people, _____.

- A)** they will admire you
- B)** they will struggle with you

7.

Check the one that suits the blank naturally.

After the fight, _____.

- A)** the room was in disorder
- B)** the room got a reputation

8.

Check the one that suits the blank naturally.

The people wanted change, _____.

- A)** so they defended themselves
- B)** so they elected a new person to govern the country

9.

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Because I could not solve the problem, _____.

- A)** I became frustrated
- B)** there was a division between the animals

10.

Check the one that suits the blank naturally.

She found a mistake on her homework, so _____.

- A)** she aided it to be fixed
- B)** she attempted to correct it

11.

Check the one that suits the blank naturally.

After returning from the library, _____.

- A)** we could cooperate with our books
- B)** we had plenty of books to read

12.

Check the one that suits the blank naturally.

After her friends laughed at her, _____.

- A)** she thought that the royal palace looked beautiful
- B)** she knew that her last remark was stupid

13.

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You cannot tell me what to do. _____.

- A)** I live in the capital city
- B)** You don't have any authority



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14. Check the one that suits the blank naturally.

Read the directions carefully. _____.

- A) They will cause destruction
- B) They will enable you to complete the project

15. Check the one that suits the blank naturally.

Before he can feel better, _____.

- A) he must find a way to relieve the pain
- B) he must become a slave

16. THE TALE OF BARTELBY O'BOYLE

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Then one day there was a **struggle** for **authority** in the kingdom. There was a **division** of the people, and one group fought against another group to see which would **govern** the kingdom. There was **disorder** in the kingdom. Bartelby ran away. He saw much fighting and **destruction**. Many people had nothing to eat; Bartelby decided to **aid** them. He would help them get food. But how?

Bartelby went to the **capital** to find an answer. There, he met a man named Gilliam. A group of men **attempted** to hurt Gilliam. Bartelby **defended** him. Then, he gave Gilliam some food to **relieve** his hunger. After that, the two became friends. They took food from the rich and gave it to the poor.

Soon, other people **cooperated** with them. Working together **enabled** them to take more food, but they only took food from people who had **plenty**, and they always gave it to those who had none. Because of this, Bartelby gained a **reputation** across the kingdom. Even today, many people **admire** him for helping the poor.

What is this story about?

- A) How a slave became a king
- B) How a stupid mistake made Bartelby a slave
- C) How a lad found plenty of food
- D) How a man aided poor people

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What did Bartelby do in the capital?

- A) He cooperated with his group of friends.
- B) He enabled Gilliam to have authority over the king
- C) He relieved Gilliam of his hunger.
- D) He found a mask to wear.



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In paragraph 1, we can infer that _____.

- A) Bartelby did not like the royal family
- B) the family attempted to cause disorder
- C) the other children were not clever
- D) Bartelby had a bad reputation

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According to the passage, all the following are true EXCEPT _____.

- A) people today still admire Bartelby
- B) Gilliam struggled with Bartelby
- C) Bartelby defended Gilliam
- D) the fighting caused destruction



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Answer Key:

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

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