

4000 Essential English Words 2 Unit 15: The Lucky Knife

1.

Choose the right word for the given definition.

someone who controls workers

- A) absurd
- B) boss
- C) generation
- D) crew

2.

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not like anything else

- A) flavor
- B) foundation
- C) committee
- D) unique

3.

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to make two of something

- A) layer
- B) dig
- C) double
- D) devote

4.

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to eat something

- A) dine
- B) precise
- C) mud
- D) handle

5.

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to put something higher

- A) donate
- B) elevate
- C) soil
- D) contract

6.

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foundation

- A) special
- B) a group that provides money for research
- C) the part held in the hand
- D) wet dirt

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generation

- A) the same age group
- B) without bumps
- C) to eat
- D) something used to cut

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committee

- A) a group of workmen
- B) taste of food or drink
- C) to put higher
- D) a group that makes decisions

9.

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donate

- A) to move dirt
- B) an agreement
- C) to give something
- D) a single thickness

10.

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boss

- A) to give something
- B) someone who controls workers
- C) to give everything
- D) dirt



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The sponge _____.

- A) absorbed all the water
- B) contracted to save money

12. Check the one that suits the blank naturally.

They will help. _____.

- A) They are the crew working on this job
- B) They aren't in the same generation

13. Check the one that suits the blank naturally.

The food tastes better now _____.

- A) that you added more salt to give it some flavor
- B) that you added some soil to make it grow

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She was very special. _____.

- A) She seldom spent time with the foundation
- B) She had a unique skill that few people have

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Dr. Dion started a _____.

- A) boss at work
- B) foundation to help sick children

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We were able to _____.

- A) devote no attention
- B) dig very deep into the soft soil

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Where will you _____?

- A) dine at for dinner
- B) donate your table from

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The rock was _____.

- A) missing its handle
- B) smooth and flat

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You will get dirty _____.

- A) if you elevate your feet
- B) if you play in the mud

20. Check the one that suits the blank naturally.

If you are cooking for more than two people,
_____.

- A) layer it with some milk
- B) double the amount of water in the recipe



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We had been there about a month and hadn't found anything. One day, I began to **dig** in the **soil**. The ground's **layers** got wetter. Soon I was digging in the **mud**. My shovel began to get very heavy. It felt like it had **doubled** in weight because the ground had **absorbed** a lot of water.

Finally, I saw something in the mud. It was an old knife! The **handle** felt smooth in my hand. I **elevated** it so I could see it better. There was writing on it.

"It says it will bring good luck," my uncle said with a smile. "Why don't you keep it?"

I put it in my tent. The next day, we found many more things. There were pots, jewelry and weapons. My uncle **donated** all of the things to a special **committee**. Many newspapers wrote stories about it. It seemed the knife really did bring good luck!

What is this story about?

- A)** How someone found an old knife
- B)** A generation of college students
- C)** A crew of committee workers digging in the mud
- D)** How a smooth knife handle feels

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All of the following are true EXCEPT _____.

- A)** the college students signed a contract
- B)** the author's uncle worked for a foundation
- C)** the items found at the site were donated
- D)** the teen worked double the amount of everyone else



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What is probably true of the teen in the story?

- A)** He could not read the writing on the knife.
- B)** He held a higher position than the other students.
- C)** He had to elevate the knife to see what it was.
- D)** He didn't want to devote his time to history.

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Where did the teen find the knife?

- A)** On top of the soil
- B)** Under layers of dirt
- C)** In the museum
- D)** In his boss's tent



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Answer Key:

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

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