

## 4000 Essential English Words 6 Unit 15: Epidemic in Zimbabwe

1.

**Choose the answer that best fits the question.**

What can start an epidemic?

- A) A kingdom
- B) A virus
- C) A fire
- D) A storm

2.

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What is found inside intestines?

- A) Books
- B) Students
- C) Food
- D) Electronics

3.

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If you replenish an empty refrigerator, you \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) turn the temperature down
- B) fill it with food
- C) clean it with a sponge
- D) replace the light bulb

4.

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What is a hazard on a street?

- A) A stop sign
- B) A hole in the ground
- C) A carpool lane
- D) A crosswalk

5.

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What can contaminate the air?

- A) poison
- B) A flower
- C) A mosquito
- D) A flag

6.

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Which of the following is the most serious to have a deficiency of?

- A) Children
- B) Addresses
- C) Vitamins
- D) Pencils

7.

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What process is metabolic?

- A) Sitting quietly
- B) Learning to spell
- C) Sleeping
- D) Digesting food

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What is paramount when swimming underwater?

- A) Not getting wet
- B) Holding your breath
- C) Breathing regularly
- D) Stretching your limbs

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What needs to be sterile?

- A) A hospital room
- B) An ocean
- C) A bicycle rack
- D) The soil

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What does a practitioner do?

- A) Make furniture
- B) Fight crime
- C) Make laws
- D) Treat the sick



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

voluntary

- A) heavy
- B) required
- C) obvious
- D) nonexistent

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

imperative

- A) unimportant
- B) faulty
- C) mastered
- D) chosen

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

compassionate

- A) likely
- B) distant
- C) afraid
- D) uncaring

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

sterile

- A) not fair
- B) not clean
- C) not free
- D) not working

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

overcrowded

- A) empty
- B) costly
- C) silly
- D) bland

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However, the government of Zimbabwe was unable to provide help to its people. The government didn't have a plan to stop the spread of cholera. In addition, the country was too poor to get clean water or medication for the sick. The people seemed to be doomed.

Luckily, many other countries recognized the **paramount** need to contain the outbreak. Dozens of **voluntary practitioners** from Britain, France, the United States, and other countries went to Zimbabwe to treat the disease. Through the **provision** of **sterile** drinking water and medication, people finally got the treatment they badly needed. The **compassionate** doctors were able to save the lives of thousands. By January of 2009, the epidemic was almost completely contained.

Today, the Zimbabwean government is working with other countries to prevent future epidemics. They are cleaning up the water supply and learning how to avoid health hazards. The system used to filter water is being **upgraded**. The government now **administers** the water supply plants and makes sure that they **adhere** to strict safety guidelines. Hopefully, future instances of cholera will be treated before they start deadly epidemics.

**The health hazard was a lack of sterile drinking water in overcrowded urban cities.**

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- B) FALSE



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**A deficiency of contaminated water caused metabolic processes to stop working correctly.**

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- B) FALSE

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**It was imperative that people received viable treatment quickly.**

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**The government used to filter water is being upgraded.**

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**The government now administers water supply plants to make sure they adhere to guidelines.**

- A) TRUE
- B) FALSE



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### Answer Key:

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

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