

## 4000 Essential English Words 2 Unit 20: Albert Einstein

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

- a. Learning Spanish was a **gradual** process for me.
- b. The boy **retired** his mother.

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- a. The bottle fell and broke in an **instant**.
- b. I **accomplish** sleeping before I go to bed.

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- a. Four is the **approximate** number of forty.
- b. The old man **retired** from his job.

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- a. It is not always easy to **accomplish** hard goals.
- b. The race car won by going at a **gradual** speed.

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- a. Peanuts are an **instant** to grow and eat.
- b. His **approximate** height is two meters.

6.

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

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#### What is this story about?

- A) How Einstein got instant recognition
- B) Why Einstein was a failure at first
- C) How Einstein got past barriers to accomplish many great things
- D) Why Einstein pretended to be sick while in elementary school

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#### Why did Einstein's family become immigrants?

- A) They were unhappy about new developments in math and statistics.
- B) They couldn't pay their rent in Germany and had to leave.
- C) His parents didn't want him to stay in school.
- D) They wanted Einstein to go to college in Switzerland.



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**Why was Einstein's rise in the ranks of scientists gradual?**

- A) Einstein did not write down his ideas.
- B) Einstein's ideas could not be proven.
- C) Other scientists already knew about his ideas.
- D) Other scientists didn't approve of his ideas at first.

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**According to the passage, all the following are true about Einstein EXCEPT \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A) he found the approximate size of stars
- B) he refrigerated food by inserting heat as a power source
- C) he had a duty to retire
- D) he detected the movement of atoms



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### Answer Key:

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|------|-------|
| 1: A | 8: A  |
| 2: A | 9: C  |
| 3: B | 10: B |
| 4: A | 11: C |
| 5: B | 12: B |
| 6: E | 13: D |
| 7: D | 14: C |

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