

## 4000 Essential English Words 5 Unit 30: The Demon's Bridge

1.

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

If you are an enigma, you are \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) funny
- B) mysterious
- C) dishonest
- D) sleepy

2.

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

If someone is too talkative during a movie, then others may \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) get sleepy
- B) get angry
- C) start to sing
- D) join in

3.

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If someone has shivers, what should they do?

- A) Stop running
- B) Put on a sweater
- C) Be quiet
- D) Sit down

4.

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How should someone deal with another that is overwhelming them?

- A) Ask for help
- B) Forget it
- C) Keep quiet
- D) Cry

5.

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

Which of the following would have the most innocence?

- A) A grandparent
- B) A sea captain
- C) A teen
- D) A president

6.

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What would someone consider a burden?

- A) Working two jobs
- B) A happy child
- C) Resting
- D) Taking a walk

7.

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If someone exercised a moderate amount, they would be \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) stressed
- B) healthy
- C) very ill
- D) a good leader

8.

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Who would you probably see at a reunion?

- A) Your family
- B) The police
- C) Your boss
- D) Your barber

9.

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

Where would a crook most likely end up for doing something wrong?

- A) At church
- B) In jail
- C) In school
- D) On vacation

10.

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What is a boat most likely to tow behind it?

- A) A trailer
- B) A water skier
- C) A fisherman
- D) A rocket



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

fragile

- A) sturdy
- B) strong
- C) robust
- D) weak

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

shiver

- A) jump
- B) fall
- C) shake
- D) stand

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

currency

- A) money
- B) recent
- C) waves
- D) spend

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

overwhelm

- A) too much
- B) not enough
- C) completed
- D) unfinished

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

sociable

- A) rude
- B) friendly
- C) cunning
- D) wise

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

craft

- A) to bend
- B) to make
- C) to ruin
- D) to stir

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

enigma

- A) public
- B) dramatic
- C) mystery
- D) parent

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

crook

- A) thief
- B) hermit
- C) wizard
- D) warrior

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

merge

- A) to pull apart
- B) to float
- C) to carry
- D) to combine

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

burden

- A) a deal
- B) a resolution
- C) an order
- D) a hard responsibility



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Let's *compromise* and do exactly what I want.

- A) C  
B) I

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Jill's *perception* of the movie was opposite to many viewers.

- A) C  
B) I

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The temperature in here is too *moderate*. I'm freezing!

- A) C  
B) I

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We had a *reunion* yesterday. I haven't seen her for years.

- A) C  
B) I

25. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.  
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Tonya's new car is a *hybrid* that runs on gas and electricity.

- A) C  
B) I

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It is such a *burden* to drive two hours to work each day.

- A) C  
B) I

27. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.  
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The *enigma* was so simple that a child could find a solution.

- A) C  
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Her *innocence* reminded many of us when we were young.

- A) C  
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I *crafted* the airplane out of pieces of old wood.

- A) C  
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The snake *tramped* quietly on its stomach.

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"I don't want to be a **burden** to you, sir," the woman replied.

"Don't worry," he told her as he began **crafting** a bridge. He **merged** the pieces of the bridge together with amazing speed. Soon, it was finished.

"Oh, but how can I pay you for your work? Let's **compromise**. I am sure that we can find a fair solution. What do you think?" The woman asked.

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"The dog is the first living thing across the bridge," she said to the man.

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**The fragile young woman thought she might be a burden to the man.**

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**While crafting the bridge, the man merged the pieces with amazing speed.**

- A) TRUE
- B) FALSE



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**The woman tramped across the bridge and had a happy reunion with the man.**

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**B) FALSE**



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### Answer Key:

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

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