

4000 Essential English Words 4 Unit 25: Gilbert and the Lizard

1. Choose the right word for the given definition.
- being the right thing to do
- A) jealousy
 - B) migrate
 - C) ethical
 - D) secluded
2. Choose the right word for the given definition.
- a wet area of land
- A) swamp
 - B) institute
 - C) celebrity
 - D) species
3. Choose the right word for the given definition.
- able to make decisions quickly
- A) hardy
 - B) rural
 - C) extinct
 - D) decisive
4. Choose the right word for the given definition.
- respected by many people
- A) nurture
 - B) traverse
 - C) esteemed
 - D) overhead
5. Choose the right word for the given definition.
- a rule of behavior
- A) zoology
 - B) aircraft
 - C) concrete
 - D) principle
6. Choose the right definition for the given word.
- nurture
- A) to travel
 - B) respected
 - C) to care for
 - D) to die
7. Choose the right definition for the given word.
- secluded
- A) respected
 - B) correct
 - C) alone
 - D) to make decisions
8. Choose the right definition for the given word.
- species
- A) stones
 - B) an animal
 - C) wet land
 - D) a place to study
9. Choose the right definition for the given word.
- jealousy
- A) knowing right and wrong
 - B) the act of wanting another person's things
 - C) famous
 - D) studying animals
10. Choose the right definition for the given word.
- overhead
- A) moving
 - B) above
 - C) able to fly
 - D) able to cope



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11. Choose the answer that best fits the question.

How come we cannot see dinosaurs today?

- A) They are celebrities.
- B) They are extinct.
- C) It isn't ethical.
- D) They have all traversed the desert.

12. Choose the answer that best fits the question.

What should I do if I want to learn about animals?

- A) Go to a swamp
- B) Study zoology
- C) Nurture babies
- D) Be decisive

13. Choose the answer that best fits the question.

Which of these does NOT describe the countryside?

- A) It is very rural.
- B) There are not a lot of buildings.
- C) Birds often fly overhead.
- D) There is a lot of concrete.

14. Choose the answer that best fits the question.

If you want to camp in the mountains, you need to ____.

- A) have principles
- B) be hardy
- C) feel jealousy
- D) travel in an aircraft

15. Choose the answer that best fits the question.

Birds ____ to warmer parts of the country during the winter.

- A) esteem
- B) insitute
- C) species
- D) migrate

16. Choose the word that is the better fit for each blank.

You need to be ____ if you want to ____ the mountains.

- A) hardy / traverse
- B) traverse / hardy

17. Choose the word that is the better fit for each blank.

A(n) ____ is going to give a talk at the ____ of Drama.

- A) institute / celebrity
- B) celebrity / institute

18. Choose the word that is the better fit for each blank.

Many people ____ by ship or ____.

- A) aircraft / migrate
- B) migrate / aircraft

19. Choose the word that is the better fit for each blank.

She felt a lot of ____ because her sister was highly ____.

- A) esteemed / jealousy
- B) jealousy / esteemed

20. Choose the word that is the better fit for each blank.

They found the remains of ____ animals in the ____.

- A) swamp / extinct
- B) extinct / swamp

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You can see many different bird ____ in this ____ location.

- A) secluded / species
- B) species / secluded

22. Choose the word that is the better fit for each blank.

He made a quick, ____ choice, but he was worried if it was the ____ thing to fire him over the holidays.

- A) ethical / decisive
- B) decisive / ethical



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He chose to study ____ because he has always liked to ____ animals.

- A) zoology / nurture
- B) nurture / zoology

24. Choose the word that is the better fit for each blank.

I like to be in ____ areas where there are no planes flying ____.

- A) overhead / rural
- B) rural / overhead

25. Choose the word that is the better fit for each blank.

I don't like the ____ of covering the garden in ____.

- A) concrete / principle
- B) principle / concrete

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Eliza was a professor of zoology.

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Eliza was harder than Gilbert.

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- B) FALSE

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Gilbert thought that the red lizard was an extinct species.

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Gilbert nurtured the red lizard at the hotel.

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What did Gilbert and Eliza see flying overhead?

- A) An aircraft
- B) Birds
- C) An extinct species
- D) Butterflies



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How was Gilbert described after he found the lizard?

- A) Full of jealousy
- B) Highly esteemed
- C) Decisive
- D) Full of principles

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What did Gilbert think that the find would make him feel like?

- A) A celebrity
- B) Decisive
- C) Ethical
- D) Hardy



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Where did Gilbert want to take the red lizard?

- A)** To the Zoology Institute
- B)** To the university
- C)** To a different swamp
- D)** To his home



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Answer Key:

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