

4000 Essential English Words 4 Unit 12: The Sun and the North Wind

1.

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

It was bad that the man had a lot of _____ because he used it to cause _____.

- A) muscle / violence
- B) violence / muscle

2.

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He had a _____ to win the race, but he had to quit when he got a bad pain in his _____.

- A) belly / bid
- B) bid / belly

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The boy was always _____ because his classmates were mean and treated him with _____.

- A) disrespect / timid
- B) timid / disrespect

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The boy had a lot of _____ before his trip to Europe. He had never been to a different _____ before.

- A) continent / enthusiasm
- B) enthusiasm / continent

5.

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The movie will start soon. In the _____, help me to _____ these heavy boards against the wall.

- A) lean / meantime
- B) meantime / lean

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The _____ that the man wanted to drive on was blocked, so he found an _____ route.

- A) alternative / avenue
- B) avenue / alternative

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The police officer had to _____ the woman from a bad _____ she had with another woman.

- A) conflict / rescue
- B) rescue / conflict

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The girl walked along the rough beach. The rocky _____ was _____ on her feet.

- A) harsh / terrain
- B) terrain / harsh

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The boys were up to their usual _____ and were throwing balls of paper at each other in _____.

- A) mischief / succession
- B) succession / mischief

10.

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I turned on the fan so that it would _____ air on me. The _____ of cool air felt wonderful.

- A) current / blow
- B) blow / current



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11. Choose the answer that best fits the question.

Which word best describes a student who is very happy and excited?

- A) Enthusiasm
- B) Violence
- C) Current
- D) Alternative

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Which of the following describes a scared person best?

- A) Timid
- B) Disrespect
- C) Muscle
- D) Succession

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What is something that can be soft and round?

- A) Something in the meantime
- B) An avenue
- C) A person's belly
- D) A continent

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Which word best describes behavior meant to trick or cause trouble?

- A) Mischief
- B) Conflict
- C) Terrain
- D) Harsh

15. Choose the answer that best fits the question.

Which of the following best describes the action of the wind?

- A) It bids.
- B) It rescues.
- C) It blows.
- D) It leans.

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The North Wind used violence in his bid to be powerful.

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Why was the North Wind so full of enthusiasm?

- A) He thought he was all-powerful.
- B) He was very rich.
- C) He was the people's favorite.
- D) He was going on a date.



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Why did the North Wind fill his lungs with air?

- A) To avoid conflict
- B) To find an alternative to violence
- C) To help his muscles
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How was the North Wind causing mischief?

- A) By hurting the Sun
- B) By leaning on a tree
- C) By blowing harsh wind at the man
- D) By walking along the terrain



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What happened in the meantime while the Sun and the North Wind were talking?

- A)** The man started to laugh.
- B)** The man felt the cold air currents.
- C)** The man took off his jacket.
- D)** The man began walking along the avenue.



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Answer Key:

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