

## 4000 Essential English Words 6 Unit 30: The Mad Hatter

1.

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

Where does a columnist work?

- A) At a university
- B) At a newspaper
- C) At a restaurant
- D) At an airport

2.

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

Which of the following might a liberal person do?

- A) Restrict freedoms
- B) Learn new ideas
- C) Reject free speech
- D) Support tyranny

3.

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What animal pecks?

- A) A bee
- B) A cat
- C) A bird
- D) A tiger

4.

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

What is stored in a reservoir?

- A) Water
- B) Food
- C) Books
- D) Tools

5.

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

Which of these animals have a long streak on their bodies?

- A) A skunk
- B) A horse
- C) A rhino
- D) A gorilla

6.

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

columnist

- A) singer
- B) journalist
- C) electrician
- D) CEO

7.

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

cricket

- A) grasshopper
- B) beetle
- C) ant
- D) mosquito

8.

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

maze

- A) disguise
- B) hoop
- C) tower
- D) puzzle

9.

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

gravel

- A) boulder
- B) rock
- C) hill
- D) mound

10.

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

haunt

- A) calm
- B) play
- C) terrorize
- D) soothe



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### 11. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

They had three minutes to find their way out of the \_\_\_\_.

- A) expired
- B) courteous
- C) amber
- D) pebbles
- E) streak
- F) reservoir
- G) crickets
- H) maze
- I) moss
- J) granite

### 12. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

They had to get out before the time \_\_\_\_.

- A) expired
- B) courteous
- C) amber
- D) pebbles
- E) pebblesstreak
- F) reservoir
- G) crickets
- H) maze
- I) moss
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### 13. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

Jessica had the carpet in her house replaced with \_\_\_\_ tiles.

- A) expired
- B) courteous
- C) amber
- D) pebbles
- E) streak
- F) reservoir
- G) crickets
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The tiles had lovely designs on them and also pieces of \_\_\_\_.

- A) expired
- B) courteous
- C) amber
- D) pebbles
- E) streak
- F) reservoir
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### 15. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

Gene squeezed the bottle and got a \_\_\_\_ of ketchup on his shirt.

- A) expired
- B) courteous
- C) amber
- D) pebbles
- E) streak
- F) reservoir
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### 16. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

The \_\_\_\_ host was nice enough to get him a new shirt.

- A) expired
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### 17. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

There was a pile of \_\_\_\_ near the water.

- A) expired
- B) courteous
- C) amber
- D) pebbles
- E) streak
- F) reservoir
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### 18. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

They had been washed up from the bottom of the \_\_\_\_.

- A) expired
- B) courteous
- C) amber
- D) pebbles
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### 19. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

We walked down the road and passed many trees covered in \_\_\_\_.

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### 20. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

It was dark already, and all that could be heard were the \_\_\_\_.

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**Lucas's thoughts about the house across the reservoir haunted him.**

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B) FALSE

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**Lucas got a streak of blood on his shirt and pebbles in his skin from falling down.**

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**The man's house smelled like food that had expired.**

- A) TRUE
- B) FALSE



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### Answer Key:

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|-------|-------|
| 1: B  | 14: C |
| 2: B  | 15: E |
| 3: C  | 16: B |
| 4: A  | 17: D |
| 5: A  | 18: F |
| 6: B  | 19: I |
| 7: A  | 20: G |
| 8: D  | 21: A |
| 9: B  | 22: B |
| 10: C | 23: B |
| 11: H | 24: A |
| 12: A | 25: B |
| 13: J |       |

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