

## 4000 Essential English Words 2 Unit 30: The Taxi Driver

1. Choose the right definition for the given word.

salary

- A) a system of beliefs
- B) to lend something and get back later
- C) the money one makes at a job
- D) the center of a town

2. Choose the right definition for the given word.

former

- A) in the past
- B) existing for a short time
- C) to establish something
- D) a system of beliefs

3. Choose the right definition for the given word.

formula

- A) to believe without proof
- B) to try to get someone to act
- C) a mathematical rule
- D) money for school

4. Choose the right definition for the given word.

practical

- A) the way it used to be
- B) useful
- C) to complain
- D) a valuable collection

5. Choose the right definition for the given word.

borrow

- A) to be wanted
- B) to take for a short time
- C) a system of beliefs
- D) to make a person feel stupid

6. Choose the right definition for the given word.

assume

- A) to believe without proof
- B) useful
- C) 25 cents
- D) boring

7. Choose the right definition for the given word.

downtown

- A) a group of letter or numbers
- B) the money you make at a job
- C) food with a lot of sugar
- D) the center of a city

8. Choose the right definition for the given word.

dull

- A) boring
- B) to believe without proof
- C) to take for a short time
- D) to give but receive back later

9. Choose the right definition for the given word.

treasure

- A) money for school
- B) to encourage
- C) a valuable collection
- D) the center of a town

10. Choose the right definition for the given word.

temporary

- A) a small amount of money
- B) to establish
- C) existing for a short time
- D) to give but get back later



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### 11. Check the one that suits the blank naturally.

The lawyer is very busy because \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) she has many clients
- B) she makes a good salary

### 12. Check the one that suits the blank naturally.

I want to make more money, so \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) I will invest some of my money
- B) I assume that I did

### 13. Check the one that suits the blank naturally.

I didn't like the book; \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) it was only temporary
- B) it was very dull

### 14. Check the one that suits the blank naturally.

This math problem is hard, \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) and I wish I had a formula
- B) so I need a scholarship

### 15. Check the one that suits the blank naturally.

I don't need more money. \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) I will found a bakery
- B) I have enough cash

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

If something is \_\_\_\_\_, you can use it often.

- A) urge
- B) borrow
- C) practical
- D) appeal
- E) downtown

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

You can \_\_\_\_\_ my hat, but you have to give it back to me.

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- B) borrow
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I like living \_\_\_\_\_; it is an exciting place.

- A) urge
- B) borrow
- C) practical
- D) appeal
- E) downtown

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

I \_\_\_\_\_ you to save money; you might need it later.

- A) urge
- B) borrow
- C) practical
- D) appeal
- E) downtown

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

Does flying \_\_\_\_\_ to you? I've always wanted to try it.

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Peter stopped to pick up a passenger. "Where to?" he asked.

"Go to the Fourth Street Bank. And don't talk to me. I've had a rough day," the man said. Peter was angry, but he had a peaceful philosophy. When they stopped, the man's **fare** came to \$10.25. He put his hands in his pockets. "I can't find my wallet!" he said. "I can't pay the fare!"

Peter said, "Maybe I'll give you a **temporary loan**. You can **borrow** ten dollars and a **quarter** from me."

The man was **embarrassed**, saying, "I was mean to you, but now I want to help you. I **founded** this bank. I want to give you one thousand dollars."

That much money was like a **treasure** to Peter. The man **urged** him to take the money, but he didn't.

"You're an honest person," the man said. "I **assumed** you would take it. I want you to work for me."

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#### What is this story about?

- A) How a poor taxi driver got a new job by being kind
- B) Why a dull job with a high salary appeals to people
- C) How to get a scholarship to go to college
- D) Why it is important not to borrow money

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#### What does Peter do downtown?

- A) He drives a taxi.
- B) He studies math formulas.
- C) He grumbles about his job.
- D) He drives people around for a quarter.



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#### Why does the man give Peter a job?

- A) He assumes that Peter is practical.
- B) He didn't want to give Peter a treasure.
- C) Peter showed that he was honest.
- D) Peter loaned him twenty five cents.

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#### Why does Peter like his job?

- A) He invested a lot of money in it.
- B) It is only a temporary job.
- C) He can embarrass other people by being rude.
- D) It is never dull and he meets many people.



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### Answer Key:

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

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