

4000 Essential English Words 6 Unit 29: The Shortcut

1.

Choose the answer that best fits the question.

Binoculars help you to see things that are _____.

- A) close by
- B) under the sea
- C) far away
- D) covered in mud

2.

Choose the answer that best fits the question.

If you have dual responsibilities, then you have _____ things to take care of.

- A) two
- B) three
- C) ten
- D) twelve

3.

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Which of the following is about the same as a tariff?

- A) A salary
- B) A tax
- C) A surplus
- D) A bonus

4.

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Where would you most likely see a pier?

- A) In the water
- B) On a plane
- C) Under the ground
- D) On a road

5.

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Fahrenheit is used to measure _____.

- A) height
- B) distance
- C) weight
- D) temperature

6.

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

When the food is ready, its temperature should be 140 degrees _____.

- A) outback
- B) thermometer
- C) vice versa
- D) ore
- E) outweighed
- F) whereabouts
- G) grove
- H) fulfill
- I) Fahrenheit
- J) shortcut

7.

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You can use that _____ to determine when it is hot enough.

- A) outback
- B) thermometer
- C) vice versa
- D) ore
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8. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

There are not many forests in the Australian _____.

- A) outback
- B) thermometer
- C) vice versa
- D) ore
- E) outweighed
- F) whereabouts
- G) grove
- H) fulfill
- I) Fahrenheit
- J) shortcut

9. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

But there might be a _____ wherever there is enough water.

- A) outback
- B) thermometer
- C) vice versa
- D) ore
- E) outweighed
- F) whereabouts
- G) grove
- H) fulfill
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10. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

She didn't have much time to get to the house to _____ her promise.

- A) outback
- B) thermometer
- C) vice versa
- D) ore
- E) outweighed
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11. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

Therefore, she took a(n) _____ that would get her there in no time.

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- B) thermometer
- C) vice versa
- D) ore
- E) outweighed
- F) whereabouts
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12. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

The need to create more jobs _____ the need to spend more money.

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- B) thermometer
- C) vice versa
- D) ore
- E) outweighed
- F) whereabouts
- G) grove
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13. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

But in other years it was _____.

- A) outback
- B) thermometer
- C) vice versa
- D) ore
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14. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

According to legend, gold was made from the cave's ____.

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- B) thermometer
- C) vice versa
- D) ore
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15. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

However, today its ____ have been forgotten.

- A) outback
- B) thermometer
- C) vice versa
- D) ore
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16. Choose the one that is similar in meaning to the given word.

comprise

- A) return
- B) consist
- C) explain
- D) favor

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

tilt

- A) mix
- B) dig
- C) lean
- D) grip

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

pier

- A) dock
- B) cake
- C) chef
- D) fort

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

analogous

- A) metric
- B) powerful
- C) secure
- D) similar

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

paradox

- A) illogical
- B) cattle
- C) calendar
- D) feather



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The driver's load was comprised of many types of ore.

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The paradox of the shortcut was that the shortest route could be the longest but not vice versa.

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The thermometer read under 100 degrees Fahrenheit.

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When the trailer tilted, the driver's binoculars fell into the river.

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- B) FALSE



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The driver had fulfilled his duty.

A) TRUE

B) FALSE



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Answer Key:

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

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