

## 4000 Essential English Words 6 Unit 1: The North Star

1.

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

When the heat was turned off, we became quite \_\_\_\_.

- A) nuisance
- B) latitude
- C) soothed
- D) multitude
- E) mariners
- F) frantic
- G) hull
- H) erroneous
- I) volatile
- J) stranded

2.

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

When it finally came back on, our concerns and fears were \_\_\_\_.

- A) nuisance
- B) latitude
- C) soothed
- D) multitude
- E) mariners
- F) frantic
- G) hull
- H) erroneous
- I) volatile
- J) stranded

3.

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

The iceberg caused severe damage to the ship's \_\_\_\_.

- A) nuisance
- B) latitude
- C) soothed
- D) multitude
- E) mariners
- F) frantic
- G) hull
- H) erroneous
- I) volatile
- J) stranded

4.

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

The motor stopped working, and the ship became \_\_\_\_.

- A) nuisance
- B) latitude
- C) soothed
- D) multitude
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### 5. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

When he has too much to drink, he can become quite \_\_\_\_.

- A) nuisance
- B) latitude
- C) soothed
- D) multitude
- E) mariners
- F) frantic
- G) hull
- H) erroneous
- I) volatile
- J) stranded

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

His unpredictable behavior is not dangerous, but he is a \_\_\_\_.

- A) nuisance
- B) latitude
- C) soothed
- D) multitude
- E) mariners
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- G) hull
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### 7. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

During our journey, we arrived at the wrong \_\_\_\_.

- A) nuisance
- B) latitude
- C) soothed
- D) multitude
- E) mariners
- F) frantic
- G) hull
- H) erroneous
- I) volatile
- J) stranded

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

I suppose our calculations were \_\_\_\_.

- A) nuisance
- B) latitude
- C) soothed
- D) multitude
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### 9. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

When the ship came in, I was surprised at the number of \_\_\_\_.

- A) nuisance
- B) latitude
- C) soothed
- D) multitude
- E) mariners
- F) frantic
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### 10. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

I thought there would only be a few sailors, but there was a \_\_\_\_.

- A) nuisance
- B) latitude
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11. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.  
Write! if the word is used incorrectly.

She loves to *improvise* peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for lunch.

- A) C  
B) I

12. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.  
Write! if the word is used incorrectly.

Ice packs are sometimes used to *alleviate* headaches.

- A) C  
B) I

13. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.  
Write! if the word is used incorrectly.

This math book is full of *equations* for students to practice.

- A) C  
B) I

14. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.  
Write! if the word is used incorrectly.

The expert in *astrology* went to work every day to study rocks and soil.

- A) C  
B) I

15. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.  
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This math problem is tricky, so be careful not to *err*.

- A) C  
B) I

16. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.  
Write! if the word is used incorrectly.

The *permanence* of the flood was gone in a couple of days.

- A) C  
B) I

17. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.  
Write! if the word is used incorrectly.

After months of planning, the *inadvertent* decision to sell the company was carried out.

- A) C  
B) I

18. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.  
Write! if the word is used incorrectly.

The Earth and other planets *revolve* around the sun.

- A) C  
B) I

19. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.  
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Two flat tires *disrupted* our drive to the countryside.

- A) C  
B) I

20. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.  
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What *differentiates* Dan from his brother is Dan's unmatched love of sports.

- A) C  
B) I



### 21. THE NORTH STAR

Among the **multitude** of stars in the universe, there are a couple that are of great importance to people on Earth. The sun, of course, is one of them. The other is known as Polaris, the North Star. Polaris is special because it is the only star that always appears to be in the same place in the sky. Therefore, Polaris is a great compass. When people in the northern hemisphere of Earth look toward Polaris, they can be certain that they are facing north. The **permanence** of Polaris in the north sky has helped countless people find their destinations.

Before the invention of modern navigation tools, **mariners** relied on Polaris. From the top of their **hulls**, sailors would look for Polaris to figure out their place at sea. They figured out the angle between the star and the horizon to determine their **latitude**. As long as the **equations** weren't **erroneous**, the results were very reliable. Polaris also let sailors determine North, South, East, and West. By knowing directions and their location, mariners could easily navigate their ships.

To those who sail at night, **volatile** storms and dark clouds were more than **nuisances**. They could **disrupt** entire journeys by blocking the view of Polaris. A captain could **err** and make an **inadvertent** wrong turn. The ship could become **stranded** at sea, and the **frantic** captain would have no way to **improvise** to get the ship back on the right course. The mariner's fears wouldn't be **soothed** until the clouds cleared and Polaris came back into view. Even today, sailors sometimes opt to navigate by using Polaris on clear nights.

It's not difficult to **differentiate** Polaris from other stars. The Big Dipper, a constellation that is well known in **astrology**, appears to **revolve** around Polaris. The handle of the Big Dipper always points to the North Star. When people get lost, it's comforting to know that their problems can be **alleviated** by looking at the sky.

**Even today, sailors opt to improvise by using Polaris on clear nights.**

- A) TRUE
- B) FALSE

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**A ship could become stranded if a captain erred and made an inadvertent wrong turn.**

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- B) FALSE



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**People who are lost can be alleviated by gazing up at a frantic sky.**

- A) TRUE
- B) FALSE

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**Volatile storms were more than nuisances because they disrupted entire journeys.**

- A) TRUE
- B) FALSE



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**It is not difficult to differentiate Polaris from the multitude of other stars in the universe.**

- A) TRUE
- B) FALSE



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### Answer Key:

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

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