

4000 Essential English Words 5 Unit 2: The Helpful Abbey

1.

Choose the answer that best fits the question.

What would probably happen if you deprived someone of food?

- A) They could die.
- B) They could feel relieved.
- C) They could feel happy.
- D) They could feel peace.

2.

Choose the answer that best fits the question.

A rugged surface would feel _____.

- A) very rough
- B) smooth
- C) cool and slippery
- D) warm and hard

3.

Choose the answer that best fits the question.

If you were speculating about something, you would be doing what?

- A) Stating a fact
- B) Looking for truth
- C) Making a speech
- D) Making a guess

4.

Choose the answer that best fits the question.

Where would someone take an oath?

- A) At the subway
- B) In court
- C) On vacation
- D) In their sleep

5.

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If something were covered with moisture, then it would feel _____.

- A) hard
- B) rough
- C) soft
- D) wet

6.

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

Traveling across the _____ was more difficult than it seemed.

- A) abundant
- B) moisture
- C) cathedral
- D) scarce
- E) fast
- F) arid
- G) eligible
- H) oath
- I) rugged
- J) prairie

7.

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

The ground was very _____, and the grass was high.

- A) abundant
- B) moisture
- C) cathedral
- D) scarce
- E) fast
- F) arid
- G) eligible
- H) oath
- I) rugged
- J) prairie

8.

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

John had been in a place with a(n) _____ climate for a long time.

- A) abundant
- B) moisture
- C) cathedral
- D) scarce
- E) fast
- F) arid
- G) eligible
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9. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

He forgot that in a humid place, everything was covered with ____.

- A) abundant
- B) moisture
- C) cathedral
- D) scarce
- E) fast
- F) arid
- G) eligible
- H) oath
- I) rugged
- J) prairie

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

The people who attend that church ____ for two weeks in March.

- A) abundant
- B) moisture
- C) cathedral
- D) scarce
- E) fast
- F) arid
- G) eligible
- H) oath
- I) rugged
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11. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

Then they go to the ____ where they pray and eat a small meal of soup.

- A) abundant
- B) moisture
- C) cathedral
- D) scarce
- E) fast
- F) arid
- G) eligible
- H) oath
- I) rugged
- J) prairie

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

We didn't know what to do with such a(n) ____ supply of wood.

- A) abundant
- B) moisture
- C) cathedral
- D) scarce
- E) fast
- F) arid
- G) eligible
- H) oath
- I) rugged
- J) prairie

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

We had gotten used to making small fires when it was so ____.

- A) abundant
- B) moisture
- C) cathedral
- D) scarce
- E) fast
- F) arid
- G) eligible
- H) oath
- I) rugged
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14. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

In order for the students to attend the dance, they had to take a(n) ____.

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- B) moisture
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15. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

Those that didn't promise to be on their best behavior were not ____.

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- B) moisture
- C) cathedral
- D) scarce
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16. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly. Write I if the word is used incorrectly.

Climbing up the *prairie* was more difficult without the help of ropes.

- A) C
- B) I

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

There was no way he could mend the holes in his shirt. It was too *rugged* to wear.

- A) C
- B) I

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

In some countries, only people who owned land were *eligible* to vote.

- A) C
- B) I

19. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly. Write I if the word is used incorrectly.

The capital was in the middle of the country. They had to travel *inland* to get there.

- A) C
- B) I

20. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly. Write I if the word is used incorrectly.

He knew she didn't like him, but he helped her *nonetheless*.

- A) C
- B) I



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"That might be true, but we must help them **nonetheless**. We will **fast**," the abbot replied. "Also, we will give our rooms in the abbey to those sleeping outside, and we will sleep in the churchyard that **adjoins** the cathedral."

The monks were reluctant at first, but they did what the oldest monk said. By the end of winter, there was still enough food and shelter for everyone. They learned that sometimes helping others means you must give more help than you first expected.

The moisture in the soil was gone because a drought made the prairie become arid.

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- B) FALSE

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The hungry families traveled inland to an abbey that still had abundant food.

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Food was scarce, but the monks had to deprive the families nonetheless.

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At first, there was ample food and enough room in the cathedral for everyone.

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The rugged journey to the abbey had left many people's clothing looking ragged.

A) TRUE

B) FALSE



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Answer Key:

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

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