

## 4000 Essential English Words 6 Unit 22: The Editor's Choice

1.

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

Peter is so *earnest*. He made more money than anyone I know.

- A) C
- B) I

2.

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If you like *ethnic* foods, then you like foods from other cultures.

- A) C
- B) I

3.

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Though it's the same language, there are *linguistic* differences between the two areas.

- A) C
- B) I

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The *patriot* is an amazing bird. It can repeat anything you tell it.

- A) C
- B) I

5.

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If you want someone to care for your cattle, you should call a *coward*.

- A) C
- B) I

6.

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The boy said that the test was unfair, and his classmates showed *solidarity* and agreed.

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- B) I

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The king said the princes had *undermined* his authority when they issued new orders.

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- B) I

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We *deleted* all the words that were spelled wrong.

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- B) I

9.

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"I'm sorry you can't eat here. This restaurant is *inclusive*."

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- B) I

10.

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The road going to the farmhouse is *monolingual*, so watch cars coming your way.

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- B) I

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He had seen the battle *firsthand* in old movies.

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If someone goes to court, then they are judged by the *legislature*.

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B) I

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This city's history is important. It was once the *imperial* capital.

- A) C  
B) I

14. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.  
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His friends had left him alone in the library, but he didn't mind being *solemn*.

- A) C  
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15. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.  
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The criminals were *prosecuted* for the crimes they had committed.

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16. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.  
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That college *excludes* anyone who has low test scores.

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Many people wonder about her *nationality*. However, he knows where she's from.

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18. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.  
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The mothers covered their children's heads because the rain was so *fluent*.

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B) I

19. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.  
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I liked all the cars, but I bought the *racial* car because it was the fastest.

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His method had a lot of *tact*. Soon, everyone agreed with his point of view.

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**The legislature prosecuted the editor for undermining the authority of the empire.**

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**The editor was not fluent in the empire's language.**

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**Everyone was impressed by the editor's tact and showed solidarity with his ideas.**

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**The article wasn't solemn and intelligent, but rather rude and angry.**

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- B) FALSE



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### Answer Key:

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|-------|-------|
| 1: B  | 14: B |
| 2: A  | 15: A |
| 3: A  | 16: A |
| 4: B  | 17: A |
| 5: B  | 18: B |
| 6: A  | 19: B |
| 7: A  | 20: A |
| 8: A  | 21: A |
| 9: B  | 22: B |
| 10: B | 23: A |
| 11: B | 24: A |
| 12: B | 25: B |
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