

## 4000 Essential English Words 5 Unit 23: How Comet Got His Tail

1.

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

radiate

- A) measure
- B) release
- C) welcome
- D) allow

2.

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

breadth

- A) path
- B) death
- C) mouth
- D) width

3.

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

spectrum

- A) colors
- B) amounts
- C) sounds
- D) places

4.

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

comet

- A) arrival
- B) meteor
- C) scissors
- D) image

5.

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

atom

- A) particle
- B) catch
- C) fast
- D) legal

6.

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

status

- A) land
- B) rock
- C) rank
- D) cloud

7.

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astronomical

- A) historical
- B) pleasant
- C) delicious
- D) huge

8.

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

embed

- A) sleep
- B) soften
- C) bury
- D) burn

9.

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

sphere

- A) tide
- B) voice
- C) mass
- D) ball

10.

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

debris

- A) pieces
- B) troops
- C) cloths
- D) liquids



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**11. Choose the one that is opposite in meaning to the given word.**

crater

- A) basket
- B) habit
- C) spouse
- D) hill

**12. Choose the one that is opposite in meaning to the given word.**

gloom

- A) plan
- B) book
- C) light
- D) hole

**13. Choose the one that is opposite in meaning to the given word.**

solitary

- A) chain
- B) group
- C) home
- D) card

**14. Choose the one that is opposite in meaning to the given word.**

gigantic

- A) wild
- B) tiny
- C) next
- D) free

**15. Choose the one that is opposite in meaning to the given word.**

roam

- A) buy
- B) break
- C) get
- D) stand

**16. Choose the one that is opposite in meaning to the given word.**

fragment

- A) whole
- B) child
- C) phone
- D) point

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

despair

- A) burn
- B) hope
- C) sing
- D) make

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

galaxy

- A) delivery
- B) marriage
- C) particle
- D) agreement

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

crescent

- A) circle
- B) closet
- C) problem
- D) schedule

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

circumference

- A) feeling
- B) detail
- C) center
- D) helmet

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### 21. Choose the answer that best fits the question.

What is something that is astronomical?

- A) A planet
- B) A book
- C) An ant
- D) A movie

### 22. Choose the answer that best fits the question.

What is something you'd find in a galaxy?

- A) A pear
- B) A broom
- C) A star
- D) A motorcycle

### 23. Choose the answer that best fits the question.

Which would help you see through the gloom of a day?

- A) Glasses
- B) A telescope
- C) A candle
- D) A cap

### 24. Choose the answer that best fits the question.

Which of the following is a sphere?

- A) A globe
- B) A bat
- C) A golf club
- D) A television set

### 25. Choose the answer that best fits the question.

What describes someone whose waist has a large circumference?

- A) Tall
- B) Fat
- C) Strong
- D) Skinny

### 26. HOW COMET GOT HIS TAIL

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In its journeys, it encountered many amazing objects. It flew by beautiful **crescent** moons that were covered with **craters** and moon dust.

"Why can't I be as beautiful as them?" it thought.

The rock passed a **gigantic** planet. The **sphere** had a **circumference** hundreds of times larger than the **breadth** of the small rock.

"Why can't I be as large as that?" it wondered.

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One day, it approached the area of an **astronomical** star.

"What's wrong?" the star asked.

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The star considered the problem. At last, it said, "You don't have to worry anymore. I think I can help." The star **radiated** its light brighter and hotter than it had ever done before. "Come a little closer," the star said to the rock.

The rock drifted closer to the star. Suddenly, the ice that was **embedded** in the rock's tiny cracks melted and became steam. Then the steam extended behind the comet to form a brilliant tail. The tail shined with all the colors of the **spectrum**.

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**The little rock drifted through the debris of broken atoms.**

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**The ice embedded in the little rock bubbled with all the colors of the spectrum.**

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**The star radiated its light hotter and brighter than ever before.**

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**The little rock wished it had a higher status in the galaxy.**

- A) TRUE
- B) FALSE



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### Answer Key:

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|-------|-------|
| 1: D  | 16: A |
| 2: D  | 17: B |
| 3: A  | 18: C |
| 4: B  | 19: A |
| 5: A  | 20: C |
| 6: C  | 21: A |
| 7: D  | 22: C |
| 8: C  | 23: C |
| 9: D  | 24: A |
| 10: A | 25: B |
| 11: D | 26: B |
| 12: C | 27: A |
| 13: B | 28: B |
| 14: B | 29: A |
| 15: D | 30: A |

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