

4000 Essential English Words 6 Unit 10: The Avalanche

1.

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

omen

- A) sign
- B) storm
- C) accident
- D) item

2.

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

apparatus

- A) method
- B) idea
- C) device
- D) name

3.

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

convection

- A) weather
- B) belief
- C) heat flow
- D) movement

4.

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

sob

- A) watch
- B) serve
- C) wait
- D) cry

5.

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

seclude

- A) study
- B) repair
- C) hide
- D) purchase

6.

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

ranger

- A) forest worker
- B) police
- C) lumberjack
- D) guard

7.

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

avalanche

- A) landslide
- B) snowstorm
- C) disaster
- D) believable

8.

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

accumulate

- A) impressive
- B) winning
- C) collect
- D) wave

9.

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

rumble

- A) boards
- B) dirt
- C) ruins
- D) ice

10.

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

upbringing

- A) background
- B) routine
- C) schedule
- D) experience



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

overcast

- A) warm
- B) bright
- C) morning
- D) apparent

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

consistency

- A) irregularity
- B) delicacy
- C) loyalty
- D) intelligence

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

poignant

- A) gloomy
- B) supportive
- C) thoughtful
- D) unemotional

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

intact

- A) alive
- B) broken
- C) aged
- D) tired

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

mortal

- A) natural
- B) content
- C) deadly
- D) everlasting

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

speck

- A) huge
- B) fragment
- C) far
- D) clear

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

sober

- A) drunk
- B) caring
- C) calm
- D) ready

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

discharge

- A) cure
- B) imprison
- C) pay
- D) arrive

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

aerial

- A) from ground
- B) technology
- C) emergency
- D) safety

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

sideways

- A) quickly
- B) forward
- C) again
- D) safely



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

Before the storm, it was very windy and ____ outside.

- A) aerial
- B) accumulated
- C) sober
- D) rubble
- E) intact
- F) overcast
- G) avalanche
- H) sideways
- I) ranger
- J) mortal

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

When it began to snow, it quickly ____ on the roof.

- A) aerial
- B) accumulated
- C) sober
- D) rubble
- E) intact
- F) overcast
- G) avalanche
- H) sideways
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23. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

The old wall fell over ____ and broke to pieces.

- A) aerial
- B) accumulated
- C) sober
- D) rubble
- E) intact
- F) overcast
- G) avalanche
- H) sideways
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24. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

Afterwards, nothing was left but some ____.

- A) aerial
- B) accumulated
- C) sober
- D) rubble
- E) intact
- F) overcast
- G) avalanche
- H) sideways
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25. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

The photograph, though old, was still ____.

- A) aerial
- B) accumulated
- C) sober
- D) rubble
- E) intact
- F) overcast
- G) avalanche
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26. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

It showed my father in his forest ____ uniform.

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- C) sober
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27. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

After the _____, much of the town was destroyed by snow.

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- B) accumulated
- C) sober
- D) rubble
- E) intact
- F) overcast
- G) avalanche
- H) sideways
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28. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

_____ photographs showed that only a few houses remained.

- A) aerial
- B) accumulated
- C) sober
- D) rubble
- E) intact
- F) overcast
- G) avalanche
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29. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

It was a very _____ moment for him when his wife passed away.

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- B) accumulated
- C) sober
- D) rubble
- E) intact
- F) overcast
- G) avalanche
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30. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

He truly realized that people are _____.

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After a few hours, Randy woke up in the hospital. He looked at the **sober** faces of the doctors and saw his wife **sobbing**.

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"You were almost killed!" his wife said.

"You broke several ribs. But the rest of you is still reasonably **intact**. You are really lucky to be alive," the doctor said.

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The avalanche was caused by convection in the atmosphere.

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- B) FALSE

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Randy had an apparatus that moved snow sideways to help avoid avalanches.

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Randy was seen by the aerial rescue team thanks to his brightly colored jacket.

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According to the doctor, Randy was lucky to be alive after the avalanche.

- A) TRUE
- B) FALSE



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Answer Key:

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|-------|-------|
| 1: A | 19: A |
| 2: C | 20: B |
| 3: C | 21: F |
| 4: D | 22: B |
| 5: C | 23: H |
| 6: A | 24: D |
| 7: A | 25: E |
| 8: C | 26: I |
| 9: C | 27: G |
| 10: A | 28: A |
| 11: B | 29: C |
| 12: A | 30: J |
| 13: D | 31: B |
| 14: B | 32: B |
| 15: D | 33: B |
| 16: A | 34: A |
| 17: A | 35: A |
| 18: B | |

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