

## 4000 Essential English Words 5 Unit 24: The Resourceful Landlord

1.

**Choose the answer that best fits the question.**

Which of the following means the closest to mend?

- A) Repair
- B) Highlight
- C) Exchange
- D) Plant

2.

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Which of the following would NOT be considered part of an office's personnel?

- A) Cleaning staff
- B) Technicians
- C) Executives
- D) Referees

3.

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Plumbing involves work on \_\_\_\_\_ in a house or building.

- A) electrical wiring
- B) plants and bushes
- C) water pipes
- D) interior design

4.

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If something is trendy, then it is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) outdated
- B) in style
- C) almost empty
- D) very cheap

5.

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Which is NOT considered a utility?

- A) Room service
- B) Electrical service
- C) Water service
- D) Gas service

6.

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

The sharp rocks mended his jeans into pieces.

- A) C
- B) I

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The school sent a second bus whereby the students could get to school.

- A) C
- B) I

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He had poor hygiene. He never washed his hands or brushed his teeth.

- A) C
- B) I

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The dam on the lake became bankrupt, and soon water broke through the cracks.

- A) C
- B) I

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The restaurant was a trendy place where all the rich and famous people went.

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- B) I



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Write I if the word is used incorrectly.

The first three cars to finish were given an award, but the forthcoming car got nothing.

A) C  
B) I

12. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.  
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She made a mistake and accidentally walked into the mandatory bathroom.

A) C  
B) I

13. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.  
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After he furnished dinner, the host gave him some dessert.

A) C  
B) I

14. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.  
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Rather than conforming to one religion, Mary chose what she liked from all of them.

A) C  
B) I

15. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.  
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I knew something was wrong with the plumbing once the hot water stopped working.

A) C  
B) I

16. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.  
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She graduated from university where she studied utility.

A) C  
B) I

17. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.  
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Because of an error, the game was given an extension of five more minutes.

A) C  
B) I

18. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.  
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He's very hygienic because he bathes once a week and seldom changes his clothes.

A) C  
B) I

19. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.  
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The landlord owned several buildings throughout the capital city.

A) C  
B) I

20. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.  
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The factory needed more workers. It had to employ twenty more people.

A) C  
B) I

21. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.  
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Tom didn't want to talk about his father's new job. He thought it was too personnel.

A) C  
B) I

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There was too much sugar in the recipe, so she leased the amount with a spoon.

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Because the rent was so expensive, all of the tenants are probably wealthy people.

- A) C
- B) I

24. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.  
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They were expelled from the restaurant because they couldn't pay their bill.

- A) C
- B) I

25. Write C if the italicized word is used correctly.  
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In order to buy a house, most people have to get a mortgage.

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**If the tenants didn't pay the mortgage, the landlord could not pay his lease and would be bankrupt.**

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- B) FALSE



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**The landlord did not have money whereby he could employ personnel.**

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**The city would expel everyone if the building did not pass the inspection for safety and hygiene.**

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- B) FALSE

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**After everyone helped to fix it, the building looked like one of the trendiest buildings in town.**

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- B) FALSE



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### Answer Key:

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|-------|-------|
| 1: A  | 16: B |
| 2: D  | 17: A |
| 3: C  | 18: B |
| 4: B  | 19: A |
| 5: A  | 20: A |
| 6: B  | 21: B |
| 7: A  | 22: B |
| 8: A  | 23: A |
| 9: B  | 24: A |
| 10: A | 25: A |
| 11: B | 26: B |
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