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English Enrichment

Learn the following words and idioms and use them in your own sentences.

1 suave – well mannered, polite

Our Principal is suave and sophisticated.

2 pardon – to say sorry

Please pardon me .

3 stubborn- someone who doesn't listen to others and does only what he/she wants

He is very stubborn.

4 scorn- hate

We should not scorn others.

5 contaminate – to make dirty

Don't contaminate water.

6 collapse- to fall down

Many building collapsed in the earthquake.

7. flatter- to praise someone in order to make them feel attractive

Don't flatter your boss.

8 scapgoat- a person who is blamed for something bad that somebody else has done

I was made a scapegoat.

9 small fry- people or things that are not considered important

I am not a small fry.

10 big shot- an important person

My father is a big shot.

11 sluggish- moving in a slow manner / having less energy

I was feeling sluggish.

12 Enormous- Something big or huge

My uncle has an enormous house.

13 Grumpy- Someone who is bad-tempered and irritable

Why are you so grumpy.

14 Mumble- to speak or say something in a quiet voice in a way that is not clear

Don't mumble, speak clearly.

15 Escape- to get free from something

Two prisoners have escaped.

16 optimistic – one who always looks at the bright side of things

He is an optimistic.

17 ignorant-one who lacks knowledge

many people are ignorant of their rights.

18 Foible – Weakness

We all have our little foibles.

19 Surfeit: Excess

There is surfeit of fruits in my house.

20 explore- move around an area to find out about it

I want to explore the world.

21 ungrateful- not expressing thanks

You shouldn't be ungrateful.

22 overhear- to hear a conversation in which one was not involved

I overheard my friends.

23 aroma – a pleasant smell

I like the aroma of this flower.

24 cherish- keeping a thought or feeling in mind

I will cherish these memories forever.

25 horde – a crowd of people

A horde of children was playing.

26 trample- to crush under thee feet

My spectacles were trampled.

27. wee – very small

You are a wee fellow.

28. livelong day- all day

I will play livelong day.

29 murmur- speak something very quietly

Don't murmur in the class.

30 sob- cry

The little child is sobbing.

IDIOMS AND PHRASES

1. lion's share- major part

I want a lion's share in the cake.

2. an iron will- strong will/ determination

He has an iron will to win.

3. to take a French leave – to take leave without permission

You can not take a French leave.

4. a fair weather friend – a friend only during good times

Don't believe Rikki. He is a fair weather friend.

5 a hard nut to crack – difficult thing to do

This project is a hard nut to crack.

6 to make up one's mind - to decide

I have made up my mind to attend summer camp this year.

7 to put the cart before the horse- to do a thing in a wrong way

I think you are putting the cart before the horse by leaving your permanent job before getting new one.

8 to win laurels- to win honour

Anand is a very hard working boy, he is sure to win laurels in life.

9 once in a blue moon-very rarely

He comes to office once in a blue moon.

10. follow in somebody's footsteps- to do the same things that another person has done before

She followed in her father's footsteps by becoming a doctor.
