

Words and Expressions

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| admonish | – warn; rebuke; scold | تنبیہ کرنا۔ ڈانٹنا |
| apologetic | – regretful; expressing apology; sorry | معذرت خواہ |
| apology | – expression of regret | معذرت |
| approach | – move towards; come near; draw near | قریب جانا |
| assault | – attack | حملہ |
| blonde | – yellowish or golden in colour | سنہرے |
| claw | – attack with claws or fingernails; scratch or tear | حملہ کرنا۔ نوچنا |
| clench | – hold teeth or fist tightly together; tighten; clasp; closed | سختی سے بند کرنا |
| coax | – persuade gently; lure; cajole | پیارا خوشامد سے منانا، بہلانا |
| damp | – moist; slightly wet; humid | نم آلود۔ سیلا |
| desist | – give up; discontinue; stop; cease | رک جانا۔ چھوڑ دینا |
| diagnosis | – identification of illness | تشخیص |
| diphtheria | – infectious disease of throat | خناق |
| distrustfully | – suspiciously; doubtfully | بے اعتباری سے |
| embarrassment | – discomfiture; humiliation; shame | گھبراہٹ۔ شرمندگی |
| entirely | – fully; utterly; wholly; totally; completely | مکمل طور پر |
| flushed | – red; reddened; red-faced | سُرخ۔ متمنایا ہو |
| furious | – angry; infuriated | برہم۔ غصے میں |
| gag | – retch; to vomit | ابکائی آنا |
| grasp | – grip; hold; clasp | پکڑنا۔ گرفت میں لینا |
| heifer | – a young cow | جوان بچھیا |
| hysterically | – uncontrollably; frenziedly; violently; wildly | ہیجانی طور پر۔ زور زور سے |
| instinctively | – impulsively; automatically; mechanically | خود بخود۔ اضطراری طور پر |
| leaflet | – brochure; flier; pamphlet; handbill | اشتہاری ورقہ |
| membrane | – covering; coating; layer | تہہ۔ جھلی |
| molar | – back tooth | ڈاڑھ |
| motion | – signal; indicate; gesture; beckon | اشارہ کرنا |
| neglect | – lack of care; inattention; disregard; negligence | بے احتیاطی۔ عدم توجہ |
| disgust | – intense dislike; loathing; hatred; aversion | ناگواری، نفرت، ناپسندیدگی |

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| outcome | – result; ending; consequence | نتیجہ۔ انجام |
| overpower | – overcome; conquer; subdue | قابو کرنا |
| profusion | – abundance; large amount; excess | کثرت۔ بہتات |
| scream | – cry; yell; shriek; shout | چینا |
| severely | – harshly; sternly; strictly | سختی سے |
| sore | – stinging; aching; painful | دکھتا ہوا |
| spatula | – doctor's stick for holding down the tongue; tongue depressor | زبان دبانے والا چپٹا آلہ |
| splinters | – bits; thin sharp fragment; chip | لکڑی کا چھوٹا سا ٹکڑا۔ ریزہ |
| startled | – frightened; alarmed; shocked | خوفزدہ۔ حیران |
| steady | – fixed; constant | مسل۔ لگاتار |
| valiantly | – bravely; fearlessly | بہادری سے |

Multiple Choice Questions

I. Choose the correct synonym.

- I was met by the mother, a big **startled** looking woman.
A) hostile B) frightened
C) curious D) good
- She was a big, startled looking woman, very clean and **apologetic**.
A) regretful B) pious
C) bulky D) active
- She **merely** said, "Is this the doctor?"
A) truly B) nearly
C) only D) utterly
- It is very **damp** here sometimes.
A) sultry B) moist
C) stifling D) cloudy
- I **motioned** for him not to bother.
a) suggested B) called
c) signalled D) moved
- I motioned for him not to **bother**.
A) stir B) assist
C) trouble himself D) solace
- They were **eyeing me** up and down distrustfully.
A) catching me B) seeing me
C) stopping me D) persuading me
- They were eyeing me up and down **distrustfully**.
A) suspiciously B) respectfully
C) affectionately D) normally
- The child was fairly eating me up with her cold, **steady** eyes.
A) flushed B) fixed
C) slow-moving D) unfriendly
- The child was fairly eating me up with her **cold** eyes.
A) friendly B) unmindful
C) unkind D) casual
- She did not move and seemed, inwardly, **quiet**.
A) flushed B) disturbed
C) speechless D) calm
- She was looking as strong as **a heifer**.
A) a cow B) an ox
C) a young cow D) a young goat
- So we tho't you had better look her over and tell us what is **the matter**.
A) thought B) substance
C) problem D) consequence

14. She reduced it to splinters before I could get it out again.
A) ends B) bits
C) measures D) molars
15. But now I also had grown furious at a child.
A) angry B) happy
C) serious D) sad
16. She had magnificent blonde hair, in profusion.
A) tangled B) silky
C) wavy D) splendid
17. She had magnificent blonde hair, in profusion.
A) fashion B) abundance
C) curls D) tangles
18. One of those picture children often reproduced in advertising leaflets.
A) indicated B) covered
C) printed D) recalled
19. Her face was flushed.
A) red B) innocent
C) lovely D) angry
20. One of those picture children often reproduced in leaflets.
A) slots B) billboards
C) pictures D) brochures
21. I took a trial shot.
A) made a wild guess
B) reminded myself
C) ignored at first
D) accepted readily
22. "Come on," I coaxed.
A) demanded B) called
C) persuaded D) objected
23. Then the girl shrieked.
A) spoke B) screamed
C) hissed D) blurted
24. She shrieked terrifyingly, hysterically.
A) emotionally B) continuously
C) horrifyingly D) inaudibly
25. She shrieked terrifyingly, hysterically.
A) uncontrollably B) softly
C) normally D) infrequently
26. With one catlike movement both her hands clawed instinctively for my eyes.
A) coveted B) attacked
C) resisted D) yielded
27. With one catlike movement both her hands clawed instinctively for my eyes.
A) slowly B) consciously
C) stealthily D) impulsively
28. "If you don't do what the doctor says you'll have to go to the hospital," the mother admonished her severely.
A) warned B) called
C) persuaded D) shook
29. "If you don't do what the doctor says you'll have to go to the hospital," the mother admonished her severely.
A) quietly B) inaudibly
C) harshly D) gently
30. Then I grasped the child's head with my left hand.
A) touched B) gripped
C) moved D) struck
31. She fought, with clenched teeth, desperately.
A) chattered B) closed
C) back D) opened
32. She fought, with clenched teeth, desperately.
A) recklessly B) unfairly
C) verbally D) instinctively
33. I approached the child again.
A) moved towards B) called out
C) asked for D) inquired about
34. I ground my teeth in disgust.
A) happiness B) sadness
C) hatred D) gloom (Board 2010)
35. She had fought valiantly.
A) timidly B) bravely
C) sadly D) happily
36. I did not allow myself to be hurried.
A) hasty B) confused
C) anxious D) out of control
37. The doctor should have desisted and come back.
A) ceased B) inspected
C) examined D) continued
38. Do you think she can stand it, doctor?
A) help B) endure
C) sell D) buy
39. In his final assault the doctor overpowered the sick girl. (Board 2018)
A) attack B) assay
C) assemblage D) attempt

Answers

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| 1. B | 6. C | 11. D | 16. D | 21. A | 26. B | 31. B | 36. A |
| 2. A | 7. B | 12. C | 17. B | 22. C | 27. D | 32. A | 37. A |
| 3. C | 8. A | 13. C | 18. C | 23. B | 28. A | 33. A | 38. B |
| 4. B | 9. B | 14. B | 19. A | 24. C | 29. C | 34. C | 39. A |
| 5. C | 10. C | 15. A | 20. D | 25. A | 30. B | 35. B | |

II. Choose the correct answer.

- Who is the 'I' in "The Use of Force"?
A) the father B) the doctor
C) the mother D) the sick child
- The parents were nervous because _____.
A) they did not want to tell the doctor anything
B) they did not know what to say
C) they wanted the doctor to tell them everything
D) the child did not tell anything
- The doctor was impressed by
A) the beauty of the child
B) by the patience of the child
C) by the patience of the parents
D) by the pictures of the child he had seen in Sunday's paper
- The doctor took a 'trial shot of it' means _____.
A) he made a wild guess to begin with
B) he gave her a shot
C) he took parents to task
D) he examined the girl carefully
- The doctor feared that the child might be suffering from diphtheria _____.
A) from the appearance of the child
B) the parents told him so
C) from the examination of the child
D) because there had been such cases in a local school
- The child did not respond to the doctor's instructions because _____.
A) she was afraid of the doctor
B) she was a stubborn child
C) her parents had tried to open her mouth
D) she was angry
- The doctor ground his teeth in anger because _____.
A) the child did not respond
B) the mother told the girl, "He would not hurt you."
C) the parents did not let him handle the child
D) the child had knocked his glasses
- The doctor had almost succeeded in opening the mouth of the girl but failed to see because _____.
A) the child resisted strongly
B) the mother stopped him
C) the rough handling hurt the child
D) the spoon broke
- How did the sick girl react when they held her by the wrists? (Board 2010)
A) She moaned. B) She wept.
C) She screamed. D) She laughed.
- How many children had the doctor seen lying dead in bed of neglect _____.
A) ten children B) two children
C) one child D) no child
- The sick child had been hiding her sore throat for _____.
A) three days B) one day
C) seven days D) ten days
- Mathilda's parents were spending on the doctor.
A) six dollars B) five dollars
C) four dollars D) three dollars
- The sick girl looked as strong as a _____.
A) wrestler B) heifer
C) fighter D) bull
- The doctor forbade the sick child's parents to call him _____.
A) a nice man B) a happy man
C) a physiotherapist D) a spiritual healer

15. The parents of the sick child were eyeing the doctor up and down _____.
A) curiously B) trustingly
C) distrustfully D) indignantly
16. When the doctor arrived he was met by _____.
A) the child's mother
B) the child's father
C) the child's parents
D) the child
17. The sick girl's mother was a big startled looking woman, very _____.
A) clean and apologetic
B) nervous and distrustful
C) curious and concerned
D) caring and cooperative
18. The sick child's father told the doctor that she had had a fever for _____.
A) ten days B) nine days
C) two days D) three days
19. The doctor thought that the girl might be suffering from _____.
A) pneumonia B) diphtheria
C) a high fever D) a sore throat
20. The girl's face was _____ and she was breathing rapidly.
A) pale B) expressionless
C) flushed D) stern
21. When the girl saw the doctor, she did not move and seemed inwardly _____.
A) quiet B) furious
C) frightened D) healthy
22. "As doctors often do, I took a trial shot at it _____."
A) to cut a long story short
B) to get things straight
C) to conclude the matter
D) as a point of departure
23. In the final _____ assault I overpowered the child's neck and jaws.
A) well-planned B) reasoning
C) unreasoning D) coaxing
24. The child was fully dressed and sitting on her father's lap near the _____.
A) bed B) T.V. lounge
C) kitchen table D) sofa
25. The parents kept the child in the kitchen where it was _____.
A) damp B) humid
C) cool D) warm
26. Where did the doctor examine the sick girl?
A) in the hospital
B) in his own clinic
C) in the girl's house
D) in his own house
27. What happened to the doctor, when the child resisted?
A) he got annoyed
B) he felt embarrassed
C) he got angry
D) he was infuriated

Answers

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Questions from the Textbook

- Q.1** What was the condition of the parents on the arrival of the doctor? (Board 2010)
Ans. When the doctor arrived, the parents were nervous and disturbed. They wanted the doctor to tell them what the matter with their child was.
- Q.2** What was the behaviour of the child with the doctor? (Board 2014)
Ans. The child did not cooperate with the doctor. There was no expression on her face whatsoever. She resisted violently when the doctor tried to examine her throat.
- Q.3** She had had a fever for three days, hadn't she?
Ans. Yes, she had a fever for three days. She tried to hide this fact from her parents in order to avoid a situation where she would be treated or punished.

Q.4 Did the girl change her expression when the doctor said, "Does your throat hurt you?"

Ans. No, she did not change her expression. She kept looking at the doctor fixedly. She did not respond to his question whether she had a sore throat.

Q.5 Why did the doctor call the sick girl by her first name?

(Board 2008,17)

Ans. The doctor called the sick girl by her first name in order to get friendly with her. He wanted her to trust him that he would not hurt her.

Q.6 Did the sick girl promptly respond to the instructions of the doctor?

Ans. No, she did not. Instead, she resisted violently when the doctor tried to examine her throat. She dismissed all threats and warnings and defied all attempts made at her throat examination.

Q.7 Why did the parents rebuke the child?

(Board 2008)

Ans. The parents rebuked their child as she had knocked the doctor's glasses and they fell several feet away from him on the kitchen floor.

Q.8 What was the threat of the doctor to the child for not showing her throat?

Ans. The doctor threatened her that he would examine her throat by force if she did not cooperate.

Q.9 Why did the child break the wooden blade?

(Board 2018)

Ans. She did not want the doctor to examine her throat. When the doctor forced the wooden blade between her teeth, she resisted strongly and reduced it into splinters.

Q.10 What was the condition of the tonsils of the sick girl?

Ans. Both the tonsils were covered with membrane. She had been hiding her sore throat for three days at least and was lying to her parents.

Additional Questions

Q.11 Why did the parents keep the sick child in the kitchen?

(Board 2007,18)

Ans. It was usually very moist and cold during the winters. That is why the parents kept the child in the kitchen to keep her warm.

Q.12 What is the significance of the title "The Use of Force"?

Ans. The title is significant as it points to a situation when the use of force cannot be helped. Children may be punished under certain conditions when they refuse to cooperate with the parents or doctors. Punishment becomes a necessity to save their lives.

Q.13 Under what circumstances can the use of force be justified?

(Board 2015)

Ans. In the case of children, the use of force points to a communication gap between parents and children. It can be justified only as a last resort to save a child from imminent death or serious harm.

Punctuation Exercises

1) **Unsolved:**

she said is this the doctor and let me in she added you must excuse us doctor we have her in the kitchen where it is warm it is very damp here sometimes

Solved:

She said, "Is this the doctor?" and let me in. She added, "You must excuse us, doctor, we have her in the kitchen where it is warm. It is very damp here sometimes."

2) **Unsolved:**

shes had a fever for three days began the father and we dont know what it comes from

Solved:

"She's had a fever for three days," began the father, "and we don't know what it comes from."

- 3) **Unsolved:**
get me a smooth handled spoon of some sort i told the mother we re going through with this
Solved:
"Get me a smooth-handled spoon of some sort," I told the mother, "We're going through with this."
- 4) **Unsolved:** (Board 2012)
does your throat hurt you added the mother to the child but the little girls expression didnt change nor did she move her eyes from my face
Solved:
"Does your throat hurt you?" added the mother to the child. But the little girl's expression didn't change nor did she move her eyes from my face.
- 5) **Unsolved:**
well i said suppose we take a look at the throat first i smiled in my best professional manner and asking for the childs first name i said come on mathilda open your mouth and lets take a look at your throat
Solved:
"Well," I said, "suppose we take a look at the throat first." I smiled in my best professional manner and asking for the child's first name I said, "Come on, Mathilda, open your mouth and let's take a look at your throat."
- 6) **Unsolved:**
aw come on i coaxed just open your mouth wide and let me take a look look i said opening both hands wide i havent anything in my hands just open up and let me see
Solved:
"Aw, come on," I coaxed, "just open your mouth wide and let me take a look." "Look," I said opening both hands wide, "I haven't anything in my hands. Just open up and let me see."
- 7) **Unsolved:**
such a nice man put in the mother look how kind he is to you come on do what he tells you to he wont hurt you
Solved:
"Such a nice man," put in the mother. "Look how kind he is to you. Come on, do what he tells you to. He won't hurt you."
- 8) **Unsolved:**
both the mother and father almost turned themselves inside out in embarrassment and apology you bad girl said the mother taking her and shaking her by one arm look what youve done the nice man
Solved:
Both the mother and father almost turned themselves inside out in embarrassment and apology. "You bad girl," said the mother, taking her and shaking her by one arm. "Look what you've done. The nice man....."
- 9) **Unsolved:**
but as soon as he did the child let out a scream dont youre hurting me let go of my hands let them go i tell you then she shrieked terrifyingly hysterically stop it youre killing me
Solved:
But as soon as he did the child let out a scream. "Don't you're hurting me. Let go of my hands. Let them go I tell you." Then she shrieked terrifyingly, hysterically. "Stop it! You're killing me!"