

UNIT - 1. HIS FIRST FLIGHT (SYNONYMS)

Choose the most appropriate synonyms for the given words:

1. He felt certain that his wings would never support him.
a) curtain b) screen c) unsure d) sure
2. He failed to muster up courage to take that plunge.
a) strength b) gather c) marvel d) collect
3. His father was preening his feathers on his white back.
a) arranging b) colouring c) whitening d) cleaning
4. His brothers and his little sister ran to the brink.
a) bark b) sea c) edge d) water
5. The great expanse of sea stretched down.
a) stretch b) vision c) volume d) wide
6. The sun was blazing warmly on his ledge.
a) flickering b) burning c) lighting d) sprouting
7. He saw his brothers and sister perfecting in the art of flight.
a) achieving b) trying c) finishing d) balancing
8. He saw his older brother devour his first catch.
a) consume b) dive in c) divide d) smell
9. The parents threatened to let him starve on his ledge.
a) cajoled b) warned c) pleaded d) tempted
10. His parents circled around raising a proud cackle.
a) cough b) screech c) walk d) tackle
11. The whole family walked about on the plateau.
a) pinnacle b) lake c) valley d) highland
12. They were teaching them how to skim the waves and how to dive for fish.
a) settle b) sink c) float d) slide

13. He even gnawed at the pieces of eggshell.

- a) chewed b) gasped c) devoured d) annoyed

14. On each side of him the ledge ended in a sheer fall.

- a) horizontal b) perpendicular c) straight d) inclined

15. His long grey legs stepped daintily to reach his parents.

- a) lethargically b) elegantly c) dancing d) drearily

16. All his siblings laughed at his cowardice.

- a) weakness b) craze c) co-operation d) awkwardness

17. The precipice was sheer.

- a) recap b) effervescence c) cliff d) effort

18. A monstrous terror seized him.

- a) dreadful b) thundered c) excited d) peaceful

19. He then trotted back and forth...

- a) trailed b) scurried c) jolted d) rolled

20. He was scraping his beak to whet it.

- a) blunt b) sharpen c) shape d) clean

21. She was standing on a little high hump on the plateau.

- a) mound b) hollow c) dip d) table

22. They took no notice of him.

- a) ignorance b) negligence c) attention d) part

23. He attempted to rise again, flapping his wings.

- a) pleaded b) demanded c) strive d) believed

24. All your vexations were but trials of your love.

- a) tests b) annoyance c) nervousness d) frustration

25. She screamed back mockingly.

- a) admiringly b) scornfully c) meekly d) brightly

26. He uttered a low cackle.

a) expressed b) screamed c) mocked d) cried

27. They were beckoning to him calling him shrilly.

a) arranging b) auctioning c) anticipating d) signaling

28. He was not falling headlong now.

a) straight up b) straight down c) dive d) fall

29. His mother had swooped upwards.

a) swung b) danced c) fell d) leapt

30. He scraped his beak now.

a) screened b) rubbed c) wet d) cleaned