

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