

DEFINITIONS

Underline the word that is best defined by each phrase.

1. to mangle or disable
a. reiterate b. mutilate c. oscillate d. discriminate
2. a silly act or caper
a. controversy b. paragon c. siphon d. antic
3. capable of being read
a. legible b. crucial c. burly d. durable
4. the maximum
a. reliability b. ultimate c. gale d. subordination
5. showing great emotion
a. ethnic b. inquisitive c. fervent d. ultimate
6. to regard or value highly
a. succumb b. envelop c. devote d. esteem
7. overly bright or ornamented
a. brisk b. mythical c. garish d. naïve
8. the blockade of a town or fortress
a. siege b. fiasco c. perimeter d. fury
9. a complete opposite
a. zeal b. integral c. fidelity d. antithesis
10. capable of withstanding wear and tear
a. humble b. durable c. credible d. amiable
11. a perfect example
a. paragon b. buoy c. predator d. tycoon
12. to supply with needed nourishment
a. sustain b. devise c. detract d. devote
13. heavy and strong
a. liable b. fervent c. burly d. wretched
14. an adventure tale
a. yarn b. siege c. fiasco d. hurdle
15. to recall the past
a. reminisce b. disentangle c. envelop d. intervene
16. contempt or aggressive dislike
a. ecology b. antic c. literacy d. hostility
17. legally obligated
a. presumptuous b. liable c. inquisitive d. ethnic

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18. of the highest importance
a. garish b. crucial c. brisk d. preliminary
19. lack of harmony
a. twinge b. reliability c. silhouette d. discord
20. worthy of confidence
a. economic b. naive c. credible d. legible

COMPLETING THE SENTENCES

Choose the word from Group A that best completes each of the following sentences. Write the word in the blank. Then do the same for Group B.

GROUP A ► silhouettes presumptuous predator tycoon
 hurdle preliminary siphon oscillates

1. After oil was discovered on his farm, Hugh became a petroleum _____ almost overnight.
2. We bought a fan that _____ on its base and blows air all across the room.
3. My father and I were able to _____ some gas from the car's tank into the lawnmower's.
4. Light from the candle cast eerie, flickering _____ of us onto the far wall.
5. The _____ senior was shocked to learn that he had not been elected homecoming king.

GROUP B ► twinge integral gale intervene
 succumb fiasco amiable humble

6. The play was a complete _____. We all forgot our lines, and two of the props collapsed.
7. Even though she's now an international star, Kathi has remained as _____ as ever.
8. We hope our parents _____ to our pleas to let us go to the beach.
9. Spending time with good friends always puts me in a(n) _____ mood.
10. We secured the windows when the _____ began to grow stronger.

ANALOGIES

Analogies show relationships between pairs of words.

give is to receive as

- (a) narrow is to thin (b) save is to spend (c) part is to whole

Give and *receive* are antonyms. To complete the analogy, you need to find the other pair of words that have the same relationship. *Save* and *spend* are also antonyms, so the correct answer is *b*.

To complete the following analogies, decide what kind of relationship is shown by the first pair of words. Then fill in the oval next to the other pair of words that show the same relationship.

1. recluse is to solitary as
 - (a) hero is to tribute
 - (b) censor is to standard
 - (c) sage is to wise
 - (d) politician is to campaign
2. credible is to believable as
 - (a) engaged is to occupied
 - (b) forever is to infinite
 - (c) worrisome is to problem
 - (d) persuade is to convince
3. doctor is to diagnosis as
 - (a) tycoon is to economic
 - (b) chef is to apron
 - (c) scientist is to ecology
 - (d) lawyer is to rebuttal
4. declare is to murmur as
 - (a) plead is to eager
 - (b) mutilate is to damage
 - (c) devise is to tease
 - (d) speed is to decelerate
5. commencement is to beginning as
 - (a) queen is to monarchy
 - (b) gale is to moan
 - (c) perimeter is to boundary
 - (d) argument is to intervene
6. chore is to laborious as
 - (a) director is to leader
 - (b) grouch is to amiable
 - (c) antic is to foolish
 - (d) merit is to unworthy
7. withhold is to dispense as
 - (a) retort is to respond
 - (b) disapprove is to endorse
 - (c) abduct is to take
 - (d) siphon is to pipe
8. torrid is to scorching as
 - (a) opaque is to cloudy
 - (b) legible is to handwriting
 - (c) durable is to weak
 - (d) certain is to dubious

FILL IN THE BLANKS

Fill in the oval next to the pair of words that best completes each sentence.

1. The top _____ on this ladder is _____ to hold a person's weight.
 - (a) paragon, crucial
 - (b) rung, inadequate
 - (c) engineer, intolerable
 - (d) torrent, minimum

2. My _____ hope is that you will _____ with me before you take action.
 (a) fervent, confer (c) emotional, nibble
 (b) precise, disassociate (d) benign, incise
3. Our teacher _____ the importance of _____ and neatness on all homework assignments.
 (a) sieged, bravado (c) kindled, disposal
 (b) idolized, hypothesis (d) reiterated, accuracy
4. A song's melody is as _____ to its beauty as its _____ are.
 (a) integral, lyrics (c) mythical, predators
 (b) preliminary, inklings (d) synchronized, facets
5. On the bus from New York to Los Angeles I felt I would be in _____ forever, even though I knew the trip was _____.
 (a) controversy, weary (c) transit, finite
 (b) detention, fundamental (d) discord, skeptical
6. Some may think me _____, but I believe there will come a time when crime is no longer _____.
 (a) ethnic, burly (c) despondent, optical
 (b) naive, prevalent (d) dominant, hysteria
7. We were _____ that the party would be a success, but without snacks or music it was quite a _____.
 (a) bounteous, receptacle (c) belligerent, buoy
 (b) afflicted, grudge (d) optimistic, fiasco
8. Do you intend to _____ me until I _____ to your silly plan to raid the refrigerator?
 (a) disentangle, stimulate (c) portray, dethrone
 (b) burnish, endear (d) agitate, succumb
9. I _____ Lin, a nurse, for her ability to soothe those who are _____.
 (a) commend, grieving (c) laud, humble
 (b) sustain, shirking (d) descend, sedate
10. Rather than _____ to popular styles, Lauren dresses in bold, _____ outfits.
 (a) twinge, savory (c) transact, ultimate
 (b) conform, garish (d) discriminate, presumptuous