

**Choose the correct meaning of the given prefix, suffix or root word:**

**1. bene-**

- a. good
- b. two
- c. life
- d. go or yield

**2. contra-**

- a. reduce or remove
- b. against or opposite
- c. circle
- d. speak or say

**3. extra-, extro-**

- a. becoming
- b. out or way
- c. beyond or outside
- d. before, previously, earlier

**Choose a correct word for the given meaning:**

**4. Having human shape...**

- a. agnostic
- b. amateur
- c. ambidextrous
- d. anthropomorphism

**5. Self poisoning...**

- a. agnostic
- b. amateur
- c. ambidextrous

d. autotoxin

**6. Professing no knowledge on the issue of the existence of God...**

a. agnostic

b. amateur

c. ambidextrous

d. anthropomorphism

**7. A waterway...**

a. agnostic

b. amateur

c. aqueduct

d. autotoxin

**8. A person who does something for love, not money...**

a. agnostic

b. amateur

c. ambidextrous

d. anthropomorphism

**9. A person who can use both hands equally well to write or play a sport...**

a. agnostic

b. amateur

c. ambidextrous

d. anthropomorphism

**10. A break...**

a. pyre

b. revitalize

c. rupture

d. xenophobia

**11. Fear of strangers...**

- a. pyre
- b. revitalize
- c. rupture
- d. xenophobia

**12. To make alive again...**

- a. pyre
- b. revitalize
- c. rupture
- d. sinestrad

**13. A left-handed person...**

- a. rupture
- b. sinestrad
- c. translate
- d. xenophobia

**14. A place where a corpse is cremated...**

- a. pyre
- b. revitalize
- c. translate
- d. xenophobia

**15. The study of languages...**

- a. hydrophyte
- b. hyperglycemia
- c. interurban
- d. linguistics

**16. A water plant...**

a. hydrophyte

b. hyperglycemia

c. interurban

d. linguistics

**17. A simple computer language, also the name of a corporate symbol...**

a. interurban

b. linguistics

c. Logo

d. Loquacious

**18. Between cities...**

a. hydrophyte

b. hyperglycemia

c. interurban

d. linguistics

**19. To remove the head...**

a. decapitate

b. dentures

c. dictator

d. dipody

**20. A type of poetry made up of two feet...**

a. decapitate

b. dentures

c. dictator

d. dipody

**21. A place in which information from networked computers flows, creating a form of electronic reality...**

a. encryption

**b. cyberspace**

c. decapitate

d. dentures

**Fill in the blanks with suitable words:**

**22. To get the promotion she wanted, Priya \_\_\_\_\_ that it was best to go back to school to get her master's degree as soon as she could.**

a. anticipated

b. hindered

c. augmented

**d. resolved**

**23 The car rental company considered the scratches on the driver's door to be caused by a minor \_\_\_\_\_.**

**a. mishap**

b. coercion

c. infiltration

d. quirk

**24. Being a direct relative of the deceased, her claim to the estate was \_\_\_\_\_.**

a. optional

b. vicious

c. prominent

**d. legitimate**

**25. The hail \_\_\_\_\_ the cornfield until the entire crop was lost.**

a. belittled

**b. pummeled**

c. rebuked

d. commended

**26. The Earth Day committee leader placed large garbage bins in the park to \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday's cleanup.**

- a. confound
- b. pacify
- c. integrate

**d. facilitate**

**27. Her rapport with everyone in the office \_\_\_\_\_ the kind of interpersonal skills that all of the employees appreciated.**

- a. prevailed
- b. diverged

**c. exemplified**

d. delegated

**28. When you discuss the characters from The Catcher in the Rye, please be sure to give a \_\_\_\_\_ description of the narrator.**

- a. principled
- b. determined

**c. comprehensive**

d. massive

**29. \_\_\_\_\_ elephants from the wild not only endangers the species but also upsets the balance of nature.**

a. Contriving

**b. Poaching**

c. Provoking

d. Hindering

**30. The two cats could be \_\_\_\_\_ only by the number of rings on their tails; otherwise, they were exactly alike.**

- a. separated
- b. diversified
- c. disconnected

**d. differentiated**

**31. Despite her \_\_\_\_\_ dress, she was a simple girl at heart.**

**a. sophisticated**

b. casual

c. shoddy

d. personable

**32. The non-profit agency bought office supplies using a tax \_\_\_\_\_ number.**

a. liability

**b. exempt**

c. information

d. accountability

**33. She pretended to be \_\_\_\_\_ about her upcoming performance, but secretly she was very excited.**

a. agitated

b. receptive

c. candid

**d. blasé**

**34. The teacher put the crayons on the bottom shelf to make them \_\_\_\_\_ to the young children.**

**a. accessible**

b. receptive

c. eloquent

d. ambiguous

**35. My computer was state-of-the-art when I bought it three years ago, but now it is \_\_\_\_\_.**

a. flammable

b. desolate

c. retroactive

**d. outmoded**

**36. Visiting all the coffee shops in the city, they were on a/an \_\_\_\_\_ to find the perfect cup of coffee.**

a. surge

b. quest

c. ultimatum

d. cadence

**37. The new board member said she would vote in favor of the proposed city ordinance because I \_\_\_\_\_ many of the points discussed earlier this year.**

a. encompassed

b. released

c. reminisced

d. dispersed

**38. Wanting to make a good impression, he found himself in a \_\_\_\_\_ about the right tie to wear to the business meeting.**

a. prestige

b. redundancy

c. quandary

d. deficit

**39. Since Jennifer needed an “A” in her economics class, she gave studying \_\_\_\_\_ over watching her favorite television show.**

a. precedence

b. conformity

c. perplexity

d. contention

**40. The narrator’s description was an accurate \_\_\_\_\_ of a true southern family.**

a. portrayal

b. council

c. desolation



d. degeneration

**41. Due to slippery road conditions and the slope of the narrow, winding highway, the car \_\_\_\_\_ down the steep mountainous road.**

a. dissented

b. ventilated

**c. careened**

d. agitated

**42. The participants in the road rally agreed to \_\_\_\_\_ near the village commons by five o'clock.**

**a. rendezvous**

b. scatter

c. filibuster

d. disperse

**43. The National Parks Service, in \_\_\_\_\_ with its mission, preserves the great outdoors for all to enjoy.**

a. contention

b. amnesty

c. conflict

**d. accordance**

**44. The \_\_\_\_\_ of sunshine and warm weather were the perfect combination for a vacation by the seashore.**

a. assumption

**b. confluence**

c. seclusion

d. treatise

**45. After the \_\_\_\_\_ of his license, he was forbidden to drive.**

a. institution

b. foundation

**c. revocation**

d. preservation

**46. Do not \_\_\_\_\_ yourself; you must pass the last exam of the semester to graduate.**

**a. delude**

b. depreciate

c. relinquish

d. prohibit

**47. The classified information discussed in the board room was \_\_\_\_\_ to a reporter shortly after the meeting.**

a. testified

**b. divulged**

c. developed

d. rectified

**48. After an hour of heavy rain, the heavy storm \_\_\_\_\_, and we were able to continue our golf game.**

**a. abated**

b. germinated

c. constricted

d. evoked

**49. On each slick curve in the road, I was afraid we would \_\_\_\_\_ and have an accident.**

a. elongate

**b. hydroplane**

c. submerge

d. reconnoiter

**50. The newspaper \_\_\_\_\_ the statement made in the article because it was inaccurate.**

a. abolished

b. invalidated

**c. retracted**

d. annulled

**51. We knew everything about the newest member of our group; she was very \_\_\_\_\_.**

**a. expressive**

b. brash

c. reserved

d. egotistical

**52. Dog-sitting for Buddy is easy; he is a \_\_\_\_\_ and obedient pet.**

a. delectable

b. trite

c. meddlesome

**d. docile**

**53. The directions to the new school were \_\_\_\_\_, and I had no trouble finding it in time for class.**

a. provident

b. arduous

**c. explicit**

d. embodied

**54. The new congressman was considered a \_\_\_\_\_ because he refused to follow his party's platform on nearly every issue.**

a. mentor

**b. maverick**

c. protagonist

d. visionary

**55. She had a reputation as a \_\_\_\_\_ hostess and could always be found in the midst of a group telling a humorous story or joke.**

**a. jovial**

b. maudlin

c. predominant

d. tractable

**56. Although Hunter was too \_\_\_\_\_ to reveal information to us when we first met him, he soon began to talk more than anyone.**

a. customary

**b. reticent**

c. animated

d. conceited

**57. After years of experience, Florin became a \_\_\_\_\_ veterinarian who could treat and operate on many different kinds of animals.**

a. acute

b. superficial

**c. consummate**

d. ample

**58. My cousin claimed to be \_\_\_\_\_; evidently she was right, because she always seemed to know what would happen in the future.**

a. transitory

b. comical

c. paramount

**d. clairvoyant**

**59. With this group of \_\_\_\_\_ personalities, she was sure her party would be a success.**

**a. scintillating**

b. mundane

c. irradiated

d. burnished

**60. His \_\_\_\_\_ behavior made him seem childish and immature.**

a. beguiling

b. receding

c. forlorn

d. puerile

**61. The \_\_\_\_\_ young woman gave generously to many worthy causes.**

a. incisive

b. benevolent

c. gregarious

d. personable

**62. The \_\_\_\_\_ president differs from the past president on social reform issues.**

a. loquacious

b. consummate

c. ersatz

d. incumbent

**63. The old man was \_\_\_\_\_; he refused to leave his home, even when he was warned of rising floodwaters.**

a. recitative

b. redundant

c. repatriated

d. recalcitrant

**64. The audience puzzled over the \_\_\_\_\_ remark made by the mayoral candidate.**

a. obvious

b. cryptic

c. shrewd

d. conniving

**65. Her \_\_\_\_\_ remarks were not taken seriously by anyone on the nominating committee.**

a. porous

b. obsessive

c. frivolous

d. durable

**66. A key reference book detailing eyewitness accounts had to have \_\_\_\_\_ updates when new information surfaced.**

**a. subsequent**

b. personable

c. rote

d. steadfast

**67. Although the freeway system continues to grow, it often cannot keep pace with a \_\_\_\_\_ population.**

**a. burgeoning**

b. beckoning

c. capitulating

d. exasperating

**68. Understanding the troubling world economic conditions, the recent graduates spoke \_\_\_\_\_ about job prospects for the future.**

**a. warily**

b. luxuriously

c. coyly

d. narrowly

**69. Do you have the \_\_\_\_\_ paperwork to register for your class?**

a. punitive

b. grandiose

c. restorative

**d. requisite**

**70. One \_\_\_\_\_ shriek would be all it would take to scare the Halloween trick-or-treaters.**

**a. unearthly**

b. covert

c. alluring

d. esoteric

**71. The many colors on the wings of the Monarch butterfly seem to create a/an \_\_\_\_\_ glow.**

a. divergent

**b. iridescent**

c. ornate

d. cumulous

**72. Penny glared and looked \_\_\_\_\_ when she saw the new puppy getting all the attention.**

a. demure

b. contrite

**c. askance**

d. analogous

**73. Typically, new dress designs become \_\_\_\_\_ within six months.**

a. pristine

b. discordant

**c. obsolete**

d. avant garde

**74. She shed \_\_\_\_\_ tears when she heard the tragic news.**

**a. copious**

b. scant

c. nonchalant

d. genteel

**75. Anthony, a meticulous young man, always watered his neighbor's plants \_\_\_\_\_ when they went away on vacation.**

a. terminally

b. perpendicularly

**c. assiduously**

d. sagaciously

**Choose the correct word for the given meaning:**

**76. the act of anointing with oil**

- a. affiliation
- b. imbue
- c. tout
- d. unction

**77. token of disgrace; brand**

- a. cabal
- b. celerity
- c. stigma
- d. natty

**78. offer; extend**

- a. tender
- b. incidence
- c. accessory
- d. travail

**79. menacing; deadly**

- a. archaic
- b. scuttle
- c. baleful
- d. ostracize

**80. payments made to an ex-spouse after divorce**

- a. bilk
- b. alimony
- c. analogy
- d. amalgamate



**81. criticize harshly**

- a. dilemma
- b. viand
- c. incoherent
- d. pan

**82. incapable of injury**

- a. paucity
- b. diverge
- c. invulnerable
- d. vortex

**83. wretch; villain**

- a. affluence
- b. miscreant
- c. carnal
- d. contingent

**84. superfluous; excessively wordy**

- a. welter
- b. aristocracy
- c. redundant
- d. decoy

**85. rough-mannered**

- a. gruff
- b. chary
- c. detrimental
- d. paleontology

**86. slandering; aspersion**

a. verge

b. detraction

c. consonance

d. dissection

**87. go backwards; degenerate**

a. egregious

b. retrograde

c. diligence

d. vigor

**88. petty criticism; fault-finding**

a. carping

b. windfall

c. intangible

d. decimate

**89. Which of these events would occur in an abrupt way?**

a) a date at the movies

b) a babysitting job

c) a political campaign

d) a car crash

**90. What type of movie is usually gruesome?**

a) romantic movies

b) comedies

c) horror movies

d) children's movies

**91. piquant**

a. attractive on the surface but of little value

b. lacking solidarity, strength

c. no longer active

d. agreeably pungent; stimulating

**92. complaisance**

a. tending to comply obliging willingness to please

b. small sin small weakness in one's character

c. A very small amount, portion, or particle

d. suggestion in addition to

**93. macabre**

a. sophisticated artful trying to deceive cunning

b. gruesome; suggesting death

c. treat as a famous person

d. wander lose one's way

**94. ambrosial**

a. frantic; frenzied

b. false; counterfeit

c. extremely pleasing to taste

d. no longer active

**95. perspicacity**

a. discourage hinder

b. discuss thoroughly sort of touting

c. quick judging and understanding

d. end (a debt) by setting aside money

**96. noxious**

a. prostrate; inclined to (undesirable things)

b. number of ships; quick-moving

c. harmful

d. Covered with hair

**97. demagogue**

a. act with excessive enthusiasm

b. person appealing not to reasons

c. worry; irritation; wear away

d. feeling of regret for one's action

**98. pervade**

a. to roam wander freely

b. a sheet of floating ice

c. additional load/charge

d. spread through every part of

**99. satiate**

a. person who eats a lot

b. urgent; essential

c. satisfy fully

d. happening from time to time

**100. bolster**

a. affirm; assert; prove; justify

b. give greatly needed support

c. denounce as dangerous

d. become discolored/dry up/go at high speed

**101. fustian**

a. lacking strength; walking unevenly

b. honest; straightforward

c. presumptuously; arrogant; overbearing

d. bombastic

**102. propinquity**

a. a person or thing that precedes, as in a process or job.

b. boldness brashness intrepidity

c. arrogance

d. nearness in time or place affinity of nature

**103. ascetic**

a. annoy distress trouble

b. fall plunge steeply

c. to practice deception or fraud; scheme.

d. practicing self-denial; austere; stark

**104. contumacious**

a. insubordinate rebellious

b. easily understood; lucid; clear

c. of the power of forming a solution

d. member of a vigilance committee

**105. puissance**

person who loves wealth and spends little

strength

getting farther apart from a point

becoming young in nature or appearance

**106. imperviousness**

a. a controversial argument / a person engaged in such an argument

b. easily broken

c. not permitting penetration or passage; impenetrable

d. living in societies liking the company

**107. sophomoric**

- a. person who eats a lot
- b. being immature
- c. excessively ornate swollen or bloated
- d. reddish, healthy-looking

**108. reticence**

- a. uncommunicativeness
- b. to resist separation
- c. medicine used against a poison or a disease
- d. person who stirs up war

**109. iconoclast**

- a. patience; willingness to wait
- b. person who attacks popular beliefs
- c. a lament a melancholy composition
- d. greatness in number strength weight

**110. trepidation**

- a. odious (of crime)
- b. severe punishment
- c. alarm excited state of mind
- d. feeling of regret for one's action