

Sentence Completion Questions Chapter 1

Chapter 1

1. She hadn't eaten all day, and by the time she got home she was _____.

- a. blighted
- b. confutative
- c. ravenous
- d. ostentatious
- e. blissful

1. c. Ravenous (adj.) means extremely hungry.

2. The movie offended many of the parents of its younger viewers by including unnecessary _____ in the dialogue.

- a. vulgarity
- b. verbosity
- c. vocalizations
- d. garishness
- e. tonality

2. a. Vulgarity (n.) means offensive speech or conduct.

3. His neighbors found his _____ manner bossy and irritating, and they stopped inviting him to backyard barbeques.

- a. insentient
- b. magisterial
- c. reparatory
- d. restorative
- e. modest

3. b. Magisterial (adj.) means overbearing or offensively self-assured.

4. Steven is always _____ about showing up for work because he feels that tardiness is a sign of irresponsibility.

- a. legible
- b. tolerable
- c. punctual
- d. literal
- e. belligerent

4. c. Punctual (adj.) means arriving exactly on time.

5. Candace would _____ her little sister into an argument by teasing her and calling her names.

- a. advocate
- b. provoke
- c. perforate
- d. lamente
- e. expunge

5. b. To provoke (v.) is to incite anger or resentment; to call forth a feeling or action.

6. The dress Ariel wore _____ with small, glassy beads, creating a shimmering effect.

- a. titillated
- b. reiterated
- c. scintillated
- d. enthralled
- e. striated

6. c. To scintillate (v.) means to emit or send forth sparks or little flashes of light, creating a shimmering effect; to sparkle.

7. Being able to afford this luxury car will _____ getting a better-paying job.

- a. maximize
- b. recombinant
- c. reiterate
- d. necessitate
- e. reciprocate

7. d. To necessitate (v.) means to make necessary, especially as a result.

8. Levina unknowingly _____ the thief by holding open the elevator doors and ensuring his escape.

- a. coerced
- b. proclaimed
- c. abetted
- d. sanctioned
- e. solicited

8. c. To abet (v.) means to assist, encourage, urge, or aid, usually an act of wrongdoing.

9. Shakespeare, a(n) _____ writer, entertained audiences by writing many tragic and comic plays.

- a. numeric
- b. obstinate
- c. dutiful
- d. prolific
- e. generic

9. d. Prolific (adj.) means abundantly creative.

10. I had the _____ experience of sitting next to an over-talkative passenger on my flight home from Brussels.

- a. satisfactory
- b. commendable
- c. galling
- d. acceptable
- e. acute

10. c. Galling (adj.) means irritating, annoying, or exasperating.

11. Prince Phillip had to choose: marry the woman he loved and _____ his right to the throne, or marry Lady Fiona and inherit the crown.

- a. reprimand
- b. upbraid
- c. abdicate
- d. winnow
- e. extol

11. c. To abdicate (v.) means to formally relinquish or surrender power, office, or responsibility.

12. If you will not do your work of your own _____, I have no choice but to penalize you if it is not done on time.

- a. predilection
- b. coercion
- c. excursion
- d. volition
- e. infusion

12. d. Volition (n.) means accord; an act or exercise of will.

13. After sitting in the sink for several days, the dirty, food-encrusted dishes became _____.

- a. malodorous
- b. prevalent
- c. imposing
- d. perforated
- e. emphatic

13. a. Malodorous (adj.) means having a foul-smelling odor.

14. Giulia soon discovered the source of the _____ smell in the room: a week-old tuna sandwich that one of the children had hidden in the closet.

- a. quaint
- b. fastidious
- c. clandestine
- d. laconic
- e. fetid

14. e. Fetid (adj.) means having a foul or offensive odor, putrid.

15. After making _____ remarks to the President, the reporter was not invited to return to the White House pressroom.

- a. hospitable
- b. itinerant
- c. enterprising
- d. chivalrous
- e. irreverent

15. e. Irreverent (adj.) means lacking respect or seriousness; not reverent.

16. With her _____ eyesight, Krystyna spotted a trio of deer on the hillside and she reduced the speed of her car.

- a. inferior
- b. keen
- c. impressionable
- d. ductile
- e. conspiratorial

16. b. Keen (adj.) means being extremely sensitive or responsive; having strength of perception.

17. With a(n) _____ grin, the boy quickly slipped the candy into his pocket without his mother's knowledge.

- a. jaundiced
- b. nefarious
- c. stereotypical
- d. sentimental
- e. impartial

17. b. Nefarious (adj.) means wicked, vicious, or evil.

18. Her _____ display of tears at work did not impress her new boss, who felt she should try to control her emotions.

- a. maudlin
- b. meritorious
- c. precarious
- d. plausible
- e. schematic

18. a. Maudlin (adj.) means excessively and weakly sentimental or tearfully emotional.

19. Johan argued, "If you know about a crime but don't report it, you are _____ in that crime because you allowed it to happen."

- a. acquitted
- b. steadfast
- c. tenuous
- d. complicit
- e. nullified

19. d. Complicit (adj.) means participating in or associated with a questionable act or a crime.

20. The authorities, fearing a _____ of their power, called for a military state in the hopes of restoring order.

- a. subversion
- b. premonition
- c. predilection
- d. infusion
- e. inversion

20. a. Subversion (n.) means an overthrow, as from the foundation.

21. The story's bitter antagonist felt such great _____ for all of the other characters that as a result, his life was very lonely and he died alone.

- a. insurgence
- b. malevolence
- c. reciprocation
- d. declamation
- e. preference

21. b. Malevolence (n.) means ill will or malice toward others; hate.

22. It is difficult to believe that charging 20% on an outstanding credit card balance isn't _____!

- a. bankruptcy
- b. usury
- c. novice
- d. kleptomania
- e. flagrancy

22. b. Usury (n.) is the lending of money at exorbitant interest rates.

23. The _____ weather patterns of the tropical island meant tourists had to carry both umbrellas and sunglasses.

- a. impertinent
- b. suppliant
- c. preeminent
- d. illustrative
- e. kaleidoscopic

23. e. Kaleidoscopic (adj.) means continually changing or quickly shifting.

24. Wedding ceremonies often include the exchange of _____ rings to symbolize the couple's promises to each other.

- a. hirsute
- b. acrimonious
- c. plaintive
- d. deciduous
- e. votive

24. e. Votive (adj.) means dedicated by a vow.

25. Kym was _____ in choosing her friends, so her parties were attended by vastly different and sometimes bizarre personalities.

- a. indispensable
- b. indiscriminate
- c. commensurate
- d. propulsive
- e. indisputable

25. b. Indiscriminate (adj.) means not discriminating or choosing randomly; haphazard; without distinction