



English

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Choose the best meaning to the *italic* word.

1. Because there was so little *precipitation* this year, the crops dried up and died.
 - a. fertilizer
 - b. planting
 - c. rain
 - d. synthesize
2. Although I was unable to understand all of the details of the presentation, I did get the *gist* of it.
 - a. humor
 - b. main point
 - c. notes
 - d. information
3. At a special ceremony, the police chief gave the officer a *commendation* for bravery.
 - a. an award for an outstanding achievement
 - b. an object designed to bring good luck
 - c. complaint
 - d. trophy
4. One brother is an *erudite* professor; the other brother, however, has never shown any interest in books or learning.
 - a. elderly
 - b. well-educated
 - c. snobbish
 - d. illiterate



5. Night is the time when many animals *forage*, or search for food
- a. go out at night
 - b. take a nap
 - c. explore
 - d. hibernate
6. The waiter was so *brusque* that we left only a small tip. He was impolite and impatient, and seemed annoyed whenever we asked for something.
- a. appreciative
 - b. frightening looking
 - c. rude
 - d. knowledgeable and skilled
7. The store specializes in *cutlery*, such as forks and knives, that has unique designs.
- a. spices and seasonings
 - b. plates, bowls, and cups
 - c. silverware; eating utensils
 - d. tool and device
8. My sister *loathes* broccoli, but she loves spinach.
- a. is fond of
 - b. eats eagerly
 - c. prepares and cooks
 - d. dislikes intensely
9. Expecting that his license would be renewed, the pilot was surprised when it was *revoked* instead.
- a. extended
 - b. expanded
 - c. cancelled
 - d. resigned
10. Andy was a real *avid* baseball card collector. He inherited the desire to collect cards because his dad had a collection, too.
- a. eager
 - b. careless
 - c. apart
 - d. fearful



11. Her Christmas bills added up. After the holidays, her *extravagance* was going to take several months to pay off
- a. economy
b. praise
c. external
d. overspending
12. It was *gratifying* to see how she acted toward her grandmother because her grandmother was always generous to her.
- a. pleasing
b. nervous
c. aggravating
d. verifying
13. The boy was caught stealing from the store. His *larceny* caught up with him when the owner showed him not only evidence but also a witness.
- a. luggage
b. theft
c. illegal
d. honor
14. The ideas she presented to the class were clearly an untested *theory* because there had never been any research done on it.
- a. magic
b. brutal
c. indictment
d. belief
15. His *eternal* light would shine on the people even after his death.
- a. temporary
b. ethical
c. reformed
d. endless



16. He cut the paper *precisely* on the line, and it fit perfectly in the grooves of the picture frame.
- a. exactly
 - b. embellish
 - c. outer
 - d. advance
17. The boy tried to *justify* his actions to his mother by explaining the reasons why he did and what he did.
- a. depend
 - b. prove
 - c. strict
 - d. exaggerate
18. She did several backbends in a row to show how *limber* she was, so that she could be chosen for the match.
- a. enthused
 - b. responsive
 - c. stiff
 - d. flexible
19. He climbed the mountain and stood looking over the tops of the trees on the mountain across from him. He was right on the *precipice* and could have fallen.
- a. edge
 - b. outskirts
 - c. bottom
 - d. circulation
20. Our baseball team's pitcher has a few *eccentric* habits, such as throwing exactly thirteen warm-up pitches and never wearing socks.
- a. normal
 - b. strange
 - c. courteous
 - d. aggressive



21. After the heavy rains, the stream became murky; in fact, the water was so cloudy that you couldn't see the bottom.
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| a. whitish | b. bottomless |
| c. clear | d. unclear |
22. The *debris* on the stadium floor included numerous paper cups, ticket stubs, and cigarette butts.
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| a. products | b. stationery |
| c. trash | d. treasure |
23. The coach takes every opportunity to *censure* his players, yet he ignores every opportunity to praise them.
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| a. approve of | b. criticize |
| c. choose | d. applaud |
24. The newlyweds agreed to be very *frugal* in their shopping because they wanted to save enough money to buy a house.
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| a. economical | b. wasteful |
| c. interested | d. luxurious |
25. Although Alex usually looks *unkempt*, he had a very neat appearance at his job interview.
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| a. orderly | b. handsome |
| c. messy | d. tidy |

