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Context Clues: Explanations

1. The boy acted in a humane way when taking care of the lost dog. In this sentence, the word humane means ☐ A hurtful ☐ B caring ☐ C mean ☐ D bad	2. I asked if I could go to Hailey's party, and Mom said she would have to give it some consideration before she gave me an answer. In this sentence, the word consideration means ☐ A paint ☐ B thought ☐ C flame ☐ D mistake
3. An evanescent ring surrounded the moon as it rose. It was there for a moment, and then it disappeared. In this sentence, the word evanescent means ☐ A full ☐ B bright ☐ C brief ☐ D ongoing	4. Matt has such a kind disposition that he always helps people. In this sentence, the word disposition means ☐ A doctor ☐ B attitude or way ☐ C enemy ☐ D show-off
5. It is hard to believe that it's been a whole century since the airplane was invented. In this sentence, the word century means ☐ A month ☐ B week	6. Ellie is a blithe young girl. She always greets everyone with a smile. In this sentence, the word blithe means ☐ A cheery ☐ B angry

☐ C 100 years ☐ D day	☐ C sad ☐ D unhappy
7. The runner was last in the race. He began to feel great duress to get ahead of the other racers. He needed to win to keep his standing in the sport. In this sentence, the word duress means ☐ A pressure ☐ B order ☐ C belief ☐ D view	8. My little sister is a nuisance when she asks too many silly questions. In this sentence, the word nuisance means ☐ A teacher ☐ B friend ☐ C help ☐ D pest
9. John Public committed an offense when he robbed the bank. In this sentence, the word offense means ☐ A money ☐ B murder ☐ C crime ☐ D cash	10. She winced in pain when the rock fell on her foot. In this sentence, the word wincing means ☐ A flinched ☐ B cried ☐ C jumped ☐ D screamed

Context Clues: Contrast Clues

11. Johnny was besotted in not checking the depth of the water before he jumped in, but it was a good thing that his father was wise and checked it first. Using the contrast clue, the word besotted in this sentence means ☐ A decent ☐ B unaware	☐ C foolish ☐ D incomplete
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12. Brad made a cursory effort to finish his homework. This was unlike him; usually he worked hard to finish before dinner.

Using the contrast clue, the word **cursory** in this sentence means

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| ☐ A insincere | ☐ C valid |
| ☐ B genuine | ☐ D actual |

13 I thought the painting of the waves crashing into the shore was very picturesque, but I thought the one next to it was quite ugly.

Using the contrast clue, the word **picturesque** in this sentence means

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| ☐ A attractive | ☐ C colorful |
| ☐ B large | ☐ D soothing |

14. The omnipotent superhero always won his battles, unlike his weak opponents.

Using the contrast clue, the word **omnipotent** in this sentence means

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| ☐ A almighty or all powerful | ☐ C powerless |
| ☐ B weak | |

15. After being ill and unable to eat for three days, Beverly had a voracious appetite.

Using the contrast clue, the word **voracious** in this sentence means

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| ☐ A satisfied | ☐ C small |
| ☐ B quenched | ☐ D big |

16. We were all pretty apathetic in the movie about animals, but we became interested when it started showing all the tricks dogs could do.

Using the contrast clue, the word **apathetic** in this sentence means

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| ☐ A gracious | ☐ C uninterested |
| ☐ B angry | ☐ D sleepy |

Context Clues: Synonyms

17. The book of logic contained many conundrums - mind-exercising puzzles.

Using the synonym clue, the word **conundrums** in this sentence means

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| ☐ A pictures | ☐ C answers |
| ☐ B stories | ☐ D puzzles |

18. Jackie was filled with mortification, or shame, because of her careless remark.

Using the synonym clue, the word **mortification** in this sentence means

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| ☐ A proud | ☐ C confident |
| ☐ B shame | ☐ D happy |

19. His rancor, or hatred, of his brother has caused him to live his life as a lonely person.

Using the synonym clue, the word **rancor** in this sentence means

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| ☐ A love | ☐ C tolerance |
| ☐ B generous | ☐ D hatred |

20. The events for the conference were listed in chronological order. They began with the first event of the day and ended with the closing ceremonies in the evening.

Using the synonym clue, the word **chronological** in this sentence means

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| ☐ A out of order | ☐ C messed up |
| ☐ B broken | ☐ D in order |

21. There was crazy pandemonium as people were trying to leave the rock concert.

Using the synonym clue, the word **pandemonium** in this sentence means

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| ☐ A silence | ☐ C order |
| ☐ B craziness or chaos | ☐ D peace |

22. The man was sent to the penitentiary, or prison, for stealing cars.

Using the synonym clue, the word **penitentiary** in this sentence means

☐ A paradise

☐ C prison

☐ B hotel

☐ D heaven

Context Clues: Antonyms

23. Although Tom was anxious about the test, Tina was not worried at all.

Using the antonym clue, the word **anxious** in this sentence means

☐ A forgetful

☐ C calm

☐ B worried

☐ D not worried

24. Two new girls started school this week. Beth has a gregarious personality. Jenna is rather quiet.

Using the antonym clue, the word **gregarious** in this sentence means

☐ A shy

☐ C timid

☐ B bashful

☐ D outgoing

25. If you don't conquer your fears, they will beat you.

Using the antonym clue, the word **conquer** in this sentence means

☐ A lose

☐ C talk about

☐ B win

☐ D forget

26. While Lily was careful not to be seen as she peeked out the window, Phil was not as cautious and was seen!

Using the antonym clue, the word **cautious** in this sentence means

☐ A careful

☐ C risky

☐ B not careful

☐ D trouble

27. Although the princess is familiar to those in London, she is unknown to the rest of the world.

Using the antonym clue, the word **familiar** in this sentence means

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| ☐ A pretty | ☐ C old |
| ☐ B smart | ☐ D well-known |

28. Although Mary was willing to play in the snow, Jack was reluctant because he was so cold.

Using the antonym clue, the word **reluctant** in this sentence means

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| ☐ A ready | ☐ C not willing |
| ☐ B willing | ☐ D excited |

Context Clues: Comparison Clues

29. The girls languidly put on their jackets as if they had no energy at all.

Using the comparison clue, the word **languidly** in this sentence means

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| ☐ A energetically | ☐ C energy-less |
| ☐ B quickly | ☐ D actively |

30. The mother was determined to prove her son's innocence; the father was resolute as well.

Using the comparison clue, the word **resolute** in this sentence means

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| ☐ A wavering | ☐ C not determined |
| ☐ B determined | ☐ D unsure |

31. Some people feel perplexed by brain teasers, while others figure them out quickly.

Using the comparison clue, the word **perplexed** in this sentence means

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| ☐ A troubled or confused | ☐ C calm |
| ☐ B at ease | ☐ D relaxed |

32. After being unable to get a good night's sleep for many days, Allyson became lethargic. She didn't have the energy to get out of

bed.

Using the comparison clue, the word **lethargic** in this sentence means

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| ☐ A active | ☐ C exhausted |
| ☐ B bubbly | ☐ D lively |

33. Instead of climbing into bed, she decided to take a nap on the chaise.

Using the comparison clue, the word **chaise** in this sentence means

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| ☐ A sleeping bag | ☐ C chair |
| ☐ B bed-like furniture | ☐ D floor |

34. The unsubstantial story was as if she were retelling a dream.

Using the comparison clue, the word **unsubstantial** in this sentence means

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| ☐ A realistic | ☐ C unreal |
| ☐ B true | |