

Vocabulary

A Choose the correct answers.

- 1 Amanda is rather set in her ways. She isn't very ____.
a apprehensive
b impetuous
c adaptable
d inflexible
- 2 These are so similar, I can't ____ between them.
a persist
b distinguish
c resolve
d realise
- 3 If you want to succeed, ____ high.
a aim
b insist
c discriminate
d strive
- 4 He was ____ in his criticism, but he was fair.
a cunning
b sentimental
c reckless
d merciless
- 5 Arthur isn't ____, despite his achievements.
a candid
b cautious
c conceited
d considerate
- 6 We came ____ against many obstacles.
a off
b up
c through
d down
- 7 They pulled it ____, and the concert was a success.
a off
b up
c on
d away
- 8 We didn't sell the house as the offer fell ____.
a away
b down
c off
d through
- 9 I'm exhausted. I've got too much ____ my plate.
a in
b at
c on
d by
- 10 Marina was ____ fire for making bad decisions.
a in
b on
c under
d by
- 11 Don't reveal your ____ information online.
a personal
b access
c identity
d user
- 12 It's not a ____ email, so don't reply to the message.
a moral
b impressive
c provoked
d legitimate
- 13 I was the victim of ____ theft.
a personality
b identity
c character
d link
- 14 Lucinda has ____ her status to 'in a relationship'.
a remarked
b linked
c updated
d related
- 15 Congratulations! That's such ____ news.
a exciting
b shocking
c ideal
d critical
- 16 Deborah was taken ____ by his harsh criticism.
a down
b up
c in
d aback
- 17 Their imprisonment has ____ up international outrage.
a stirred
b rushed
c cut
d backed
- 18 She'd never tell Theo he was boring ____ his face.
a in
b to
c by
d for
- 19 They set ____ to build a successful retail business.
a off
b out
c to
d up
- 20 A little ____ told me you passed all your exams!
a canary
b owl
c cat
d bird

Grammar

B Choose the correct answers.

- 1 Oh, no. I think I ____ my wallet at home.
a leave
b am leaving
c have left
d have been leaving
- 2 Is he getting enough sleep? He ____ exhausted!
a seems
b is seeming
c has seemed
d has been seeming
- 3 We ____ to spend the weekend in Paris. I can't wait!
a decide
b are deciding
c have decided
d will be deciding
- 4 Lynn ____ very well recently.
a doesn't feel
b isn't feeling
c used to feel
d hasn't been feeling
- 5 ____ the mail yet today? I'm waiting for a parcel.
a Do they deliver
b Are they delivering
c Have they delivered
d Have they been delivering
- 6 Until recently, my granny ____ for long walks.
a have always been going
b had always been going
c are always going
d would always go
- 7 Our postman ____ our mail for years.
a has delivered
b has been delivering
c is delivering
d would deliver
- 8 She ____ me a cup of tea in bed, which was so kind.
a will bring
b is bringing
c brought
d was bringing
- 9 The film ____ when we got to the cinema.
a already started
b has already started
c had already started
d would already be starting
- 10 Before becoming an artist, Doris ____ in a bank.
a has worked
b used to work
c would work
d has been working
- 11 Don't worry. Caroline ____ you tidy your room.
a will help
b would help
c will have helped
d has been helping
- 12 The show ____ by the time I turned on the TV.
a had finished
b has been finishing
c will have finished
d will have been finishing
- 13 Brian told me he ____ me paint the house next week.
a will help
b will have helped
c will be helping
d would help
- 14 By the time the cake ____ ready, the boys will be home.
a is
b was
c will be
d would be
- 15 ____ on holiday in June or July? What do you think?
a Do we go
b Would we go
c Shall we go
d Have we gone
- 16 I can't go out tomorrow. I ____ all day for my exams.
a will have revised
b would be revising
c will be revising
d will have been revising
- 17 He will start driving to work once he ____ his test.
a is passing
b will pass
c will have passed
d has passed
- 18 What are your plans? ____ football on Saturday?
a Will you play
b Are you going to play
c Do you play
d Have you played
- 19 My grandparents ____ for 50 years in April!
a are married
b had been married
c will have been married
d are going to be married
- 20 He had a feeling he ____ the race, so he didn't try.
a wouldn't win
b won't win
c isn't winning
d hasn't won

Use of English

C Choose the correct answer.

Bill Gates

The founder of Microsoft, Bill Gates, has achieved (1) ___ success as a computer programmer, inventor and entrepreneur. His path to that point, however, was anything but typical. While attending Harvard University in the 1970s, he made a (2) ___ move and left university before graduating to start his own company. His parents didn't like the idea at first, but Gates (3) ___ down and worked hard to get their support. He founded Microsoft in 1975, which after a few short years caused a(n) (4) ___ in personal computing. During the time that Gates was at the head of the company, some of his employees regarded him as (5) ___ and arrogant. He would sometimes (6) ___ in on presentations, expressing his dislike for certain ideas and proposals. He was often described as being (7) ___; he did whatever he liked and was often hard to reach either in or out of the office. But whatever anyone may have thought of these minor shortcomings, Gates was a (8) ___ competitor in the computer software industry who often (9) ___ the competition. In his years as CEO of the company, he laboured hard at (10) ___ Microsoft's range of software products, and whenever he (11) ___ success in a particular area of computing, Gates guarded the position with all his might. Since then, he has won international (12) ___ as one of the greatest computer software inventors of all time.

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| 1 a gruelling | b cunning | c crushing | d staggering |
| 2 a gutsy | b virtuous | c candid | d noble |
| 3 a broke | b knuckled | c fell | d got |
| 4 a evolution | b discrimination | c generation | d revolution |
| 5 a impartial | b modest | c mediocre | d conceited |
| 6 a cut | b break | c put | d come |
| 7 a considerate | b candid | c noble | d impetuous |
| 8 a ruthless | b reckless | c worthless | d selfless |
| 9 a executed | b crushed | c snatched | d pocketed |
| 10 a growing | b broadening | c lengthening | d elongating |
| 11 a achieved | b defeated | c accomplished | d resolved |
| 12 a acceptance | b approval | c acclaim | d applause |

D Complete the text by writing one word in each gap.

Failure is the key to success

Someone once said 'Failure is the key to success; each mistake teaches us something'. Some people think success means pulling (1) _____ the impossible, getting (2) _____ in your career at all costs, and having all your endeavours succeed (3) _____ a hitch. But what if the above saying were true? That would mean if not a single one of our plans ever fell (4) _____, we wouldn't be learning a lesson along the way. As is the case for most, we've all come up (5) _____ problems and bad situations that happened without (6) _____. How many times have you gone (7) _____ out on an assignment, only to see it fail? Or worse, you learn that another person did better than you (8) _____ a mile, or you came (9) _____ for a lot of criticism for your own work when you thought you (10) _____ your best. This has happened to all of us on (11) _____. The trick is to hang (12) _____ with the same enthusiasm as you had before and you'll eventually get (13) _____. Try doing things differently next time and you'll find that you may just (14) _____ through to new discoveries about your abilities. Then one day soon, you may be blowing everyone (15) _____ with your tremendous success!

E Think of one word only that can be used appropriately in all three sentences.

- 1 If you can't gain _____ to **your account**, perhaps you're using the wrong password.
You're not allowed to view details on **this profile** because you don't have _____.
In order to _____ the file, **you have** to double-click on the icon.
- 2 I'm afraid I don't have the _____ to be successful in life.
Kelly told me the secret in _____, so a secret it will remain.
Kevin is certainly not lacking in _____ and in fact may be a bit arrogant.
- 3 If you _____ at your **password** and do so incorrectly, you might get locked out of your account.
At a _____, I would say **they know** each other through Facebook.
I don't know how to delete a profile – **your** _____ is as good as mine!
- 4 Michelle's profile picture is of her **riding** a _____.
Rachel told her kids not to _____ around inside the house.
I know who hacked into your account – I got it straight from the _____'s mouth!
- 5 Patrick posted a picture of his new home's _____ site online.
The _____ company has a Facebook page where you can learn about new projects they're building.
My blog site is still under _____, so give me a few more days to finish it.

F Complete the second sentences so that they have a similar meaning to the first sentences, using the words in bold. Use between three and six words.

- 1 The user changed the meaning of what I said and I was quite upset about it.

CONTEXT

The user _____ and I was quite upset over it.

- 2 A person who puts a negative comment online usually won't tell you in person.

FACE

A person who writes something negative online usually won't _____.

- 3 I don't blog because my writing skills are quite lacking.

SCRATCH

Because my writing skills _____, I don't do any blogging.

- 4 I'm too busy to help you at the moment.

PLATE

I can't help you because I've _____ at the moment.

- 5 We can start the project as soon as we get the approval.

GREEN

We can start the project once we _____.

- 6 She thought the online comment was very surprising.

ABACK

She _____ the online comment.

- 7 We'll have to put in many hours to finish this assignment.

CLOCK

We'll have to _____ to finish this assignment.

- 8 I'm warning you not to take revenge on Neil for what he said.

BACK

I'm warning you _____ Neil for what he said.