

Practice tests

Questions 1–12

Tip

Think carefully about the vocabulary items tested in these questions. Which key point do they test? Check the answers in the back of the book before moving on to the next page.

Choose the MOST suitable word to complete EACH sentence.

- The _____ child spotted that someone had entered the house.
 - (A) reliable
 - (B) thoughtful
 - (C) observant
- The _____ boy tried to conceal the truth from his parents.
 - (A) deceitful
 - (B) foolish
 - (C) honest
- Alli was in trouble because he did not listen to his mother's _____.
 - (A) advise
 - (B) advice
 - (C) rebuke
- Brianna is _____; she is always admiring herself in the mirror.
 - (A) vane
 - (B) vain
 - (C) vein
- My six-year-old sister has several _____ teeth.
 - (A) loose
 - (B) lose
 - (C) loss

- 1 (A) (B) (C)
- 2 (A) (B) (C)
- 3 (A) (B) (C)
- 4 (A) (B) (C)

- 6 No one can _____ what will happen ten years from now.
 - (A) announce
 - (B) remember
 - (C) foretell
- 7 Accidents happen when safety checks are _____.
 - (A) prevented
 - (B) completed
 - (C) overlooked
- 8 The mechanic informed Mr James that his car needed a _____ repair.
 - (A) miner
 - (B) minor
 - (C) mynah

Choose the word CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined one.

- 9 Dan is loyal to his friends and supports them when they are in trouble.
 - (A) polite
 - (B) faithful
 - (C) honest
- 10 The exhausted athlete protested when his coach told him to keep on running.
 - (A) stopped
 - (B) disobeyed
 - (C) objected

Choose the word OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined one.

- 11 A temporary building was erected while the new hall was under construction.
 - (A) official
 - (B) replacement
 - (C) permanent

- 5 (A) (B) (C)
- 6 (A) (B) (C)
- 7 (A) (B) (C)
- 8 (A) (B) (C)

- 9 (A) (B) (C)
- 10 (A) (B) (C)
- 11 (A) (B) (C)

12 The champion won many medals but was always modest about her success.

(A) boastful
(B) shy
(C) confident

Questions 13–24

Tip

How did you do on the questions on the previous page? Did you find some types of question harder than others? Review the key points before answering the questions on this page.

Choose the MOST suitable word to complete EACH sentence.

13 To become a champion, it is _____ to train every day.

(A) reasonable
(B) unnecessary
(C) essential

14 A special service was held to _____ National Heroes Day.

(A) commemorate
(B) display
(C) explain

15 The bus _____ goes right through the centre of the town.

(A) root
(B) rout
(C) route

16 You would do well to listen to the _____ your teacher gave you.

(A) advise
(B) advice
(C) advert

17 Chloe _____ her favourite dish from the restaurant menu.

(A) prepared
(B) accepted
(C) selected

18 Everyone _____ Kim wanted to watch the movie.

(A) except
(B) accept
(C) expect

19 A lot of hotel rooms are _____ during the rainy season.

(A) vacant
(B) expensive
(C) busy

20 It's only a minor cut; it should _____ quickly.

(A) heel
(B) heal
(C) he'll

Choose the word CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined one.

21 There was a strange odour coming from the kitchen.

(A) smoke
(B) taste
(C) smell

22 Babies often mimic their elder brothers and sisters.

(A) annoy
(B) copy
(C) ignore

Choose the word OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined one.

23 It is rare see such talent in one so young.

(A) unusual
(B) common
(C) obvious

12 (A) (B) (C)
13 (A) (B) (C)
14 (A) (B) (C)
15 (A) (B) (C)

16 (A) (B) (C)
17 (A) (B) (C)
18 (A) (B) (C)
19 (A) (B) (C)

20 (A) (B) (C)
21 (A) (B) (C)
22 (A) (B) (C)
23 (A) (B) (C)

24 The wedding guests were expected to dress formally.
 (A) smartly
 (B) casually
 (C) carelessly

Questions 25–36

Choose the MOST suitable word to complete EACH sentence.

Tip

Work through these questions without stopping. Time yourself. Try to answer them in less than 10 minutes. Check your answers in the end of the book.

25 My little brother is very naughty and often ____ my mother.
 (A) refuses
 (B) disobeys
 (C) assists

26 It did not rain for months and the plants _____.
 (A) blossomed
 (B) burnt
 (C) withered

27 The police car went ____ at high speed.
 (A) past
 (B) passed
 (C) paste

28 Caribbean countries ____ a lot of cars from Japan.
 (A) export
 (B) import
 (C) construct

29 Do not ____ paper. Write on both sides.
 (A) waist
 (B) waste
 (C) wasted

24 (A) (B) (C)
 25 (A) (B) (C)
 26 (A) (B) (C)
 27 (A) (B) (C)
 28 (A) (B) (C)

30 The cricketer was ____ to show his fans what he could do.
 (A) eager
 (B) bored
 (C) nervous

Choose the CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined one.

31 The road was flooded, so my mother had to abandon her car and walk home.
 (A) repair
 (B) reject
 (C) leave

32 The survey indicates that 65% of the students read regularly.

(A) praises
 (B) shows
 (C) doubts

33 Measles was once a common contagious disease in childhood.

(A) serious
 (B) unpleasant
 (C) infectious

Choose the word OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined one.

34 When I looked for my friend, she vanished.
 (A) appeared
 (B) hid
 (C) departed

35 The company has expanded its business.
 (A) constructed
 (B) contracted
 (C) developed

36 Joel admitted he had damaged the book.
 (A) denied
 (B) promised
 (C) boasted

29 (A) (B) (C)
 30 (A) (B) (C)
 31 (A) (B) (C)
 32 (A) (B) (C)

33 (A) (B) (C)
 34 (A) (B) (C)
 35 (A) (B) (C)
 36 (A) (B) (C)

How did I do?

A Check your answers to the Practice test questions (see page 108).

14 or fewer questions correct:
You need to revise all areas much harder
(0–40%)

15–29 questions correct:
You need more revision in weak areas
(41–80%)

30 or more questions correct:
Well done, you can move to the next topic
(81%+)

B Use the table below to identify topics and question types you need to revise.

Check which questions you got wrong – these will help you decide which areas to revise.

Key points tested	Questions in Practice test
Context	1, 2, 6, 7, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19, 25, 26, 28, 30
Homophones	4, 8, 15, 20, 29
Words which look similar	3, 5, 16, 18, 27
Synonyms	9, 10, 21, 22, 31, 32, 33
Antonyms	11, 12, 23, 24, 34, 35, 36

Notes

One example is given for each type of question.

- **Context:** (Question 2) The correct answer is A (*deceitful*). The *deceitful* boy tried to conceal the truth from his parents. The clue in the context is 'tried to conceal the truth'.
- **Homophones:** (Question 4) The correct answer is D (*vain*). Brianna is *vain*; she is always admiring herself in the mirror. *Vain* means pleased with oneself.
- **Words which look similar:** (Question 5) The correct answer is A (*loose*). My six-year-old sister has several *loose* teeth. *Loose* is an adjective which means not fixed firmly.
- **Synonyms:** (Question 9) Dan is *loyal* to his friends and supports them when they are in trouble. The correct answer is B (*faithful*). *Faithful* is a synonym of *loyal*. You could use the context to help you select the correct option.
- **Antonyms:** (Question 23) It is *rare* to see such talent in one so young. The correct answer is B (*common*). *Common* is opposite in meaning to *rare*. One of the options here (*unusual*) is close in meaning to *rare*. Don't select synonyms by mistake when you answer antonym questions.

C Copy and complete this table.

Vocabulary: How did I do?	
Date I completed the tests	
Total score	
Types of questions I found easy	
Types of questions I found difficult	
How can I improve?	