

## DECORATING

### Task 1. DECORATING. Choose the right answer.

1. Before beginning to use the paint, you should . . . . it in the tin.  
a) roll      b) stir      c) turn      d) twist
2. Always wear goggles when spraying paint as a . . . . against damage to your eyes.  
a) prevention      b) refuge      c) restriction      d) safeguard
3. The house was built more than a hundred years ago. My father had it . . . . when he bought it.  
a) altered      b) changed      c) renewed      d) transformed
4. Changing the colour of the room seemed a good . . . . at the time, but they regretted it later.  
a) belief      b) idea      c) opinion      d) thought
5. This room looks terrible, it's in such a . . . . .  
a) disorder      b) litter      c) mess      d) rubbish
6. I think the pattern on that wallpaper has been printed . . . . .  
a) back to back      b) face down      c) side to side      d) upside down
7. The house is in good . . . . . though it needs to be repainted.  
a) condition      b) position      c) standing      d) state
8. The colour of the handle does not . . . . . so long as it is the right size.  
a) affect      b) concern      c) matter      d) worry
9. It's . . . . . we did something about redecorating the sitting-room.  
a) full-time      b) good time      c) high time      d) long time
10. The floor was so rotten that it almost . . . . . under his weight.  
a) gave away      b) gave back      c) gave up      d) gave way

11. The Bears have just had their sitting room . . . . .
- a) coloured      b) dyed      c) redecorated      d) replaced
12. In my opinion, standards of workmanship have . . . . . over the past ten years.
- a) aggravated      b) declined      c) diminished      d) eroded
13. Could you give me a rough . . . . . of what the job might cost?
- a) account      b) correlation      c) estimate      d) value
14. My brother has just had central heating . . . . . in his flat.
- a) inlaid      b) inset      c) installed      d) introduced
15. The storm . . . . . a lot of houses in the village.
- a) blew      b) damaged      c) disturbed      d) drowned

**Task 2. DECORATING. Choose the right answer.**

1. It took us only one day to . . . . . the paper off all four walls.
- a) chip      b) paste      c) scrape      d) stroke
2. If you paint the walls cream, I think it will . . . . . the colour of the curtains better.
- a) bring out      b) lift out      c) make out      d) take out
3. If the door has jammed, there's no point in trying to force it open. You'll only . . . . . the handle off.
- a) drag      b) gouge      c) pluck      d) pull
4. If you want to change the colour of these walls, they will need at least two . . . . . of paint.
- a) coats      b) coverings      c) layers      d) sheets
5. That door . . . . . when you open it. You must put some oil on the hinges.
- a) creaks      b) rustles      c) screeches      d) shrieks

6. All the windows of the house were . . . . . by the explosion.

- a) crashed      b) crushed      c) shattered      d) shredded

7. What a(n) . . . . . colour that wallpaper is! Why ever did you buy it?

- a) alarming      b) bad      c) dreadful      d) frightening

8. That window needs a new . . . . . of glass.

- a) mirror      b) oblong      c) pane      d) square

9. I think we should have . . . . . glass put in the bathroom window. The people on the other side of the street can see right in.

- a) cracked      b) frosted      c) patterned      d) thick

10. The renovation work will . . . . . closing the local library for at least two months.

- a) accomplish      b) ensure      c) entail      d) result

11. The firm deals more with . . . . . decoration than building.

- a) inside      b) interior      c) internal      d) inward

12. Shall we . . . . . off all this awful old wallpaper and paint the room instead?

- a) rip      b) scratch      c) strip      d) tear

13. The front door is in a terrible state; the paint is . . . . . badly.

- a) crumbling      b) eroding      c) flaking      d) rotting

14. To my . . . . . I noticed that the roof was leaning to one side.

- a) consternation      b) constitution      c) constriction      d) consumption