

Vocabulary Ex. > Essential Words in English (VI)

Finding synonyms > Choose the best answer.

1. convey	(A) intensify	(B) promote	(C) communicate	(D) solve
2. unlikely	(A) suitable	(B) persistent	(C) doubtful	(D) inevitable
3. growth	(A) expansion	(B) function	(C) highlight	(D) recover
4. meticulously	(A) haphazardly	(B) conscientiously	(C) inadvertently	(D) conspicuously
5. retrieve	(A) generate	(B) recover	(C) accelerate	(D) broaden
6. encompass	(A) emphasize	(B) gain	(C) heighten	(D) include
7. apex	(A) facet	(B) zenith	(C) pier	(D) flaw
8. systematically	(A) unexpectedly	(B) persuasively	(C) astoundingly	(D) methodically
9. unwarranted	(A) insignificant	(B) unjustified	(C) unacceptable	(D) unappealing
10. miraculously	(A) exceedingly	(B) astonishingly	(C) theoretically	(D) appropriately
11. influence	(A) affect	(B) include	(C) accept	(D) overwhelm
12. secretly	(A) conscientiously	(B) confidentially	(C) suspiciously	(D) publicly
13. documented	(A) proven	(B) intellectual	(C) substantial	(D) on paper
14. nominal	(A) moderate	(B) inherent	(C) inevitable	(D) harmful
15. excessive	(A) impressive	(B) lasting	(C) deliberate	(D) inordinate
16. discreetly	(A) obviously	(B) cautiously	(C) unlikely	(D) deceptively
17. agitate	(A) heighten	(B) reject	(C) inundate	(D) disturb
18. steadily	(A) evenly	(B) moderately	(C) supposedly	(D) immediately
19. presumably	(A) supposedly	(B) actually	(C) obviously	(D) instantly
20. delighted	(A) involved	(B) elated	(C) overwhelmed	(D) highlighted
21. preconception	(A) concept	(B) bias	(C) function	(D) disapproval
22. steady	(A) constant	(B) ample	(C) sturdy	(D) nominal
23. robust	(A) energetic	(B) ordinary	(C) narrow	(D) aggressive
24. swift	(A) fast	(B) intrinsic	(C) constant	(D) narrow
25. balanced	(A) rigid	(B) documented	(C) fundamental	(D) equalized
26. distribution	(A) shortage	(B) allocation	(C) methods	(D) disapproval
27. fallacious	(A) inordinate	(B) incorrect	(C) unwarranted	(D) inevitable
28. conservation	(A) preservation	(B) exportation	(C) agitation	(D) documentation
29. feasible	(A) absurd	(B) possible	(C) limber	(D) selective
30. abuse	(A) involve	(B) agitate	(C) misuse	(D) disperse

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Choosing synonyms in context > Choose the word or phrase that is closest in meaning to the word **in bold**.

1. Nice technological advances were made during the infancy of the United States' industrial **growth**.
(A) zenith (B) expansion (C) power (D) recovery
2. Cross-cultural miscommunication can be attributed to **inevitable** blunders in behavior or speech.
(A) unwarranted (B) unlikely (C) unavoidable (D) unpleasant
3. Teflon was **inadvertently** discovered by two scientists who were working with synthetic resins.
(A) unexpectedly (B) miraculously (C) presumably (D) conscientiously
4. The sport of basketball **highlights** the athletic qualities of endurance, agility, and skills
(A) demands (B) encompasses (C) emphasizes (D) develops
5. Daniel Webster applied his oratorical skill to **heighten** his appeal for an end to slavery.
(A) intensify (B) convey (C) retrieve (D) popularize
6. Modes of suggestion are usually verbal or visual and sometimes may **involve** the other senses.
(A) enhance (B) influence (C) include (D) disrupt
7. After the broadcast, law enforcement agencies were **inundated** by the numerous inquiries received.
(A) agitated (B) overwhelm (C) astonished (D) delighted
8. Nowadays coins lack **intrinsic** value and bill can no longer be converted to gold.
(A) inherent (B) nominal (C) documented (D) inordinate
9. Because their presence can upset normal markets, some products with commercial potential are **intentionally** kept off the marketplace.
(A) confidentially (B) constantly (C) arbitrarily (D) deliberately
10. Anaximander argued that human beings are so helpless at birth that they would almost **instantly** die if put into the world on their own.
(A) gradually (B) presumably (C) immediately (D) discreetly
11. In a TV receiver, a **narrow** ray of electrons bombards the back of a screen in a scanning motion.
(A) steady (B) balanced (C) thin (D) negative
12. There are many **means** of converting mechanical energy into thermal energy.
(A) descriptions (B) methods (C) theories (D) benefits
13. Many delegates to the *First Continental Congress* felt that it would have been **absurd** not to give a forceful response to England's closing of the port of Boston.
(A) ridiculous (B) difficult (C) feasible (D) incorrect
14. Gymnasts perform athletic feats that require a well-toned, **limber** body.
(A) flexible (B) slender (C) tiny (D) strong
15. The **lack** of water has been a major factor in industrial growth
(A) use (B) abuse (C) shortage (D) distribution

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