

Vocabulary Ex. > Essential Words in English (VII)

Finding synonyms > Choose the best answer.

1. fabricate	(A) observe	(B) invent	(C) agitate	(D) convey
2. coherent	(A) novel	(B) original	(C) logical	(D) robust
3. resistance	(A) opposition	(B) preservation	(C) preconception	(D) allocation
4. evolve	(A) develop	(B) elude	(C) involve	(D) influence
5. varied	(A) diverse	(B) feasible	(C) hazardous	(D) nominal
6. register	(A) emphasize	(B) gain	(C) heighten	(D) include
7. probe	(A) expansion	(B) means	(C) investigation	(D) abuse
8. communicate	(A) inundate	(B) allocate	(C) relate	(D) oppose
9. suspect	(A) select	(B) confide	(C) speculate	(D) bias
10. unbiased	(A) antiquated	(B) postponed	(C) exhausted	(D) objective
11. launch	(A) overcome	(B) initiate	(C) persuade	(D) investigate
12. occasionally	(A) suitably	(B) outlandishly	(C) partially	(D) sometimes
13. submit	(A) approve	(B) propose	(C) omit	(D) develop
14. creative	(A) fallacious	(B) original	(C) innovative	(D) conspicuous
15. finance	(A) fund	(B) develop	(C) fabricate	(D) spend
16. relate	(A) restore	(B) record	(C) narrate	(D) distinguish
17. nevertheless	(A) despite that	(B) albeit	(C) although	(D) presumably
18. disguise	(A) delight	(B) neglect	(C) feign	(D) conceal
19. emphasize	(A) accentuate	(B) conquer	(C) indicate	(D) select
20. portray	(A) refine	(B) depict	(C) pass	(D) paint
21. picturesque	(A) scenic	(B) calm	(C) outlandish	(D) fertile
22. partisan	(A) patterned	(B) bizarre	(C) abundant	(D) biased
23. decline	(A) disguise	(B) deteriorate	(C) omit	(D) halt
24. disappear	(A) vary	(B) vanish	(C) reject	(D) ruin
25. shallow	(A) swift	(B) substantial	(C) placid	(D) superficial
26. gather	(A) broaden	(B) collect	(C) distribute	(D) enhance
27. reaction	(A) allocation	(B) consequence	(C) response	(D) means
28. motion	(A) feeling	(B) argument	(C) reaction	(D) movement
29. protected	(A) plentiful	(B) phenomenal	(C) sheltered	(D) passable
30. rhythm	(A) impulse	(B) pattern	(C) movement	(D) notion



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

1. The fire salamander is so called because of an **antiquated** belief that it could withstand fire.
(A) a well-developed (C) a carefully fabricated
(B) an old-fashioned (D) a widely held
2. Because of his **novel** approaches to scientific problem, Edison could patent dozens of inventions.
(A) original (B) varied (C) coherent (D) unbiased
3. The classical economic theory explaining consumer behavior is built on the **notion** of marginal utility.
(A) investigation (B) concept (C) effectiveness (D) opposition
4. In deep water, tidal waves are so long and slight that ships seldom **notice** their presence.
(A) suspect (B) overlook (C) find (D) observe
5. The human adult heart is **normally** the size of a clenched fist and weighs about 300 grams.
(A) basically (B) actually (C) scarcely (D) typically
6. President Ford was a frequent opponent of inflationary spending measures **passed** by Congress.
(A) enhance (B) influence (C) include (D) disrupt
7. The evolution of life on Earth may be **partially** typical of the evolution of life on other planets.
(A) somewhat (B) simply (C) nevertheless (D) occasionally
8. Sword swallowers must first **overcome** their fear of projecting the sharp words down their throat.
(A) disguise (B) conquer (C) treat (D) accentuate
9. The popular singer Madonna is known for her songs with **outlandish** lyrics.
(A) innovative (B) bizarre (C) controversial (D) melodical
10. The film **omitted** details about the breeding, parenting, and fishing behavior of the Pel fishing owl.
(A) portrayed (B) overcame (C) neglected (D) narrated
11. Mollusks, crustaceans, and fish are **plentiful** in the Chesapeake Bay.
(A) vanishing (B) abundant (C) gathered (D) declining
12. The coast of California is marked by a rugged mountain and **placid** bay.
(A) calm (B) scenic (C) sheltered (D) shallow
13. The Carnegie Foundation is one of the major **philanthropic** organizations in the US.
(A) partisan (B) governmental (C) humanitarian (D) international
14. From the beginning of the 20th century, dance **phenomena** became prolific and colorful.
(A) rhythm (B) fashion (C) events (D) expression
15. Mollusks have a wide range of locomotory **patterns**.
(A) habits (B) reactions (C) controls (D) pulses



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