

World English 3: Unit 2

Instructions: Read. Then choose the best answer to complete each sentence.

Everyone is afraid of snakes, right? In one survey, 51 percent of people said that snakes are their biggest fear. Why is this? One theory says that fear is built into our brains. But research shows we might also learn to be afraid of things. Scientists conducted an interesting experiment with monkeys to find out if this is true. The monkeys were born in a laboratory at a university. First, they showed the monkeys videos of venomous snakes, and the monkeys didn't react. However, when they showed videos of wild monkeys acting afraid of these snakes, the lab monkeys also became afraid. Next, a new video was shown where the wild monkeys appeared to be afraid of flowers. This time, the lab monkeys did not develop a fear of flowers. The results of this experiment show that monkeys can learn some of their fear by watching other monkeys. The researchers' conclusion was that fear is partly built into monkeys' brains, but it can also be learned. It seems likely that this finding will apply to humans, too, though more research is needed to confirm this.

- _____ 1. The best title for this text is_____.
- At What Age Do Monkeys First Feel Afraid?
 - Can Snakes and Monkeys Both Feel Fear?
 - Are Fears Natural or Can They Be Learned?
 - Do Most Animals Feel Afraid of a Video?
- _____ 2. The experiment was conducted on_____.
- wild monkeys
 - trained animals
 - university students
 - venomous snakes
- _____ 3. At the final stage of the experiment, the subjects_____.
- planted some flowers
 - watched a film
 - touched a snake
 - met other monkeys
- _____ 4. The scientists came to the conclusion that_____.
- humans have the same fears as monkeys
 - wild monkeys are afraid of laboratories
 - experiments can make fears stronger
 - the fear of some things can be learned

Instructions: Track 4 | Listen to the conversation. Complete each statement with the word that the speaker uses.

5. Terry says that she feels_____when she has to meet people she doesn't know.

6. Terry's friend agrees that it can be _____ to remember a person's name.

7. Terry's friend suggests that Terry should think that each new person she meets is _____.

8. Terry says she will try using tricks to remember names although it seems _____.

Instructions: Choose the best answer to complete each sentence.

___ 9. When I was younger, I experienced some _____ health problems, such as depression.

- a. mental
- b. physical
- c. either a or b

___ 10. Emotional experiences can _____ people for a long time, often in surprising ways.

- a. affect
- b. connect
- c. either a or b

___ 11. Even though Sam and I have very different _____, we're great friends.

- a. beliefs
- b. methods
- c. either a or b

___ 12. Computer technology can now _____ human emotions like anger or happiness.

- a. detect
- b. connect
- c. either a or b

___ 13. I went for a run today, but I had to stop after five minutes. I think I need to improve my _____ fitness.

- a. mental
- b. physical
- c. either a or b

Instructions: Complete each sentence with a word from the list. You do not need to use all the words. Any word can be used more than once.

anxious
attitude
cheerful
easygoing
outgoing
personality
reliable
selfish
sensible

shy

14. Sandra used to have few worries, but these days she often seems _____.
15. Sometimes it's hard to be _____, but I do try to stay calm and not get upset.
16. Although Jon's life has been difficult, he usually has a _____ smile on his face.

Instructions: Choose the answer that best completes each sentence.

- ____ 17. We don't want to upset Bill, so let's avoid _____ about the situation.
a. talking
b. to talk
c. either a or b
- ____ 18. I'd like to continue _____ this, but I'm afraid I've got a train to catch.
a. discussing
b. to discuss
c. either a or b
- ____ 19. She has promised _____ us to the memory competition next week.
a. taking
b. to take
c. either a or b
- ____ 20. I don't mind _____ how I feel about things, but some people don't like to talk about their emotions.
a. sharing
b. to share
c. either a or b
- ____ 21. I think we should delay _____ a decision until we have heard Emily's views.
a. making
b. to make
c. either a or b

Instructions: Rewrite each sentence putting the word in parentheses in the correct position.

22. I think that Susanna be worried about her exams. (could)

23. Abdullah have the best memory of anyone I know. (might)

24. Economics is her top choice, but Deepa decide to study psychology at university. (may)
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Instructions: *Complete the tasks.*

25. Write a paragraph (50–75 words) about how you think the woman in the photo feels. What might have caused her to feel this way? When you feel this way, what do you do to improve your mood?



