

Choose the Best Meaning – With Clues

Read the sentence. The clues in bold will help you understand the word. Choose the correct meaning (a, b, or c).

1. This old book has some **gappy** pages, with big spaces where the words are missing.
 - a) Full of holes or spaces
 - b) Full of colours
 - c) Very heavy
2. The dodo bird is **extinct** — it died out many years ago and no birds of that kind are alive today.
 - a) Still living
 - b) No longer existing
 - c) Very dangerous
3. After living in Canada for years, she is **accustomed to** the cold winters — she feels fine in the snow.
 - a) Comfortable with something because it is familiar
 - b) Afraid of something
 - c) Angry about something
4. He was very **pleased** when he passed his driving test — he smiled all day.
 - a) Sad
 - b) Happy
 - c) Tired
5. Some plants are **invasive** — they grow quickly in a new place and hurt the local plants.
 - a) Helping other plants grow
 - b) Taking over and causing harm
 - c) Smelling nice
6. The rescue was **remarkable** — everyone said it was amazing and could not believe it happened.
 - a) Very good and surprising
 - b) Very boring
 - c) Very small
7. His work experience is **varied** — he has done many different jobs.
 - a) Always the same
 - b) Having many types
 - c) Very hard
8. The heavy snow was **unprecedented** — it had never happened before in this city.
 - a) Happening for the first time
 - b) Happening every year
 - c) Not important
9. This bird has **distinct** red wings — they are clearly different from the rest of its body.
 - a) Easy to see as different

- b) Very small
 - c) Difficult to find
10. The pyramids are **ancient** buildings — they are thousands of years old.
- a) Very new
 - b) Very old
 - c) Very tall
11. The **initial** plan was to travel by car, but later we decided to take the train.
- a) First
 - b) Last
 - c) Worst
12. The snake's bite is **lethal** — it can kill a person in minutes.
- a) Harmless
 - b) Deadly
 - c) Colourful
13. I went to the **neighbouring** town — it is just next to my city.
- a) Far away
 - b) Very big
 - c) Close by
14. In Japan, it is **customary** to bow when greeting someone — it's a tradition.
- a) Strange
 - b) Usual in a culture
 - c) Rude
15. The shelter was **inadequate** — it was too small and not safe for the storm.
- a) Not enough or not good enough
 - b) Very comfortable
 - c) Perfect
16. She is an **influential** leader — she can change people's opinions easily.
- a) Having power to affect others
 - b) Quiet and shy
 - c) Always wrong
17. The dog became **hostile** — it started barking and trying to bite.
- a) Friendly
 - b) Unfriendly and aggressive
 - c) Sleepy
18. He is **capable** of speaking three languages — he can do it well.
- a) Not able to do something
 - b) Able to do something
 - c) Unsure about something
19. Her red dress was very **noticeable** — everyone saw it right away.
- a) Easy to see
 - b) Easy to forget
 - c) Hard to find

20. They live in a **prosperous** area — most people there have good jobs and nice houses.
- a) Poor
 - b) Rich and successful
 - c) Empty
21. She is a **prominent** scientist — she is well known and respected in her field.
- a) Not important
 - b) Famous and important
 - c) Very quiet
22. Children are very **resilient** — they can recover quickly after they get sick.
- a) Able to get better quickly
 - b) Always tired
 - c) Always happy
23. Selling houses is a **lucrative** job — you can make a lot of money from it.
- a) Makes a lot of money
 - b) Very boring
 - c) Hard to find
24. We need a **sustainable** way to use water — one that will not run out in the future.
- a) Safe for a long time
 - b) Using too much
 - c) Cheap
25. The new song became **widespread** — people in many countries heard it.
- a) Known by many people
 - b) Only for one person
 - c) Boring
26. It is not **feasible** to walk to the airport — it is too far.
- a) Possible to do
 - b) Impossible to do
 - c) Fun to do
27. Fresh water is **scarce** in the desert — it is hard to find.
- a) Easy to find
 - b) Not enough
 - c) Tastes bad
28. Rice is important to **indigenous** people in this area — they have grown it for hundreds of years.
- a) Native to a place
 - b) Foreign
 - c) Unhealthy
29. Smoking has an **adverse** effect on health — it is bad for your body.
- a) Positive
 - b) Negative or harmful
 - c) Funny

30. She was **meticulous** about her homework — she checked every detail carefully.
- a) Very careful with details
 - b) Very lazy
 - c) Very fast

Choose the Best Meaning – With Clues (Nouns)

Read the sentence. The bold words give you clues to the meaning. Choose the correct answer (a, b, or c).

1. The bird looked **odd-looking** with its bright pink feathers and square-shaped beak.
 - a) Strange or unusual in appearance
 - b) Very beautiful
 - c) Very small
2. The chimpanzee is the nearest **relative** to humans — they share much of the same DNA.
 - a) An animal or person most closely related
 - b) A very distant family member
 - c) A pet
3. There is a strong **resemblance** between the twins — they look almost the same.
 - a) Being very different
 - b) Looking similar
 - c) Speaking the same language
4. Kindness is an important **trait** for a good leader.
 - a) A personal quality or characteristic
 - b) A mistake
 - c) A job
5. This park is the **site** of an ancient temple — it was built here long ago.
 - a) Place where something is or happens
 - b) A type of tree
 - c) A piece of equipment
6. The rise in pollution has a bad **implication** for people's health.
 - a) Possible result or effect
 - b) A happy surprise
 - c) A celebration
7. **Logging** is a big problem here — many trees are cut down for wood.
 - a) Cutting down trees for timber
 - b) Planting new trees
 - c) Watching birds

8. An **ape** is an animal like a chimpanzee, gorilla, or orangutan.
 - a) A large monkey without a tail
 - b) A type of bird
 - c) A kind of fish
9. **Conservation** helps protect endangered animals and nature.
 - a) Protecting and saving the environment
 - b) Selling animals
 - c) Cleaning a room
10. Her cooking **prowess** impressed everyone — she is an excellent chef.
 - a) Great skill or ability
 - b) A bad habit
 - c) A hobby
11. There is a small **flaw** in the dress — a button is missing.
 - a) A mistake or defect
 - b) A decoration
 - c) A colour
12. Snow in summer here is an **aberration** — it almost never happens.
 - a) Something unusual or not normal
 - b) Something boring
 - c) Something expected
13. The teacher's **presence** in the classroom made students feel calm.
 - a) Being in a place
 - b) Speaking loudly
 - c) Giving homework
14. The child's drawing was an **imitation** of his father's painting — it looked similar.
 - a) A copy of something
 - b) A completely new design
 - c) A mistake
15. The **preservation** of old buildings keeps history alive for the future.
 - a) Keeping something safe from damage
 - b) Destroying something
 - c) Moving something
16. The main **shortcoming** of the phone is that its battery dies quickly.
 - a) A weakness or problem
 - b) A positive feature
 - c) A price
17. A healthy **diet** includes fruits, vegetables, and clean water.
 - a) The food and drink a person eats
 - b) Exercise every day
 - c) Medicines you take
18. The weather forecast gave a **projection** of heavy rain next week.
 - a) A guess about the future

- b) A celebration
 - c) A photograph
19. The two countries formed an **alliance** to help each other in trade.
- a) Agreement to work together
 - b) A fight
 - c) A sports game
20. A low budget is a **constraint** — it limits what we can do.
- a) Something that stops or limits you
 - b) Something that makes you faster
 - c) A celebration
21. The new law caused a **controversy** — many people disagreed and argued about it.
- a) A big public disagreement
 - b) A happy event
 - c) A private meeting
22. The scientist made a **breakthrough** — a new discovery that could save lives.
- a) Important discovery or progress
 - b) A small mistake
 - c) A holiday
23. This butterfly is a rare **specimen** in the museum — only one like it exists here.
- a) Example or sample of something
 - b) Type of food
 - c) Tool
24. The lion showed its **dominance** over the others by leading the group.
- a) Power or control over others
 - b) Fear of others
 - c) Friendship
25. An **advocate** for children's rights speaks for and defends them.
- a) Person who supports or speaks for a cause
 - b) Person who sells something
 - c) Person who teaches a class
26. A **proponent** of renewable energy believes it is the best choice for the future.
- a) Person who supports an idea or plan
 - b) Person who destroys things
 - c) Person who complains
27. The study showed a strong **correlation** between exercise and good health.
- a) Connection or relationship
 - b) Difference
 - c) Competition
28. Scientists tested their **hypothesis** to see if it was correct.
- a) Idea or guess that can be tested
 - b) Fact that never changes
 - c) Question that cannot be answered

29. The **notion** that money brings happiness is not always true.
a) Belief or idea
b) A problem
c) A type of job
30. There is a big **inequality** between rich and poor in this country.
a) A difference that is not fair
b) A friendly relationship
c) A new law

Choose the Best Meaning – With Clues (Verbs)

Read the sentence. The bold words give clues to help you understand the meaning. Choose the correct answer (a, b, or c).

1. The rabbit suddenly **disappeared** — one moment it was there, the next it was gone.
a) Went away so you cannot see it
b) Became bigger
c) Made a loud sound
2. He broke his leg but will **recover** — the doctor says he will be healthy again soon.
a) Get better after being sick or hurt
b) Stay sick forever
c) Become angry
3. The farmer will **feed** the chickens every morning by giving them corn.
a) Give food to someone or something
b) Talk to someone
c) Watch carefully
4. Reading books can **enrich** your mind — it gives you more ideas and knowledge.
a) Make something better or richer
b) Take something away
c) Make something smaller
5. Small shops must **compete with** big supermarkets to get more customers.
a) Try to win against
b) Work together with
c) Ignore
6. She tried to **convince** her friend to come to the party by explaining how fun it would be.
a) Make someone believe or agree
b) Argue with someone
c) Forget something
7. They will **alter** the dress to make it shorter.
a) Change something
b) Throw away something
c) Hide something

8. Different religions can **coexist** peacefully in one country.
 - a) Live together without problems
 - b) Fight all the time
 - c) Ignore each other
9. Please **share** your notes with your classmates so they can learn too.
 - a) Give part of something to others
 - b) Hide from others
 - c) Buy something
10. I was able to **witness** the fireworks — I saw them with my own eyes.
 - a) See something happen
 - b) Hear something
 - c) Stop something
11. News about the flood began to **spread** quickly on social media.
 - a) Go from one place or person to many others
 - b) Stay in one place
 - c) Disappear
12. In this book, they **term** this type of writing “narrative style.”
 - a) Give a name to something
 - b) Read something
 - c) Remove something
13. The doctor tried to **remedy** the problem by giving the patient medicine.
 - a) Fix or solve something
 - b) Make something worse
 - c) Forget something
14. Many people **possess** mobile phones — they own one.
 - a) Own something
 - b) Lose something
 - c) Borrow something
15. She will **inherit** her grandmother’s house after she dies.
 - a) Get something from someone after they die
 - b) Buy something
 - c) Lend something
16. This temple **dates back** to the 12th century — it was built long ago.
 - a) Started or existed from a certain time in the past
 - b) Was destroyed recently
 - c) Is very new
17. No matter how hard I pushed, the door wouldn’t **budge** — it didn’t move at all.
 - a) Move even a little
 - b) Stay exactly the same
 - c) Break
18. She **pointed out** the mistake in my essay so I could fix it.
 - a) Show or explain something

- b) Hide something
 - c) Ignore something
19. Fines are used to **deter** people from driving too fast.
- a) Stop or discourage
 - b) Encourage
 - c) Teach
20. This parrot can **mimic** human voices — it copies what you say.
- a) Copy sounds or actions
 - b) Forget words
 - c) Change something
21. From the clues, we can **infer** that the thief entered through the window.
- a) Understand something from facts or evidence
 - b) See something directly
 - c) Guess without any reason
22. The smell of fresh bread can **evoke** happy childhood memories.
- a) Bring a feeling or memory to mind
 - b) Make something dirty
 - c) Remove something
23. The teacher used games to **stimulate** students — they became more interested and active.
- a) Make someone more active or interested
 - b) Make someone tired
 - c) Stop someone from working
24. Scientists try to **replicate** experiments to get the same results again.
- a) Do something again in the same way
 - b) Destroy something
 - c) Change something completely
25. This story **exemplifies** the idea that hard work brings success — it's a perfect example.
- a) Show as an example
 - b) Hide information
 - c) Argue
26. Did you **notice** that the shop has new lights?
- a) See or become aware of
 - b) Ignore
 - c) Break
27. He will **commit** to studying every day for the exam.
- a) Promise to do something
 - b) Forget something
 - c) Start something and stop quickly
28. They will **conduct** a survey to find out what people think.
- a) Organize and carry out
 - b) Cancel
 - c) Hide

29. Special sprays can **repel** mosquitoes so they don't bite you.
- a) Keep something away
 - b) Attract
 - c) Feed
30. Older people **tend to** wake up earlier than younger people.
- a) Usually do something
 - b) Never do something
 - c) Avoid something
31. The hotel can **accommodate** 200 guests — there is space for them.
- a) Provide space or a place to stay
 - b) Refuse entry
 - c) Close early
32. Bad habits can **undermine** your health — they slowly make it worse.
- a) Weaken or damage
 - b) Make stronger
 - c) Improve
33. The coach's speech helped **reinforce** the team's confidence — it made them feel stronger.
- a) Make something stronger
 - b) Remove something
 - c) Hide something
34. Prices often **fluctuate** — they go up and down many times.
- a) Change often
 - b) Stay the same
 - c) Go down only
35. The manager will **devise** a new plan to increase sales.
- a) Invent or create
 - b) Cancel
 - c) Follow
36. The school will **allocate** extra money to buy more books.
- a) Give something to a certain purpose
 - b) Hide something
 - c) Lose something
37. Solar panels can **harness** the power of the sun to make electricity.
- a) Control and use
 - b) Destroy
 - c) Ignore
38. The teacher will **facilitate** the discussion — she will help it run smoothly.
- a) Make something easier
 - b) Stop something
 - c) Forget something
39. The law will **prohibit** smoking in public places.
- a) Not allow

- b) Encourage
 - c) Forget
40. The speech helped **instigate** a change — people started acting differently afterwards.
- a) Start or cause something
 - b) End something
 - c) Hide something

Multiple Choice Exercise

Choose the best answer (A, B, C, or D) to complete each sentence.

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1. The shop owner was _____ when many customers came to buy things.
 - A. pleased
 - B. flaw
 - C. extinct
 - D. logging
 2. My grandmother will _____ her gold ring to me when she passes away.
 - A. coexist
 - B. inherit
 - C. conduct
 - D. witness
 3. This bird is _____ no birds of this kind are alive now.
 - A. scarce
 - B. extinct
 - C. prosperous
 - D. remedy
 4. The students will _____ a survey to ask people about their hobbies.
 - A. allocate
 - B. conduct
 - C. devise
 - D. advocate
 5. There is a small _____ in my shirt — it has a tiny hole.
 - A. flaw
 - B. notion
 - C. remedy
 - D. trait
 6. That snake's bite is dangerous and can be _____ to humans.
 - A. adverse
 - B. sustainable
 - C. inadequate
 - D. prosperous

7. The school will _____ more money to buy new books.
A. preserve
B. inherit
C. allocate
D. mimic
8. Oil is _____ in this country, so we must use it carefully.
A. scarce
B. lucrative
C. ancient
D. influential
9. This old castle is an _____ building — it is hundreds of years old.
A. ancient
B. remarkable
C. prosperous
D. lucrative
10. Eating too much junk food has an _____ effect on your health.
A. odd-looking
B. adverse
C. lucrative
D. meticulous
11. The teacher is very _____ when she checks homework — she looks at every detail.
A. ancient
B. lucrative
C. meticulous
D. prosperous
12. They formed an _____ to work together on the project.
A. alliance
B. flaw
C. remedy
D. hostility
13. The dog can _____ the sound of a baby crying.
A. mimic
B. devise
C. allocate
D. conserve
14. There is a big _____ between the two sisters — they look very similar.
A. constraint
B. resemblance
C. projection
D. specimen
15. The singer's performance was _____ — everyone clapped for a long time.
A. scarce
B. remarkable

- C. lucrative
D. adverse
16. The law will help to _____ the old forest and keep it safe.
A. coexist
B. conserve
C. advocate
D. preserve
17. They will _____ a new plan to make more people visit the museum.
A. devise
B. compete with
C. possess
D. witness
18. The boy will never forget the day he was a _____ to the car accident.
A. mimic
B. remedy
C. witness
D. trait
19. The two countries must learn to _____ peacefully.
A. coexist
B. inherit
C. devise
D. allocate
20. The local group will _____ for cleaner air in the city.
A. advocate
B. conduct
C. spread
D. allocate
21. Our class will _____ more time to finish the project next week.
A. possess
B. allocate
C. devise
D. inherit
22. We should try to live in a _____ way so we don't harm the planet.
A. prosperous
B. sustainable
C. remarkable
D. adverse
23. The company will _____ new safety rules to protect workers.
A. conduct
B. coexist
C. implement
D. inherit

24. My uncle is very _____ — he has a big house and a nice car.
- A. prosperous
 - B. adverse
 - C. meticulous
 - D. scarce
25. People in _____ towns often visit each other.
- A. lucrative
 - B. neighbouring
 - C. adverse
 - D. ancient