

Unit 8 Test

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Vocabulary

Choose the best answer to complete the sentence or conversation.

1. Ever since the city hired the new police chief, the ____ in our city has been dropping.
A) vehicle traffic
B) pedestrians
C) crime rate
2. The ____ is much better now because more people are cycling to work.
A) shopping
B) air quality
C) nightlife
3. Our ____ is excellent. Several of our teachers have won excellence-in-teaching awards.
A) school system
B) cost of living
C) housing prices
4. There were no ____ in the town where I grew up, so I moved to the capital.
A) art scene
B) job opportunities
C) nightlife
5. If I could change one thing about my town, I'd make the ____ more exciting by building a new museum.
A) public transportation
B) art scene
C) air quality

Grammar

Is the sentence grammatically correct or incorrect?

11. If the cost of living went down, I wouldn't worrying all the time.
A) correct
B) incorrect
12. If more people took the bus to work, the environment would improve.
A) correct
B) incorrect

13. How would Andrew solve the problem if he became the mayor?
A) correct
B) incorrect
14. If Aileen had more money, she could living downtown.
A) correct
B) incorrect
15. If you bought a bike, you wouldn't have to use public transportation.
A) correct
B) incorrect

Complete the sentence in the second conditional. Use the verbs in parentheses.

16. Amanda's health _____ (improve) if she _____ (live) in the country.
17. If we _____ (have) more job opportunities, we _____ (not leave) this town.
18. Zach _____ (take) a vacation if he _____ (not have) so much work.
19. If more people _____ (care) about the crime rate, our city _____ (be) a safer place to live.
20. Patrick _____ (be) a fantastic manager if his company _____ (give) him the opportunity.

Reading

Would you really be happy?

Many people think, "If I had more money, I'd be happy!" But is this true? Daniel Gilbert, a professor from Harvard University, researched this issue, and his conclusions are fascinating. Gilbert found that if our basic needs are met, the happiness we get from having more money is really very small.

This is because we all have the ability to change in different environments. For example, if a person moved to a hot country, he or she would feel very hot at first, but eventually the heat would feel normal. In the same way, when a person has more money, he or she can buy exciting new things and feel happy. Over time, these things become normal, not exciting. So the person tries to buy more new things to feel happy again.

The person also discovers that having more money causes more stress. If the person buys an expensive car or a big house, he or she has to look after it. There are always more things to worry about. For most people who didn't use to have a lot of money, there is a fear of losing everything. These people aren't able to enjoy the things they have if they are focused on losing them. Many people also feel that other people want what they have, and this causes more stress.

So, the next time someone says, "I'd be happier if I had more money," tell them the truth!

21. If a person's basic needs are met, having more money can make that person much happier.
A) True
B) False
22. Having more money makes most people happy for a while, but the happiness doesn't last.
A) True
B) False
23. Buying new things never gives people a feeling of happiness and excitement.
A) True
B) False
24. Not everyone who has money is afraid of losing it.
A) True
B) False
25. Some people worry because they believe that other people want their things.
A) True
B) False

Listening

Listen. Choose *True* or *False*.

30. Emily works for her school's podcast.
A) True
B) False

31. Vehicle traffic and air quality were good five years ago.
A) True
B) False
32. The color of all the city buses is green.
A) True
B) False
33. The roads in the city aren't as crowded as they once were.
A) True
B) False
34. Emily and the mayor are talking in the new public park.
A) True
B) False