

Unit 12

Words in Action

appreciate	understand and enjoy the good qualities or value of. You can appreciate beauty, or one's services.
calculate	find out something by using numbers. You can calculate cost, speed, expenses, etc.
estimate	judge or calculate the value, size or amount of something, etc. e.g. <i>An expert estimates the value of a diamond or makes or submits an estimate of its value.</i>
esteem	respect and admire greatly. When you esteem somebody you hold him in high/great esteem. e.g. <i>The old teacher was much loved and esteemed.</i>
deem	consider, think or regard e.g. <i>You can make any changes to the plan you deem necessary.</i>
evaluate	calculate or judge the value or importance of something after studying its good and bad points e.g. <i>It's too early to evaluate the success of our new product.</i>
appraise	make an official evaluation of something. Set a price or value on, especially by authority of law. e.g. <i>In appraising, an official valuer fixed the price for Helen's necklace.</i>
assess	determine the amount or value of property for taxation or other purposes. e.g. <i>The revenue official assessed her house at £350,000.</i>

Exercise A >>> Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with the appropriate word from the words in the parentheses.

- 1 The number of votes cast in each region will be _____ at the end of the day. (**evaluated, deemed**)
- 2 We all _____ a peaceful holiday after a year of hard work. (**estimate, appreciate**)
- 3 Dr. David is held in high _____ for his valuable scientific research into cancer. (**appraise, esteem**)
- 4 He _____ that it would take him two months and a lot of money to renovate the derelict old house. (**calculated, appreciated**)
- 5 Do you _____ this business venture to be feasible and lucrative? (**deem, evaluate**)
- 6 By behaving so meanly he has lowered himself in my _____. (**appraise, esteem**)
- 7 Before buying the estate you intend to, why don't you call a surveyor to _____ the property? (**evaluate, calculate**)
- 8 I _____ that we would reach our destination before sunset but things didn't bear me out. (**evaluated, estimated**)
- 9 I hope when the builders _____ how much it will cost to build a garage on my house, it won't be too expensive. (**esteem, estimate**)
- 10 The insurance expert _____ the amount of damage caused to my car at £500. (**assessed, appreciated**)
- 11 It will take sociologists some time to _____ the structural changes recently introduced in this country. (**deem, evaluate**)

Task One >>>

Rewrite the following sentences beginning with the word(s) in heavy type. Make whatever changes are necessary.

Example: *They made **Peter** empty his pockets.* **Answer:** *Peter was made to empty his pockets.*

1 How difficult it is for a young poet **to earn** his living.

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2 They presented a medal to **each of the lifeboatmen**.

_____.

3 He couldn't possibly have found **any other** occupation to suit his needs so well.

_____.

4 The trade unions were blamed for **all the trouble**.

_____.

5 It might have been a pleasant outing if we **had** set out earlier.

_____.

6 It is specifically **this kind of task** from which we are exempted.

_____.

7 They found that **30% of the population** was suffering from malnutrition.

_____.

8 A man's real influence is exerted **only** after his death.

_____.

9 We, in the U.S., are at present in the middle of **an influenza epidemic**.

_____.

10 Continued research on modern science may lead to **a fearful destruction** of the environment.

_____.

11 You must deal with **this problem** at greater length.

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12 It is more difficult to answer his question than **yours**.

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Task Two >>> Tick the one word or phrase that is closest in meaning to the word(s) in heavy type.

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| 1 Three of them bit the dust during the shoot out. | ☐ got dusty | ☐ were killed |
| 2 What he said put me in a spot . | ☐ in a difficult position | ☐ in a dilemma |
| 3 He'll blow his top if he finds out what you've done. | ☐ be angry | ☐ be sad |
| 4 He came within an ace of being run over. | ☐ he had a narrow escape | ☐ he holds all the aces |
| 5 Most of the visitors here are predominantly of north European stock . | ☐ mentality | ☐ ancestry |
| 6 I have to sweat my guts out to make a living. | ☐ work very hard | ☐ loiter about |
| 7 'Is he a good teacher?' ' Not by a long shot .' | ☐ not at all | ☐ so so |
| 8 It's no use talking to me about metaphysics.
It's a closed book to me. | ☐ It is forbidden | ☐ I don't know anything about it |
| 9 He's round the bend . | ☐ reasonable | ☐ insane |
| 10 I'm on edge about this new play I'm putting on. | ☐ tense and nervous | ☐ busy and worried |

Task Three >>> In each of the following sentences, replace the words in heavy type with a single word from the box with the same meaning.

Example: *I judged from the state of the sky that a thunderstorm was **coming shortly** (imminent).*

carcass	avarice	extortion	incapacitated	pageantry	impunity	replica
impartiality	decapitation	mob	piety	perjury	amenities	alimony
						armistice

- Obtaining money by using threats and violence _____ is an offense punishable by law.
- The dead body _____ of the deer was torn to pieces by the jackals.
- The judge is known for his **unbiased and fair judgment**. _____
- You can't disregard the law with **freedom from punishment**. _____
- He missed the **agreeable features and facilities** _____ of the city.
- England is rich in **old traditions and customs preserved among the common people**. _____
- She lives on the **allowance by order of court** _____ from her former husband.
- He was charged with **giving false testimony to a court while under oath**. _____
- The model was a **reproduction in exact detail** _____ of his own yacht.
- Greed for amassing riches** _____ is a vice.
- The **uncontrolled and disorderly crowd of people** _____ committed outrages.
- In many people's opinion, an **agreement made during a war that would stop hostilities for a limited period of time** _____ would be an act of high treason.
- He was **unable to work** _____ after the accident.
- He was punished by **having his head cut off**. _____
- They were men of **true and deep respect for God**. _____

Vocabulary Practice

A. Read the text below and choose the correct word A, B C or D to fit the gaps.

The Depression didn't end until the production (11)..... of World War II, but Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal programs (12)..... to help. One, the Securities and Exchange Commission, was created in 1934 to shift the job of (13)..... securities trade from the states to the federal government. Today brokers and dealers must (14)..... with the SEC, to prevent price manipulation, and there are strict (15)..... for the minimum down payments to buy stocks. Of course although we haven't since experienced a depression on the (16)..... of the one in the 1930s, the SEC hasn't rendered the stock market crash extinct. On October 19, 1987, the Dow suffered its largest one-day (17)..... since 1914, and on April 14, 2000, it fell 617.78 points, the largest-ever single-day point loss.

"I used to be quite an (18).....," the economist John Kenneth Galbraith once said. "I thought that by keeping the memory of the 1929 crash alive we would have a (19)..... against the kind of feckless, fatuous optimism which caused people to get in and shove up the markets and get (20)..... by the illusion of ever-increasing wealth. I've given up on that hope because we've had it happen too often again since."

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| 11. A. purge | B. end | C. demise | D. surge |
| 12. A. asked | B. aimed | C. suspected | D. failed |
| 13. A. ruling | B. freeing | C. regulating | D. demanding |
| 14. A. join | B. announce | C. ally | D. register |
| 15. A. requirements | B. wishes | C. laws | D. expectations |
| 16. A. range | B. climb | C. scale | D. ascend |
| 17. A. increase | B. collapse | C. ferocity | D. fall |
| 18. A. optimist | B. egocentric | C. illusionist | D. pessimist |
| 19. A. knowledge | B. warning | C. radar | D. speculation |
| 20. A. carried away | B. enthusiastic | C. swept | D. obscured |

B. Fill the gaps in the following sentences with the correct answer A, B C or D.

- 21 The police _____ the district for the thief.
a scoured b brushed c ran d penetrated
- 22 At the _____ moment, he backed out.
a insignificant b meaningful c crucial d trifling
- 23 Her house was _____ at a high value.
a considered b deemed c assessed d appreciated
- 24 What a(n) _____ appearance he's got!
a huge b enormous c weird d benevolent
- 25 Don't be _____ to your elders.
a affable b consistent c impertinent d respectable
- 26 He's one of the best doctors in town and held in high _____.
a esteem b estimation c value d appraisal
- 27 You may make any changes to the original plan you _____ necessary.
a evaluate b recommend c esteem d deem
- 28 I've got something of great importance to _____ to you.
a impair b compare c impart d deport
- 29 Too many trees round a house _____ it of air and light.
a deprive b deprave c deride d derive
- 30 The bloodthirsty _____ wanted to avenge their leader's death.
a mop b mob c clog d flog