

**I. Part A: Write the letter of the right word for the given definition.**

- \_\_\_\_ 1. a movement  
a. pace  
b. intent  
c. lungs  
d. motion
- \_\_\_\_ 2. to look for  
a. seek  
b. possess  
c. shine  
d. desire
- \_\_\_\_ 3. to pick up  
a. eager  
b. lift  
c. remark  
d. spill
- \_\_\_\_ 4. very fast  
a. landscape  
b. household  
c. rapidly  
d. awful
- \_\_\_\_ 5. feeling worried  
a. consisting of  
b. load  
c. polite  
d. anxious

**Part B: Choose the right definition for the given word.**

- \_\_\_\_ 6. possess  
a. to look for  
b. to own  
c. to pick up  
d. to put in
- \_\_\_\_ 7. desire  
a. to want  
b. to make up of  
c. to have  
d. to say

- \_\_\_\_ 8. intent  
a. an area of land  
b. an organ  
c. a plan  
d. a feeling
- \_\_\_\_ 9. shine  
a. to learn  
b. to make light  
c. to have something fall out  
d. to move fast
- \_\_\_\_ 10. polite  
a. thoughtful  
b. worried  
c. fast  
d. excited

**II. Write the letter of the sentence with the bolded word that makes better sense.**

11. \_\_\_\_ a. It is hard to **seek** for things when it is sunny.  
b. A **landscape** may have snow during the winter.
12. \_\_\_\_ a. Most children are **eager** to get gifts.  
b. Good friends are **awful** to have around.
13. \_\_\_\_ a. The **lungs** help move blood through the body.  
b. People may feel **anxious** when they give a speech.
14. \_\_\_\_ a. It isn't **polite** to take things without asking first.  
b. You should help **spill** the dishes after dinner.
15. \_\_\_\_ a. If you work at a fast **pace**, things will get done quickly.  
b. It is important to **lift** your notes before a test.
16. \_\_\_\_ a. People are **eager** to leave when they don't want to go anywhere.  
b. You should get help when **lifting** heavy boxes.
17. \_\_\_\_ a. Some people live in the **landscape** while others live in the city.  
b. Everyone has **awful** days where nothing goes right.

18. \_\_\_\_ a. It is good to **seek** advice when you have a problem.  
b. Students feel **anxious** when they get good grades.
19. \_\_\_\_ a. When you breathe, air goes into your **lungs**.  
b. Some students **pace** to school every day.
20. \_\_\_\_ a. **Polite** people do not say "please" or "thank you."  
b. When you **spill** something, you should clean it up right away.



## THE TWELVE MONTHS

An **awful** woman lived with her daughter and stepdaughter in her **household**. She **possessed** feelings of hate for her stepdaughter, Anna. Anna worked while her stepsister did nothing. On a cold January night, Anna's stepmother **remarked**, "Your stepsister **desires** flowers. Go and find some."

Anna wasn't **anxious** to walk through the chilled **landscape**. The cold air made her **lungs** burn. She walked at a slow **pace** because of the snow. Soon she saw a group of people. It **consisted** of twelve men. Anna told them about the flowers.

One of the men said they were the twelve months and that they would help Anna. January walked to her and made a **motion** with his hand. The days of the month passed **rapidly** until it was February's turn. February also made the month speed up. Then March made the sun **shine** and flowers grew in the field.

Anna **loaded** her basket with so many flowers that she could hardly **lift** it. Then she gave a quick but **polite** "thank you" to the twelve men and returned home. She was very **eager** to show her stepmother all the flowers. Back at the house, she **spilled** the flowers onto the table. Then she told her stepmother about the twelve men. Anna's stepmother and stepsister went to **seek** the twelve months. Their **intent** was to ask for gifts. They looked and looked. They became very lost and never found their way home. Anna lived happily ever after by herself.

### Reading Comprehension

Answer the questions.

- \_\_\_\_ 21. *What is this story about?*
- a. *Why a year consists of twelve months.*
  - b. *How a girl made the sun shine in winter.*
  - c. *Why moving at a slow pace is good.*
  - d. *How the months helped a polite girl.*

- \_\_\_\_ 22. Why did Anna need to seek flowers?
- a. Her stepmother remarked that she liked them.
  - b. Her awful stepsister desired them for her birthday.
  - c. She spilled the ones she already possessed.
  - d. She was eager to please her stepmother.
- \_\_\_\_ 23. In paragraph 4 we can infer that \_\_\_\_.
- a. the months rapidly helped Anna load her basket
  - b. Anna asked the months to live in her household
  - c. Anna's awful stepmother and stepsister never found the months
  - d. Anna got lost going across the dark landscape on her way home
- \_\_\_\_ 24. According to the passage, all the following are true EXCEPT \_\_\_\_.
- a. the cold air hurt Anna's lungs
  - b. Anna's stepmother lifted the basket
  - c. January made a motion to speed up time
  - d. Anna wasn't anxious to go out in the cold, dark night
25. What was Anna's stepmother's and stepsister's intent when they left?