

## BIRDS PETS INSECTS

**Task 1. BIRDS. Match the bird with its description.**

1. *canary*

2. *cuckoo*

3. *eagle*

4. *gull*

5. *lark*

6. *magpie*

7. *nightingale*

8. *ostrich*

9. *owl*

10. *peacock*

11. *pigeon*

12. *stork*

- a. is yellow and sings in a cage
- b. the most celebrated song bird
- c. has a magnificent tail
- d. a wise bird with big eyes
- e. sings high in the sky
- f. haunts seas and big rivers
- g. can carry messages
- h. lays eggs in other birds' nests
- i. white with red beak and legs, delivers babies
- j. cannot fly
- k. a black and white thief
- l. a white one is the symbol of Poland

**Task 2. PETS. Choose the right answer.**

- 1. He stroked his cat's silky fur and the cat . . . . . contentedly.
  - a) growled
  - b) hummed
  - c) purred
  - d) roared
- 2. This . . . . . of dog is very useful for hunting.
  - a) breed
  - b) clan
  - c) stock
  - d) tribe
- 3. A cat . . . . . its paw before it washes its face.
  - a) bites
  - b) chews
  - c) laps
  - d) licks

4. It's dangerous to go near that building site as it is . . . . . by a fierce dog.
- a) defended      b) guarded      c) resisted      d) restricted
5. Don't take any . . . . . of that dog. It is only playing.
- a) care      b) game      c) notice      d) part
6. My dog always . . . . . when it sees the postman.
- a) barks      b) cries      c) purrs      d) spits
7. The noise was caused by a dog . . . . . a cat through the garden.
- a) catching      b) chasing      c) fighting      d) running
8. If your cat often has to stay indoors, then a . . . . . tray must be provided.
- a) garbage      b) litter      c) rubbish      d) waste
9. You should take notice of warnings which state that guard dogs are on . . . .
- a) alert      b) defence      c) patrol      d) watch
10. The dog felt very . . . . . when his owners left the house, dressed for a walk.
- a) cheated      b) deceived      c) deceptive      d) disappointed
11. In big cities animals should be kept under . . . . .
- a) authority      b) check      c) control      d) discipline
12. The poor cat was . . . . . at the top of the tree.
- a) bent      b) climbed      c) fixed      d) stuck
13. Don't touch the cat, he may . . . . . you.
- a) kick      b) scratch      c) scream      d) tear
14. Dogs have a habit of . . . . . bones in the garden.
- a) burying      b) covering      c) digging      d) planting



15. Both kindness and firmness are needed to . . . . . domestic animals successfully.
- a) educate                      b) practice                      c) train                      d) tutor
16. It is difficult to . . . . . a dog, if you live in a flat.
- a) have                      b) hold                      c) keep                      d) take
17. A dog can be a very pleasant . . . . on long country walks.
- a) companion                      b) company                      c) fellow                      d) friend
18. They put the bird in a cage to . . . . . it flying away.
- a) avoid                      b) hinder                      c) let                      d) stop
19. A cat purrs when it is pleased, but a dog . . . . . its tail.
- a) bends                      b) moves                      c) wags                      d) waves
20. I was badly scratched by my cat's . . . . .
- a) claws                      b) hooves                      c) nails                      d) paws
21. When my wife comes home, our dog always jumps up and . . . . her face.
- a) kisses                      b) licks                      c) moistens                      d) sucks
22. When the cat is angry, its . . . . stands up on end.
- a) feather                      b) fur                      c) hide                      d) skin
23. His dog has done everything he told it to do; it is a most . . . . animal.
- a) acceptable                      b) commanding                      c) obedient                      d) orderly
24. Dogs in city streets should be kept on a . . . . .
- a) cord                      b) lead                      c) rope                      d) string

**Task 3. PETS. Choose the best answer.**

1. The dogs in the circus were trained to walk on their . . . . legs.
- a) base                      b) hind                      c) rear                      d) tail

2. The trouble with cats and dogs is that their hair comes out in the spring when they . . . . .
- a) cast      b) moult      c) peel      d) shed
3. As the cat lay asleep, dreaming, his whiskers . . . . .
- a) jerked      b) jogged      c) tweaked      d) twitched
4. He had taught his dog to . . . . . the rabbits he shot.
- a) recover      b) regain      c) restore      d) retrieve
5. Even a small dog in a house can . . . . . a thief.
- a) arrest      b) counter      c) deter      d) forestall
6. Much is done in our city to . . . . . the suffering of unwanted domestic pets.
- a) alleviate      b) help      c) improve      d) remedy
7. The dog let out a . . . . . of pain when his tail was trodden on.
- a) bark      b) croak      c) squawk      d) yelp
8. The dog . . . . . up his ears when he heard his master's voice.
- a) lifted      b) pointed      c) pricked      d) raised
9. To keep a dog's . . . . . in good condition, it should be brushed daily.
- a) coat      b) fleece      c) fur      d) hide
10. The dog's ears . . . . . as he heard footsteps outside the house.
- a) trembled      b) twitched      c) wagged      d) wringled