

## DECORATING

### Task 1. DECORATING. Choose the right answer.

1. Before beginning to use the paint, you should ..... it in the tin.  
a) roll      b) stir      c) turn      d) twist
2. Always wear goggles when spraying paint as a ..... against damage to your eyes.  
a) prevention      b) refuge      c) restriction      d) safeguard
3. The house was built more than a hundred years ago. My father had it .... . when he bought it.  
a) altered      b) changed      c) renewed      d) transformed
4. Changing the colour of the room seemed a good ..... at the time, but they regretted it later.  
a) belief      b) idea      c) opinion      d) thought
5. This room looks terrible, it's in such a ..... .  
a) disorder      b) litter      c) mess      d) rubbish
6. I think the pattern on that wallpaper has been printed ..... .  
a) back to back      b) face down      c) side to side      d) upside down
7. The house is in good ..... though it needs to be repainted.  
a) condition      b) position      c) standing      d) state
8. The colour of the handle does not ..... so long as it is the right size.  
a) affect      b) concern      c) matter      d) worry
9. It's ..... we did something about redecorating the sitting-room.  
a) full-time      b) good time      c) high time      d) long time
10. The floor was so rotten that it almost ..... under his weight.  
a) gave away      b) gave back      c) gave up      d) gave way

11. The Bears have just had their sitting room ..... .  
a) coloured      b) dyed      c) redecorated      d) replaced

12. In my opinion, standards of workmanship have ..... over the past ten years.  
a) aggravated      b) declined      c) diminished      d) eroded

13. Could you give me a rough ..... of what the job might cost?  
a) account      b) correlation      c) estimate      d) value

14. My brother has just had central heating ..... in his flat.  
a) inlaid      b) inset      c) installed      d) introduced

15. The storm ..... a lot of houses in the village.  
a) blew      b) damaged      c) disturbed      d) drowned

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

1. It took us only one day to ..... the paper off all four walls.  
a) chip      b) paste      c) scrape      d) stroke

2. If you paint the walls cream, I think it will ..... the colour of the curtains better.  
a) bring out      b) lift out      c) make out      d) take out

3. If the door has jammed, there's no point in trying to force it open. You'll only ..... the handle off.  
a) drag      b) gouge      c) pluck      d) pull

4. If you want to change the colour of these walls, they will need at least two ..... of paint.  
a) coats      b) coverings      c) layers      d) sheets

5. That door ..... when you open it. You must put some oil on the hinges.  
a) creaks      b) rustles      c) screeches      d) shrieks

6. All the windows of the house were ..... by the explosion.  
a) crashed      b) crushed      c) shattered      d) shredded

7. What a(n) ..... colour that wallpaper is! Why ever did you buy it?  
a) alarming      b) bad      c) dreadful      d) frightening

8. That window needs a new ..... of glass.  
a) mirror      b) oblong      c) pane      d) square

9. I think we should have ..... glass put in the bathroom window. The people on the other side of the street can see right in.  
a) cracked      b) frosted      c) patterned      d) thick

10. The renovation work will ..... closing the local library for at least two months.  
a) accomplish      b) ensure      c) entail      d) result

11. The firm deals more with ..... decoration than building.  
a) inside      b) interior      c) internal      d) inward

12. Shall we ..... off all this awful old wallpaper and paint the room instead?  
a) rip      b) scratch      c) strip      d) tear

13. The front door is in a terrible state; the paint is ..... badly.  
a) crumbling      b) eroding      c) flaking      d) rotting

14. To my ..... I noticed that the roof was leaning to one side.  
a) consternation      b) constitution      c) constriction      d) consumption