

Vocabulary Ex. > Essential Words in English (I)

Finding synonyms > Choose the best answer.

1. widely	(A) broadly	(B) abroad	(C) secretly	(D) truly
2. autonomous	(A) independent	(B) sudden	(C) international	(D) abrupt
3. agile	(A) clumsy	(B) infirm	(C) nimble	(D) strong
4. attractive	(A) appealing	(B) adverse	(C) acceptable	(D) adequate
5. disapproval	(A) attraction	(B) persistence	(C) objection	(D) attention
6. haphazardly	(A) suddenly	(B) dangerously	(C) carelessly	(D) secretly
7. constant	(A) variable	(B) acceptable	(C) abrupt	(D) persistent
8. perfect	(A) original	(B) ideal	(C) defective	(D) abrupt
9. unfavorably	(A) attractively	(B) haphazardly	(C) dangerously	(D) adversely
10. disturbing	(A) aggressive	(B) disruptive	(C) persistent	(D) lovable
11. inspire	(A) celebrate	(B) attract	(C) encourage	(D) appeal
12. advantage	(A) benefit	(B) persistence	(C) nimbleness	(D) allure
13. fragile	(A) modern	(B) famous	(C) allowable	(D) frail
14. contemporary	(A) timing	(B) current	(C) well-known	(D) medieval
15. appealing	(A) refined	(B) encouraging	(C) alluring	(D) popular
16. renowned	(A) unknown	(B) celebrated	(C) possessed	(D) revoked
17. worthwhile	(A) rewarding	(B) acceptable	(C) permitted	(D) agile
18. vigorous	(A) demanding	(B) gentle	(C) energetic	(D) feeble
19. refine	(A) persist	(B) value	(C) perfect	(D) divide
20. distribute	(A) disappoint	(B) disrupt	(C) discourage	(D) dispense
21. indispensable	(A) abrupt	(B) abroad	(C) vital	(D) frail
22. restore	(A) appeal	(B) revitalize	(C) attract	(D) disrupt
23. conform	(A) participate	(B) differ	(C) reaffirm	(D) obey
24. notice	(A) observe	(B) refine	(C) distribute	(D) analyze
25. current	(A) energetic	(B) ideal	(C) ongoing	(D) intense
26. detect	(A) cover	(B) spy	(C) overlook	(D) modify
27. intense	(A) strong	(B) intolerant	(C) allowable	(D) vitally
28. enrich	(A) alter	(B) dispense	(C) disrupt	(D) enhance
29. unbearable	(A) inspiring	(B) unfavorable	(C) intolerable	(D) ancient
30. proposal	(A) question	(B) comment	(C) suggestion	(D) notion



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Choosing synonyms in context > Choose the word or phrase that is closest in meaning to the word **in bold**.

1. As a government official, Benjamin Franklin often traveled **abroad**.
(A) widely (B) frequently (C) alone (D) overseas
2. American poet James Merrily received critical **acclaim** for his work entitled Jim's Book.
(A) advice (B) disapproval (C) praise (D) attention
3. A revolution in women's fashion during the second half of the twentieth century made trousers **acceptable** for almost all activities.
(A) available (B) permissible (C) suitable (D) ideal
4. No fan, electric or otherwise, **actually** cools the air.
(A) truly (B) haphazardly (C) persistently (D) continuously
5. The climate of Chicago is subject to **abrupt** changes of weather.
(A) sudden (B) extreme (C) adverse (D) disruptive
6. Swallows are among the most **agile** passerine birds.
(A) vigorous (B) frail (C) cunning (D) nimble
7. Shrimping in Mississippi's tidal areas is not **allowed** during the summer months.
(A) beneficial (B) permitted (C) encouraged (D) appealing
8. With the **advent** of cable television and the use of satellites for broadcasting, television reception improved.
(A) arrival (B) installation (C) distribution (D) introduction
9. Most tadpoles are vegetarians, **albeit** those of some species are carnivorous.
(A) although (B) simply (C) supposedly (D) since
10. **Advanced** scientific disciplines like solar cell technology and genetic engineering are exploding with possibilities.
(A) valued (B) celebrated (C) new (D) improved
11. The composition of heavenly bodies can be discovered by **analyzing** the light they emit.
(A) detecting (B) examining (C) intensifying (D) observing
12. In 1985, the Coca-Cola Company **altered** the secret formula of the drink's ingredients.
(A) modified (B) replaced (C) enriched (D) restored
13. Aside from simply being **annoying**, loud noises can permanently damage the ear.
(A) unwelcome (B) bothersome (C) detected (D) intolerable
14. Building construction is **an ancient** human activity.
(A) an old (B) a vital (C) an ongoing (D) a contemporary
15. Manitoba's leaders **anticipated** the changing economic environment during the early part of the twentieth century.
(A) omitted (B) predicted (C) made use of (D) conformed to



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