

Vocabulary Ex. > Essential Words in English (III)

Finding synonyms > Choose the best answer.

1. deform	(A) hide	(B) distort	(C) amaze	(D) block
2. scarcely	(A) delicately	(B) visibly	(C) continually	(D) hardly
3. proper	(A) appropriate	(B) practical	(C) rigid	(D) complex
4. clarify	(A) shed	(B) enhance	(C) explain	(D) elicit
5. dangerous	(A) chief	(B) deceptive	(C) critical	(D) routine
6. thriving	(A) prosperous	(B) resilient	(C) convenient	(D) tolerable
7. purposefully	(A) comparatively	(B) deliberately	(C) constantly	(D) sufficiently
8. different	(A) noticeable	(B) diverse	(C) conventional	(D) curious
9. hypothetically	(A) exceedingly	(B) haphazardly	(C) theoretically	(D) routinely
10. reveal	(A) disclose	(B) baffle	(C) conceal	(D) confirm
11. flaw	(A) particle	(B) agile	(C) defect	(D) creation
12. dictate	(A) mention	(B) create	(C) grow	(D) impose
13. hasten	(A) crawl	(B) crush	(C) conceal	(D) accelerate
14. crop	(A) harvest	(B) advice	(C) mirror	(D) settlement
15. fragment	(A) authorization	(B) particle	(C) cultivation	(D) advantage
16. transport	(A) reveal	(B) carry	(C) move out	(D) restore
17. obtain	(A) gain	(B) allow	(C) baffle	(D) assert
18. discriminate	(A) enhance	(B) persuade	(C) distinguish	(D) distort
19. reflect	(A) mirror	(B) confirm	(C) produce	(D) grin
20. colonize	(A) crawl	(B) cultivate	(C) replace	(D) settle
21. enormous	(A) prosperous	(B) appropriate	(C) huge	(D) classified
22. foreign sales	(A) flaws	(B) money	(C) treasury	(D) exports
23. vibrant	(A) brilliant	(B) critical	(C) noisy	(D) deep
24. depend ON	(A) distort	(B) trust	(C) settle	(D) conceal
25. imposing	(A) impressive	(B) creative	(C) intriguing	(D) ambiguous
26. uniform	(A) rigid	(B) diverse	(C) complex	(D) consistent
27. bank	(A) fragment	(B) treasury	(C) settle	(D) advent
28. lasting	(A) enduring	(B) enriching	(C) energetic	(D) enhancing
29. precise	(A) accurate	(B) huge	(C) thick	(D) prosperous
30. classify	(A) trust	(B) create	(C) puzzle	(D) arrange

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

1. Industrial cities appeared after the full development of industrial capitalism in the **core** nation-states of the eighteenth century.
(A) chief (B) prosperous (C) smallest (D) diverse
2. For calculating a calendar, it is **convenient** to use the tropical solar year.
(A) practical (B) critical (C) necessary (D) appropriate
3. All things consist of atoms and molecules that are **constantly** in motion.
(A) definitely (B) always (C) hardly (D) uniquely
4. Fossil evidence **confirms** that the ancient cuttlefish has existed in its present form for more than 20 million years.
(A) proves (B) suggests (C) clarifies (D) reveals
5. The first swimsuit **concealed** the shape of the human body.
(A) hid (B) flattered (C) distorted (D) revealed
6. Corn and soybeans are **cultivated** on Maryland's eastern shore.
(A) grown (B) found (C) cooked (D) acquired
7. Querns have been used for centuries to **crush** grains.
(A) harvest (B) transport (C) grind (D) distinguish
8. Rows of suction-like tube feet enable the starfish to **creep** along the ocean floor.
(A) crawl (B) feed (C) race (D) settle
9. In the 1930s, the poor business environment **created** a lack of confidence in the economy.
(A) dictated (B) produced (C) started (D) accelerated
10. The vivid colors of the opal are produced by impurities or small **cracks** in the stone.
(A) particles (B) fractures (C) flaws (D) dents
11. In the field of artificial intelligence, scientists study methods for developing computer programs that **display** aspects of intelligent behavior.
(A) exhibit (B) classify (C) develop (D) conform on
12. The **dim** appearance of the Milky Way results from the combined light of stars too far away to be seen with the naked eye.
(A) faint (B) unique (C) immense (D) curious
13. Thistle plants have **dense** heads of small, pink, or purple flowers.
(A) huge (B) fragile (C) thick (D) vibrant
14. No **deep** understanding of the solar system can be achieved without an appreciation of the basic properties of the Sun.
(A) accurate (B) lasting (C) thorough (D) immense
15. The value of a nation's **currency** normally fluctuates, depending upon the strength of its economy and its trade balance.
(A) exports (B) money (C) products (D) treasury

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