

Vocabulary Ex. > Essential Words in English (V)

Finding synonyms > Choose the best answer.

1. solve	(A) restore	(B) resolve	(C) confront	(D) exhaust
2. critical	(A) prevalent	(B) elusive	(C) prime	(D) crucial
3. predictably	(A) extremely	(B) expectedly	(C) conspicuously	(D) extensively
4. hero	(A) idol	(B) amenity	(C) leader	(D) mention
5. inaccessible	(A) depleted	(B) apparent	(C) remote	(D) enormous
6. elude	(A) erode	(B) evade	(C) endorse	(D) enrich
7. extensive	(A) sensitive	(B) impressive	(C) comprehensive	(D) disruptive
8. celebrity	(A) treasury	(B) dignitary	(C) element	(D) dweller
9. evidently	(A) routinely	(B) entirely	(C) exceptionally	(D) obviously
10. suitable	(A) appropriate	(B) annoying	(C) ambiguous	(D) astute
11. sufficient	(A) crucial	(B) essential	(C) ample	(D) extensive
12. survive	(A) erode	(B) weaken	(C) elude	(D) withstand
13. defy	(A) resist	(B) demand	(C) simulate	(D) discriminate
14. indiscriminate	(A) predictable	(B) arbitrary	(C) functional	(D) constant
15. arid	(A) dry	(B) fertile	(C) fresh	(D) drab
16. avoid	(A) avert	(B) amaze	(C) avenge	(D) allow
17. selective	(A) inaccessible	(B) rich	(C) discriminating	(D) recent
18. even	(A) fundamental	(B) erratic	(C) evident	(D) equitable
19. spacious	(A) sensitive	(B) superficial	(C) minuscule	(D) expansive
20. legislate	(A) enact	(B) feign	(C) solve	(D) exhaust
21. favor	(A) manage	(B) support	(C) feign	(D) conform
22. halt	(A) evaporate	(B) avoid	(C) defy	(D) stop
23. postpone	(A) attain	(B) delay	(C) harbor	(D) elude
24. durable	(A) ample	(B) crucial	(C) dominant	(D) sturdy
25. create	(A) generate	(B) gain	(C) release	(D) solve
26. substantial	(A) haphazard	(B) diverse	(C) significant	(D) perilous
27. promote	(A) shelter	(B) boost	(C) harm	(D) face
28. mysterious	(A) unhealthy	(B) dangerous	(C) dramatic	(D) baffling
29. insignificant	(A) meaningless	(B) rudimentary	(C) vigorous	(D) spacious
30. refuse	(A) recover	(B) exhaust	(C) reject	(D) withstand

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

1. Exacting standards and rigorous early training are **evident** where dance has become an art performed before an audience.
(A) emphasized (B) suitable (C) crucial (D) apparent
2. It is known from past experiences that ore deposits can be **exhausted**.
(A) depleted (B) extensive (C) elusive (D) inaccessible
3. A preference for a certain color is an **extremely** personal matter.
(A) a highly (B) an annoyingly (C) a fairly (D) an obviously
4. Once the English colonies became independent state, they **faced** the problem of giving themselves a fresh political organization.
(A) eluded (B) solved (C) confronted (D) anticipated
5. Pop art aimed to portray all **facets** of modern culture.
(A) influences (B) celebrities (C) problems (D) aspects
6. The Constitution of the United defines the **fundamental** rights of its citizens.
(A) essential (B) selective (C) enacted (D) ample
7. Many organisms change their **function** from one season to another.
(A) diet (B) size (C) role (D) shape
8. **Freshly** cut wood must be completely dry before it can be used for construction.
(A) evenly (B) haphazardly (C) coarsely (D) recently
9. Due to large deposits of debris left by glaciers, the midwestern plain of the United States is an extremely **fertile** area for farming.
(A) level (B) rich (C) spacious (D) arid
10. When threatened, the opossum often **feigns** death.
(A) simulates (B) withstands (C) avoids (D) confronts
11. Lindbergh's flight across the Atlantic was extremely **perilous**.
(A) exhausting (B) expensive (C) dangerous (D) effective
12. Toxic contaminants in urban water supplies have been found to occur in **harmful** amounts.
(A) substantial (B) unhealthy (C) insignificant (D) mysterious
13. Presumably desolate desert and tundra areas actually **harbor** many forms of life.
(A) favor (B) halt (C) generate (D) shelter
14. Modern commercial practice relies to a growing extent on arbitration to **handle** disputes.
(A) avoid (B) manage (C) postpone (D) intensify
15. Martin Luther King **gained** recognition for his use of nonviolent methods.
(A) earned (B) rejected (C) enhanced (D) promoted

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