

Vocabulary Ex. > Essential Words in English (V)

Finding synonyms > Choose the best answer.

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|---------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 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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