

# Valuable Lessons: Multiple Choice Vocabulary Test

When adults praise a child (0) \_\_\_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_ trying, despite unacceptable work, they teach that (1) \_\_\_\_\_ is more important than results. I once took (2) \_\_\_\_\_ a class in the middle of a term from a teacher who was a (3) \_\_\_\_\_ marker. After I had returned a batch of marked papers, one boy complained (4) \_\_\_\_\_ receiving a 'C'. "I'm (5) \_\_\_\_\_ to getting 'As'!" he said. When I explained that his essay was badly (6) \_\_\_\_\_, he asked: "What about the pictures? Our other teacher gave extra (7) \_\_\_\_\_ for effort."



Real life seldom (8) \_\_\_\_\_ those who try but don't get results. And it's a rare boss who tolerates an employee who insists that he (9) \_\_\_\_\_ his best. Unmerited praise may keep children from (10) \_\_\_\_\_ their own true capabilities.

Years ago, my best friend was a naturally (11) \_\_\_\_\_ musician. Her family saw every effort as 'brilliant' but she hated practising and often did badly at recitals. After one particularly embarrassing performance, her mother said, "You were wonderful, but that piano needs tuning and the audience was so noisy, it's no (12) \_\_\_\_\_ you forgot the second movement." Had this girl (13) \_\_\_\_\_ criticism, she might have realised her dreams of a concert career. As it was, her playing got gradually worse, she lost (14) \_\_\_\_\_ and eventually (15) \_\_\_\_\_ out of music school.

	A	B	C	D
0	for	on	by	through
1	try	attempt	trial	effort
2	up	over	out	down
3	light	giving	generous	tender
4	about	for	with	by
5	familiar	used	adapted	keen
6	expressed	fixed	made	organised
7	marks	grades	notes	scores
8	awards	merits	rewards	grants
9	made	did	put	went
10	realising	succeeding	gaining	meeting
11	worthy	deserved	capable	gifted
12	doubt	shame	wonder	joke
13	explained	offered	given	received
14	interest	energy	motive	attention
15	fell	went	passed	dropped

# A Famous Traveller: Multiple Choice Vocabulary Test

Wilfred Thesiger's desert journeys in the Middle East are a constant (0) A of inspiration to all those who (1)\_\_\_\_\_ his love for the region. If you are (2)\_\_\_\_\_ in travelling in the Middle East, reading Thesiger is a must. Wilfred was born and (3)\_\_\_\_\_ up in East Africa, where his father worked as a British Government official. Although he left Africa to study in the UK, he returned in the 1930s to begin his own career as an administrator. In the late 1940s, he travelled to the Arabian peninsula to (4)\_\_\_\_\_ information for a locust control project. There he first (5)\_\_\_\_\_ across the Bedu, the traditional nomadic (6)\_\_\_\_\_ of the desert, who would accompany him (7)\_\_\_\_\_ two historic crossings of the absolutely (8)\_\_\_\_\_ 'Empty Quarter' and introduce him to their harsh way of life. Travel and exploration gave meaning to Thesiger's life.

(9)\_\_\_\_\_ he was travelling, he lived as a nomad, visiting remote (10)\_\_\_\_\_ of the world, often on (11)\_\_\_\_\_ living simply among the local peoples and writing about his experiences. His books, more than any others, have caught our imagination and led us to (12)\_\_\_\_\_ the beauty and solitude of the great desert expanses.

#	A	B	C	D
0	source	spring	reason	origin
1	keep	share	fall	hold
2	keen	enthusiastic	fascinated	interested
3	brought	raised	fetches	reared
4	gather	learn	listen	search
5	met	encountered	came	got
6	citizens	tenants	members	inhabitants
7	in	on	at	by
8	vast	big	large	extensive
9	While	Throughout	During	Alongside
10	sides	edges	corners	surfaces
11	horse	foot	camel	bicycle
12	fascinate	appreciate	delight	amuse