Vocabulary training
Sport

Choose the correct option.

1. After years of hard work, Sarah finally became a/an ... tennis player and joined the ranks of elite athletes.

a) amateur   b) championship   c) audience   d) professional

2. In the championship finals, John had to compete against his longtime ..., Mark, in a thrilling match.

a) spectator   b) opponent   c) winner   d) rivalry

3. Emily's dedication to her craft was evident when she decided to ... and try a more challenging routine.

a) narrow a gap   b) succeed   c) raise the bar   d) win by a head

4. David's disappointment was incredible when he failed to ... in the swimming competition despite his hard work.

a) protect   b) take   c) deserve   d) succeed

5. To help alleviate the ... of the upcoming competition, the team engaged in relaxation exercises and meditation.

a) stress   b) bar   c) competition   d) lead

6. Despite his initial hesitation, Jack decided to take a ... at snowboarding during his winter vacation.

a) shot   b) go   c) try   d) hit

7. Maria's incredible performance helped her ... as the reigning champion in figure skating.

a) take up a sport   b) go neck and neck   c) retain a title   d) get down to hard work

8. The decision to ... due to safety concerns disappointed many fans.

a) ban a sport   b) change the behavior   c) be on tight budget   d) have unforgettable memories

9. The race was incredibly close, and the two athletes were ... as they approached the finish line.

a) head and head   b) neck and neck   c) hand and hand   d) nose and nose

10. Lucy's unique painting style allowed her to ... of artists at the exhibition.

a) approach the line   b) get down to hard work   c) stand out from a crowd   d) hear the final whistle

11. The atmosphere in the stadium was electric as the fans eagerly waited to ... and celebrate their team's victory.

a) win by a head   b) announce the winner   c) take the lead   d) hear the final whistle

12. Emily was eager to try her hand at rock climbing, so she decided ... at this challenging sport.

a) to take the lead   b) to be willing to do   c) to take a shot   d) to be on tight budget