

## VOCABULARY FCE 1

Choose the correct item.

1 It took us almost four hours to ..... to London.  
A reach      C get  
B arrive      D approach

2 Some medicines are only available on .....  
A description      C inscription  
B instruction      D prescription

3 She had to pay the adult ..... on the bus because she was 18.  
A fare      C toll  
B amount      D fine

4 If you're on a diet, you should ..... honey for sugar in your tea.  
A change      C substitute  
B replace      D convert

5 Be ....., you can't expect to learn a language in a week.  
A just      C fair  
B sane      D reasonable

6 It's difficult to ..... the difference between margarine and butter.  
A speak      C say  
B tell      D look

7 Without her ..... help they would never have survived the terrible ordeal.  
A priceless      C invaluable  
B worthy      D treasured

8 I remember seeing him on one other ..... with his wife.  
A incident      C occasion  
B moment      D celebration

9 The two small companies are going to ..... at the end of the year.  
A mix      C merge  
B blend      D meet

10 Be careful not to ..... your finger with that needle.  
A bite      C prick  
B scratch      D sting

11 After you've eaten those sweets, make sure you throw the ..... in the bin.  
A waste      C litter  
B junk      D debris

12 How can I ..... you of her innocence?  
A convince      C assume  
B influence      D prove

13 The general was found guilty of dishonourable conduct and ..... of his rank.  
A stolen      C ripped  
B robbed      D stripped

14 Every ..... must take a drug test before the race.  
A contestant      C opponent  
B winner      D rival

15 Gavin was hired to ..... young police cadets in the art of self-defence.  
A practise      C instruct  
B inform      D rehearse

16 My headmaster made a ..... at his retirement party.  
A lecture      C debate  
B speech      D talk

17 Can you ..... the children from school since you're going out?  
A take      C carry  
B bring      D fetch

18 That coat is far too .....; I'll never be able to afford it.  
A rich      C expensive  
B reasonable      D precious

19 She spends a great ..... of her time in London.  
A period      C quantity  
B number      D deal

20 The scientists ..... the behaviour of the laboratory animals.  
A observed      C uncovered  
B recognised      D discovered

**21** She used the ..... of the cloth to make a patchwork quilt.  
 A leftover      C ending  
 B rest      D remaining

**22** Many birds ..... south during the winter months.  
 A emigrate      C immigrate  
 B originate      D migrate

**23** Certain medicines can now help to ..... life.  
 A delay      C stretch  
 B prolong      D expand

**24** Workers are paid money for their ..... .  
 A labour      C job  
 B duty      D career

**25** When he is nervous, his hands ..... .  
 A shake      C shiver  
 B vibrate      D shudder

**26** He ..... something under his breath.  
 A shouted      C muttered  
 B mentioned      D told

**27** He often gets lost because he never pays attention to the road ..... .  
 A signals      C posts  
 B signs      D symbols

**28** If you ..... your gloves there, you'll never remember to pick them up.  
 A leave      C forget  
 B misplace      D lose

**29** The baby tried to walk, but it kept falling ..... .  
 A back      C on  
 B off      D over

**30** The sun is too hot - let's sit in the ..... .  
 A shadow      C shade  
 B darkness      D cover

**31** The Republican Party have been in ..... in the U.S.A since 2000.  
 A force      C authority  
 B rule      D power

**32** He was so tired that he fell ..... during the lecture.  
 A sleeping      C sleepy  
 B asleep      D sleepless

**33** A huge ..... spread across her face when she saw her boyfriend.  
 A grin      C chuckle  
 B giggle      D laugh

**34** The driver had to ..... quickly to avoid hitting a tree.  
 A swing      C twist  
 B sway      D swerve

**35** James won a ..... to go and study in America.  
 A grant      C donation  
 B scholarship      D charity

**36** Working in the bar at night provided another source of ..... for Paul.  
 A wage      C salary  
 B pay      D income

**37** The ..... of the roses was beautiful.  
 A flavour      C odour  
 B savour      D scent

**38** My friends and I are going to ..... a house together.  
 A lend      C rent  
 B hire      D borrow

**39** Be careful skating on that pond – the ice might ..... .  
 A crash      C crack  
 B smash      D tear

**40** You need a ..... to be able to park your car there.  
 A licence      C certificate  
 B permit      D diploma

**41** I didn't have time to read the newspaper but I had a quick ..... at the headlines.  
 A glance      C wink  
 B gaze      D stare

**42** I had to ..... out of the window to shout to him.  
 A bend      C bow  
 B lean      D stick

**43** Look in the telephone ..... for his phone number.  
 A directory      C leaflet  
 B catalogue      D brochure

44 There was a long ..... on his face.

A bruise      C scar  
B blister      D bump

45 I remember the amazing mountain ..... from my holiday in Austria.

A display      C sight  
B spectacle      D scenery

46 Late arrivals to the theatre will be ..... entry until the interval.

A neglected      C ignored  
B refused      D rejected

47 The princess hoped one day to marry a ..... prince.

A handsome      C beautiful  
B pretty      D delightful

48 Ruth is a very ..... person who enjoys going to parties.

A solitary      C bold  
B communal      D sociable

49 It was a terrible accident, but fortunately there were very ..... casualties.

A little      C few  
B small      D less

50 She really should get a new coat because her old one is so .....

A messy      C untidy  
B scruffy      D careless

51 The murderer was ..... to life imprisonment.

A accused      C charged  
B sentenced      D tried

52 She ..... herself with her new perfume.

A showered      C sprayed  
B sprinkled      D scattered

53 The school was very small, with a ..... of only three teachers.

A team      C cast  
B crew      D staff

54 Somebody's loss is often somebody else's .....

A win      C gain  
B achievement      D rise

55 The cinema is right on the corner – you can't ..... it.

A lose      C avoid  
B miss      D drop

56 The cricket match was stopped early due to ..... rain that lasted two hours.

A huge      C big  
B heavy      D powerful

57 The jury ..... their verdict of not guilty.

A mentioned      C announced  
B presented      D said

58 The TV was very expensive so I've arranged to pay for it in .....

A deposits      C instalments  
B sections      D portions

59 We arrived early at the airport and were able to check ..... for our flight straight away.

A in      C up  
B out      D off

60 I'm going to buy some ..... in order to make myself a new dress.

A clothes      C costumes  
B cloth      D clothing

61 It took us ages to get here, but ..... we're home!

A lately      C at last  
B eventually      D in the end

62 Since I live on the ..... of the city, I have a long drive into town every day.

A suburbs      C outskirts  
B outside      D border

63 Large companies sometimes try to take ..... smaller companies by buying a majority of the shares.

A in      C down  
B after      D over

64 The only tourist ..... in the town was the medieval church.

A fascination      C charm  
B appeal      D attraction

65 Sally ..... down on everyone who isn't as clever as her.

A puts                    C takes  
B pushes                D looks

66 John decided to ..... his subscription to the magazine.

A delay                C cancel  
B undo                D delete

67 His injuries seemed minor at first, but in the end they were .....

A deathly            C fatal  
B lethal               D terminal

68 I grew up in a small town on the south ..... of England.

A shore                C bank  
B coast                D side

69 Julie decided to break ..... with her boyfriend after they'd been together for two years.

A down                C up  
B out                D away

70 To get the best view, we drove right to the ..... of the cliff.

A border            C edge  
B limit               D margin

71 The astronauts' landing on the moon was a historic ..... for the world.

A moment            C instant  
B interval           D period

72 I haven't yet ..... all my ambitions.

A managed            C succeeded  
B achieved           D reached

73 Bill managed to get ..... a lot of paperwork today.

A along               C by  
B over                D through

74 He gave a ..... of relief when the exam was over.

A yawn                C cough  
B sigh                D breath

75 It's easier to ..... a pill if you take it with water.

A bite                C swallow  
B chew                D lick

76 I've just seen an interesting news ..... about global warming.

A study               C announcement  
B account           D report

77 My rich uncle ..... a large estate in England.

A belongs            C claims  
B owns               D holds

78 This brooch has been passed ..... through three generations as a family heirloom.

A over                C down  
B away                D off

79 I'm feeling quite ill and may not be ..... such a long journey.

A in with            C up to  
B in for               D over to

80 The lion gave such a ..... that we all ran away.

A purr               C grunt  
B bark                D roar

81 I'm quite good at golf but I need to ..... my swing.

A train               C exercise  
B coach               D practise

82 Jake got up early and left quietly without ..... anyone.

A bothering           C annoying  
B upsetting           D disturbing

83 Tom bought a ..... of bananas at the supermarket yesterday.

A group               C stack  
B pile                D bunch

84 It was rather childish of her to ..... into tears when you corrected her mistake.

A fall                C burst  
B melt                D break

85 Donna knew that she was right and was determined to ..... up for herself.

A stay                C stand  
B shout               D support

86 The plumber changed into his ..... before he started work.

A suit      C overalls  
B uniform    D costume

87 Her diamond necklace ..... in the sunlight.

A polished    C brightened  
B sparkled   D lightened

88 I've left you a ..... on the table.

A note      C mark  
B sign      D notice

89 We spent a fortune ..... the living room in our grandparents' house.

A repairing    C renovating  
B restoring   D renewing

90 I prefer to pay for everything in ..... so I always know how much money I have.

A credit      C currency  
B cash      D change

91 I live near the office so I only have a short ..... to work.

A trip      C travel  
B expedition    D excursion

92 The house is in a(n) ..... location, very near the shops and public transport.

A essential    C convenient  
B comfortable   D beneficial

93 The old man strolled down the quiet country ..... with his dog.

A lane      C way  
B route    D alley

94 To promote their product, the company is going to give ..... free samples.

A over      C up  
B off      D away

95 There's still speculation that one day they will ..... the Titanic from the sea bed.

A pull      C increase  
B raise    D tow

96 The farmer led his ..... of cows into the field to graze.

A flock      C herd  
B swarm    D school

97 Banking is a respected .....

A task      C work  
B employment    D career

98 He decided it wasn't ..... reading the report as he'd been informed of all the changes already.

A worthy    C worthwhile  
B valuable   D important

99 Don't forget to ..... off the lights before you go to bed.

A turn      C make  
B put      D close

100 I got the ..... for goulash from my colleague. She's Hungarian.

A receipt    C formula  
B recipe   D menu

101 He's a very lively child who doesn't sit ..... for one minute.

A unmoving   D peaceful  
B still      D inactive

102 She could barely ..... out the cottage in the darkness.

A spot      C see  
B make    D draw

103 After all that walking, my legs were so ..... that I could hardly bend them.

A tight      C solid  
B stiff      D hard

104 The build-up of fumes in cities results in terrible .....

A smog      C fog  
B haze      D mist

105 This book ..... a glossary of popular terms.

A includes    C contains  
B consists   D involves

106 'What ..... of hair gel do you usually use, Lisa?'

A mark      C name  
B brand    D label

107 John can still recite poems he learnt off by ..... at school.

A memory    C mind  
B head      D heart

**108** The police tried to catch the thief, but he ran ..... too quickly.

A away      C past  
B forward    D after

**109** It's your ..... that everything has gone wrong.

A mistake    C error  
B blame      D fault

**110** After the accident they took him to the ambulance ..... a stretcher.

A onto      C in  
B with      D on

**111** Have you got the ..... for your mother's chocolate cake?

A recipe    C method  
B prescription    D formula

**112** The ..... of Italy is very mountainous.

A interior    C inside  
B core      D middle

**113** Some of the ..... tried to help the victims of the accident.

A spectators    C audience  
B viewers      D onlookers

**114** Martin found an ..... coin in his garden.

A aged      C elderly  
B ancient    D old-fashioned

**115** There are many small brown ..... on the beach.

A rocks      C pebbles  
B bricks    D boulders

**116** He ..... some jam on his toast.

A spread    C scattered  
B spilt      D sprinkled

**117** If you ..... the cheese, I'll make the sauce for the spaghetti.

A grate    C beat  
B chop    D cut

**118** When the bread dough had risen, I ..... it in the oven.

A baked    C grilled  
B fried    D boiled

**119** I can't eat this apple, it's too .....

A salty    C sour  
B peppery    D spicy

**120** That sculpture is a very interesting ..... of art, actually.

A part      C piece  
B bit      D unit

**121** There will be a twenty-minute ..... halfway through the performance.

A stop      C interval  
B pause    D gap

**122** Stress brings out the worst ..... of his character.

A area      C view  
B side      D point

**123** He expects to be given everything he wants because his parents have ..... him.

A ruined    C damaged  
B destroyed    D spoiled

**124** I have many business ..... in Germany, but I don't know them well.

A allies    C companions  
B friends    D associates

**125** It is his ..... to become a famous singer.

A fortune    C chance  
B destiny    D opportunity

**126** We were ..... up for five hours in heavy traffic.

A put      C held  
B picked    D hurried

**127** This diet is ..... in vitamins.

A deficient    C short  
B inadequate    D insufficient

**128** You can see the ..... of the mountain on a clear day.

A point    C tip  
B cap      D summit

**129** He is so ..... to criticism that you can't say a thing about his work.

A aware    C conscious  
B sensitive    D sensible

**130** Clara has got perfect ..... and can even see well in the dark.

A view    C sight  
B eyesight    D site