

## 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                C 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