

**1** The reader has to work ... who did it, who committed the crime.

- a) out
- b) off
- c) in

**2** It's interesting how many times a reader can be sent up ... alleys.

- a) twisted
- b) long
- c) blind

**3** It's interesting how many red ... the author can throw in the reader's path.

- a) fish
- b) herrings
- c) sharks

**4** The main idea is to keep the readers in a permanent state of ... .

- a) suspense
- b) suspension
- c) suspending

**5** As the plot ..., you will find out something strange about him.

- a) unfolds
- b) unties
- c) undoes

**6** It's normal to feel as if you are walking in a ... .

- a) mess
- b) mist
- c) maze

**7** Brian uses his little grey ... – his brains.

- a) atoms
- b) cells
- c) molecules

**8** The detective decided to call all the ... together in the end.

- a) suspected
- b) suspects
- c) suspecting

**9** One by one he ... the innocent.

- a) excluding
- b) eliminates
- c) exerts

**10** The former chairman bothered to take ... in the final meeting.

- a) part
- b) parted
- c) parting

**11** The damage is done and it's no good crying over spilled ... .

- a) water
- b) beer
- c) milk

**12** It is a crying ... that the project is now being abandoned.

- a) shame
- b) shock
- c) pity

**13** She soon got known as a regular ... at school.

- a) crygirl
- b) crybaby
- c) cryinfant

**14** His garden cried out ... something colourful to be planted.

- a) for
- b) on
- c) to

**15** Our guest cried ... at the last moment.

- a) on
- b) with
- c) off

**16** For crying out ... how many times do I have to tell you not to do that?

- a) loud
- b) hard
- c) strong

**17** She's simply crying for the ... .

- a) sun
- b) moon
- c) earth

**18** Nobody believes her because she has cried ... so often.

- a) wolf
- b) dog
- c) cat

**19** Working conditions today are a ... cry from how they were ten years ago.

- a) far
- b) long
- c) distant

**20** There was a noisy crowd of about ten people in ... cry chasing the man.

- a) strong
- b) loud
- c) full

**21** He didn't have much in the way of property – just ... and pieces.

- a) bits
- b) dots
- c) things

**22** In fact this was a piece of ... for her as it happened.

- a) gratitude
- b) luck
- c) fortune

**23** The ... of the piece arrived in the shape of a burglar.

- a) evil
- b) peasant
- c) villain

**24** Don't ... to pieces. Stay calm.

- a) go
- b) come
- c) find

**25** He didn't want to get involved and have a piece of the ... and fled.

- a) acting
- b) action
- c) act

**26** I want to hear your opinion. Please give me a piece of your ... .

- a) brain
- b) thoughts
- c) mind

**27** She told him he was a ... piece of work.

- a) disgusting
- b) nasty
- c) bad

**28** The poor man didn't have a proper job and only did piece ... .

- a) work
- b) works
- c) working

**29** The architecture in this town is ... of a piece.

- a) complete
- b) all
- c) same

**30** The police arrived and were pleased to see that her was all right and in ... piece.

- a) good
- b) fine
- c) one