

Michigan in Action

Choose the word or phrase that best completes the sentence.

- 1 Jasper's work experience will allow him to hit ____ when he starts his new job next week.
a a failure
b rock bottom
c the ground running
d from bad to worse
- 2 Unfortunately, we only have one position and it must go to the ____ candidate.
a wildest
b highest
c strongest
d greatest
- 3 We had to work around the ____ to produce enough goods to fill the big order we had last week.
a clock
b priority
c day
d overnight
- 4 Despite his poor performance in last month's athletics trials, Jack is still ____ for a medal in next week's race.
a in the running
b meeting the deadline
c on his plate
d by a mile
- 5 Although not everyone is a fan of Justin Bieber, most people agree he is worthy of his ____ success.
a influential
b aspiring
c phenomenal
d resourceful
- 6 Jenny ____ her audition and was immediately offered the part!
a went up against
b scraped through
c took off
d waltzed through
- 7 You've got one last chance to take this exam and pass, so you'd better ____ and do some work.
a take off
b scrape through
c knuckle down
d excel at
- 8 Unfortunately, Jamie's plans to tour around Australia didn't ____ due to a lack of finances.
a fall through
b pan out
c pull off
d knuckle down
- 9 Phoebe ____ all our expectations with her incredible performance in the dance contest.
a attained
b approved
c reached
d surpassed
- 10 The money laundering scandal lead to the minister's ____ fall from political power.
a prodigious
b precipitous
c dismal
d persistent
- 11 A major political party is ____ the campaign for tighter gun controls in the wake of last month's shooting.
a procuring
b setting
c spearheading
d fulfilling
- 12 Unfortunately, Tina's attempts to get a part in a West End show have been a dismal ____.
a downfall
b contribution
c disaster
d failure
- 13 Robbie is no ____ student; he gets straight As in all subjects and is captain of the football team.
a well-known
b up-and-coming
c self-made
d run-of-the-mill
- 14 My father was proud of being ____ man – he started out with nothing and now he's a successful businessman.
a an aspiring
b a self-made
c a zealous
d a burgeoning
- 15 In its ____, the city of Bath was a magnet for wealthy and fashionable people from all over the country.
a dream
b foothold
c prestige
d heyday
- 16 Zoe's plans to study at university ____ when she didn't get the required grades in her school leaving exams.
a fell through
b wrote off
c got back
d put in
- 17 Sally attends the ____ Royal Ballet School in Richmond.
a precipitous
b resilient
c prestigious
d persevering
- 18 I hope I'll be able to ____ today's performance on the opening night.
a aspire
b emulate
c advocate
d persevere
- 19 William ____ to becoming a powerful politician and has already started to make his way in the world of politics.
a persists
b determines
c aspires
d perseveres
- 20 Pablo is just twelve years old, but thanks to his parents' encouragement, he is already a ____ chess player.
a prodigious
b peak
c useful
d resilient

Unit 1

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Read the article about a successful football club and choose the correct answers.

A football fairy-tale come true

The 2015–2016 Premier League football season was full of surprises, not least of which was its unlikely winner. Leicester City, a club which had hit (1) ____ in 2014 finishing in fourteenth place, found itself (2) ____ of the league one year later and went on to win the title. It was an unbelievable (3) ____ which its supporters could never in their (4) ____ dreams have imagined.

At the beginning of the season, bookmakers' odds of 5,000 to 1 on Leicester City go to show how far out of the (5) ____ they were expected to be. Commentators, fans and sports experts had all but written the team (6) _____. But under the leadership of their new manager, Claudio Ranieri, the team went from (7) ____ during the season and finally lifted the cup for the first time in their club's history.

This huge (8) ____ proves that with courage, hard work and a little bit of luck, even the lowliest team can come out on top.

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| 1 a top marks | b the ground | c the roof | d rock bottom |
| 2 a top | b summit | c peak | d head |
| 3 a turnover | b turn-off | c turn-up | d turnaround |
| 4 a maddest | b strongest | c wildest | d most intense |
| 5 a training | b running | c driving | d racing |
| 6 a off | b out | c over | d through |
| 7 a A to B | b bad to worse | c cover to cover | d strength to strength |
| 8 a credit | b fulfilment | c accomplishment | d prestige |

