

Vocabulary practice (People and Lifestyles)

Ex 1. Complete the following sentences with a word or expression from the box.

tie the knot	split	engagement	got engaged	courting	living
got on	wined and dined	attracted to	proposed	chatted her up	
fallen in love	asked her out	drift	cohabiting	go out	

George first met Alison at a party and was immediately (1) _____ her. He (2) _____ and at the end of the evening (3) _____ to dinner at a nearby restaurant. She accepted his offer and the next evening he (4) _____ her in style, with champagne and delicious, exotic foods. They (5) _____ well with each other, decided to meet again and then started to (6) _____ on a regular basis. George's granny was delighted that he was (7) _____ at last. It wasn't long before they realised that they had (8) _____ with each other. A few months later, they bought a flat and moved in together. George's granny disapproved of them (9) _____ in sin, but George explained that (10) _____ was quite normal these days. One day, George decided to ask Alison to marry him, so after a romantic meal, he got down on one knee and (11) _____ to her. They (12) _____ and the next day announced their (13) _____ to their friends and family. Their parents were delighted that they had decided to (14) _____. George's friends weren't so sure, however, and all agreed that they would (15) _____ up and (16) _____ apart long before the wedding.

Ex 2. Choose the best word which completes each of these sentences.

A. Appearance

1. She spent hours in front of the mirror, _____ her eyebrows to change their shape and to get rid of the unibrow.

a. plucking b. furrowing c. raising d. knitting

2. John has brown hair and _____ cheeks.

a. thick b. tanned c. long d. chubby

3. 'He looked _____ with an unshaven face and red, watery eyes.'

a. clean b. tidy c. flat d. scruffy

4. He couldn't deny that he was a (an) _____ man, with fine features and light hair that waved over his forehead.

a. handsome b. beautiful c. ugly d. scruffy

5. If you are _____, losing weight may help you feel better.

a. slim b. skinny c. overweight d. thin

6. Her young skin was creamy white with a scattering of light _____ on her high cheekbones.

a. nostrils b. freckles c. plaits d. wrinkles

7. She had long, light brown hair with bright reddish-blond _____.

a. ponytails b. plaits c. parting d. highlights

8. Her long hazelnut coloured hair was tied back into a _____ which hung down to her lower back.

a. fringe b. haircut c. ponytail d. highlights

9. He needed a shave, his _____ was pale and sickly and he looked drastically deprived of sleep.

a. beard b. complexion c. appearance d. countenance

10. It is very easy to disguise most _____ and freckles with makeup; there is an endless supply on sale.

a. lips b. cheeks c. eyelashes d. birthmarks

11. To keep your _____ trimmed, an electric razor would be most effective.

a. fingernails b. sideburns c. parting d. eyelashes

12. She had short, dark brown hair that reached her neck, and her _____ was at the left side, so more hair curved over the right.

a. shoulder b. parting c. ear d. head

13. My face is small and sharp, like an elf, with a _____ nose and chin.

a. puffy b. curly c. hollow d. pointed

14. Her _____ gracefully curved over her eyes.

a. elbows b. eyelashes c. sideburns d. plaits

B. Character

1. Andrew is a/an _____ man – he is determined to become a famous businessman.
a. ambitious b. sensible c. narrow-minded d. gentle
2. He is so _____. He doesn't care about anyone's feelings except his own.
a. kind-hearted b. reliable c. selfish d. neutral
3. Mark is very _____. He never tells anyone he is a self-made millionaire.
a. boastful b. modest c. moody d. talkative
4. I told Frank that the plan wouldn't work, but he's so _____ that he just wouldn't listen.
a. stubborn b. polite c. patient d. miserable
5. My mother's very _____; she's always buying little gifts for her friends.
a. careless b. hardworking c. tolerant d. generous
6. Leo was too _____ to ask Mandy out on a date.
a. responsible b. shy c. gullible d. funny
7. Fred always gets the best marks in class. He is the most _____ person I know.
a. self-assured b. short-tempered c. intelligent d. two-faced
8. She was a _____ girl – always smiling and singing.
a. sympathetic b. nasty c. adventurous d. cheerful
9. The children at my new school are _____ and made me feel welcome immediately.
a. friendly b. conceited c. cruel d. ill-mannered
10. He was _____ of his musical abilities and knew that he'd win the talent contest.
a. scared b. broad-minded c. confident d. arrogant
11. Jane tends to be a bit _____. She is always running late and losing things.
a. charming b. bossy c. dull d. disorganised
12. Since Gayle is so _____, I sometimes can't tell how she feels.
a. supportive b. lively c. reserved d. honest
13. Alice may be smart, but she tends to be a little _____ and is always forgetting where she puts things.
a. obedient b. outgoing c. chatty d. absent-minded
14. Joanne is the life and soul of the party. She is such a _____ girl.
a. bad-tempered b. careless c. sociable d. defensive

Ex 3. Choose the correct word.

1. We are a pretty **extended** / **close-knit** family, we tend to talk to each other every day.
2. I get **on** / **out** especially well with my first cousin. We are only a year apart in age and have grown up together.
3. Many parents find it hard to understand their **adolescent** / **senior** children.
4. To me this was pointless as I loved my **fiancé** / **fiancée** and he loved me so why not get out and see the world together as a **pair** / **couple**.
5. Friends say the **foster** / **adult** children are treated as members of the family, and go on holidays with them.
6. While at play, **adolescents** / **toddlers** and young children are usually in the care of older **siblings** / **spouses**.
7. She'd been a **bridesmaid** / **bride** at their wedding and was now a **godmother** / **mother-in-law** of their recently-born firstborn child Jacob.
8. The **newly-wed** / **newborn couple** are wished every happiness and joy in their married lives.
9. Traditional Japanese **brides** / **grooms** wear three wedding robes – a white kimono, a coloured kimono, and a white dress and veil.
10. The basic Croatian family unit is the **extended** / **nuclear** family of parents and children living in one home.
11. A young couple got married and left on their **engagement** / **honeymoon**.
12. Disabling chronic illness, depressive mood, functional decline, and **active** / **sedentary** lifestyles are among the most important prevention targets.
13. Among other things, the play shows how a sort of **traditional** / **bohemian** lifestyle has become mainstream in certain sections of society, with no expectation of marriage or even long-term relationships.
14. Most respondents recognised the importance of exercise and diet to the maintenance of a **healthy** / **stressful** lifestyle.