

Choose the Best Meaning – With Clues

Read the sentence. The clues in bold will help you understand the word. Choose the correct meaning (a, b, or c).

1. This old book has some **gappy** pages, with big spaces where the words are missing.
 - a) Full of holes or spaces
 - b) Full of colours
 - c) Very heavy
2. The dodo bird is **extinct** — it died out many years ago and no birds of that kind are alive today.
 - a) Still living
 - b) No longer existing
 - c) Very dangerous
3. After living in Canada for years, she is **accustomed to** the cold winters — she feels fine in the snow.
 - a) Comfortable with something because it is familiar
 - b) Afraid of something
 - c) Angry about something
4. He was very **pleased** when he passed his driving test — he smiled all day.
 - a) Sad
 - b) Happy
 - c) Tired
5. Some plants are **invasive** — they grow quickly in a new place and hurt the local plants.
 - a) Helping other plants grow
 - b) Taking over and causing harm
 - c) Smelling nice
6. The rescue was **remarkable** — everyone said it was amazing and could not believe it happened.
 - a) Very good and surprising
 - b) Very boring
 - c) Very small
7. His work experience is **varied** — he has done many different jobs.
 - a) Always the same
 - b) Having many types
 - c) Very hard
8. The heavy snow was **unprecedented** — it had never happened before in this city.
 - a) Happening for the first time
 - b) Happening every year
 - c) Not important
9. This bird has **distinct** red wings — they are clearly different from the rest of its body.
 - a) Easy to see as different

- b) Very small
- c) Difficult to find

10. The pyramids are **ancient** buildings — they are thousands of years old.

- a) Very new
- b) Very old
- c) Very tall

11. The **initial** plan was to travel by car, but later we decided to take the train.

- a) First
- b) Last
- c) Worst

12. The snake's bite is **lethal** — it can kill a person in minutes.

- a) Harmless
- b) Deadly
- c) Colourful

13. I went to the **neighbouring** town — it is just next to my city.

- a) Far away
- b) Very big
- c) Close by

14. In Japan, it is **customary** to bow when greeting someone — it's a tradition.

- a) Strange
- b) Usual in a culture
- c) Rude

15. The shelter was **inadequate** — it was too small and not safe for the storm.

- a) Not enough or not good enough
- b) Very comfortable
- c) Perfect

16. She is an **influential** leader — she can change people's opinions easily.

- a) Having power to affect others
- b) Quiet and shy
- c) Always wrong

17. The dog became **hostile** — it started barking and trying to bite.

- a) Friendly
- b) Unfriendly and aggressive
- c) Sleepy

18. He is **capable** of speaking three languages — he can do it well.

- a) Not able to do something
- b) Able to do something
- c) Unsure about something

19. Her red dress was very **noticeable** — everyone saw it right away.

- a) Easy to see
- b) Easy to forget
- c) Hard to find

20. They live in a **prosperous** area — most people there have good jobs and nice houses.

- a) Poor
- b) Rich and successful
- c) Empty

21. She is a **prominent** scientist — she is well known and respected in her field.

- a) Not important
- b) Famous and important
- c) Very quiet

22. Children are very **resilient** — they can recover quickly after they get sick.

- a) Able to get better quickly
- b) Always tired
- c) Always happy

23. Selling houses is a **lucrative** job — you can make a lot of money from it.

- a) Makes a lot of money
- b) Very boring
- c) Hard to find

24. We need a **sustainable** way to use water — one that will not run out in the future.

- a) Safe for a long time
- b) Using too much
- c) Cheap

25. The new song became **widespread** — people in many countries heard it.

- a) Known by many people
- b) Only for one person
- c) Boring

26. It is not **feasible** to walk to the airport — it is too far.

- a) Possible to do
- b) Impossible to do
- c) Fun to do

27. Fresh water is **scarce** in the desert — it is hard to find.

- a) Easy to find
- b) Not enough
- c) Tastes bad

28. Rice is important to **indigenous** people in this area — they have grown it for hundreds of years.

- a) Native to a place
- b) Foreign
- c) Unhealthy

29. Smoking has an **adverse** effect on health — it is bad for your body.

- a) Positive
- b) Negative or harmful
- c) Funny

30. She was **meticulous** about her homework — she checked every detail carefully.

- Very careful with details
- Very lazy
- Very fast

Choose the Best Meaning – With Clues (Nouns)

Read the sentence. The bold words give you clues to the meaning. Choose the correct answer (a, b, or c).

- The bird looked **odd-looking** with its bright pink feathers and square-shaped beak.
 - Strange or unusual in appearance
 - Very beautiful
 - Very small
- The chimpanzee is the nearest **relative** to humans — they share much of the same DNA.
 - An animal or person most closely related
 - A very distant family member
 - A pet
- There is a strong **resemblance** between the twins — they look almost the same.
 - Being very different
 - Looking similar
 - Speaking the same language
- Kindness is an important **trait** for a good leader.
 - A personal quality or characteristic
 - A mistake
 - A job
- This park is the **site** of an ancient temple — it was built here long ago.
 - Place where something is or happens
 - A type of tree
 - A piece of equipment
- The rise in pollution has a bad **implication** for people's health.
 - Possible result or effect
 - A happy surprise
 - A celebration
- Logging** is a big problem here — many trees are cut down for wood.
 - Cutting down trees for timber
 - Planting new trees
 - Watching birds

8. An **ape** is an animal like a chimpanzee, gorilla, or orangutan.

- A large monkey without a tail
- A type of bird
- A kind of fish

9. **Conservation** helps protect endangered animals and nature.

- Protecting and saving the environment
- Selling animals
- Cleaning a room

10. Her cooking **prowess** impressed everyone — she is an excellent chef.

- Great skill or ability
- A bad habit
- A hobby

11. There is a small **flaw** in the dress — a button is missing.

- A mistake or defect
- A decoration
- A colour

12. Snow in summer here is an **aberration** — it almost never happens.

- Something unusual or not normal
- Something boring
- Something expected

13. The teacher's **presence** in the classroom made students feel calm.

- Being in a place
- Speaking loudly
- Giving homework

14. The child's drawing was an **imitation** of his father's painting — it looked similar.

- A copy of something
- A completely new design
- A mistake

15. The **preservation** of old buildings keeps history alive for the future.

- Keeping something safe from damage
- Destroying something
- Moving something

16. The main **shortcoming** of the phone is that its battery dies quickly.

- A weakness or problem
- A positive feature
- A price

17. A healthy **diet** includes fruits, vegetables, and clean water.

- The food and drink a person eats
- Exercise every day
- Medicines you take

18. The weather forecast gave a **projection** of heavy rain next week.

- A guess about the future

b) A celebration
c) A photograph

19. The two countries formed an **alliance** to help each other in trade.
a) Agreement to work together
b) A fight
c) A sports game

20. A low budget is a **constraint** — it limits what we can do.
a) Something that stops or limits you
b) Something that makes you faster
c) A celebration

21. The new law caused a **controversy** — many people disagreed and argued about it.
a) A big public disagreement
b) A happy event
c) A private meeting

22. The scientist made a **breakthrough** — a new discovery that could save lives.
a) Important discovery or progress
b) A small mistake
c) A holiday

23. This butterfly is a rare **specimen** in the museum — only one like it exists here.
a) Example or sample of something
b) Type of food
c) Tool

24. The lion showed its **dominance** over the others by leading the group.
a) Power or control over others
b) Fear of others
c) Friendship

25. An **advocate** for children's rights speaks for and defends them.
a) Person who supports or speaks for a cause
b) Person who sells something
c) Person who teaches a class

26. A **proponent** of renewable energy believes it is the best choice for the future.
a) Person who supports an idea or plan
b) Person who destroys things
c) Person who complains

27. The study showed a strong **correlation** between exercise and good health.
a) Connection or relationship
b) Difference
c) Competition

28. Scientists tested their **hypothesis** to see if it was correct.
a) Idea or guess that can be tested
b) Fact that never changes
c) Question that cannot be answered

29. The **notion** that money brings happiness is not always true.

- a) Belief or idea
- b) A problem
- c) A type of job

30. There is a big **inequality** between rich and poor in this country.

- a) A difference that is not fair
- b) A friendly relationship
- c) A new law

Choose the Best Meaning – With Clues (Verbs)

Read the sentence. The bold words give clues to help you understand the meaning. Choose the correct answer (a, b, or c).

1. The rabbit suddenly **disappeared** — one moment it was there, the next it was gone.

- a) Went away so you cannot see it
- b) Became bigger
- c) Made a loud sound

2. He broke his leg but will **recover** — the doctor says he will be healthy again soon.

- a) Get better after being sick or hurt
- b) Stay sick forever
- c) Become angry

3. The farmer will **feed** the chickens every morning by giving them corn.

- a) Give food to someone or something
- b) Talk to someone
- c) Watch carefully

4. Reading books can **enrich** your mind — it gives you more ideas and knowledge.

- a) Make something better or richer
- b) Take something away
- c) Make something smaller

5. Small shops must **compete with** big supermarkets to get more customers.

- a) Try to win against
- b) Work together with
- c) Ignore

6. She tried to **convince** her friend to come to the party by explaining how fun it would be.

- a) Make someone believe or agree
- b) Argue with someone
- c) Forget something

7. They will **alter** the dress to make it shorter.

- a) Change something
- b) Throw away something
- c) Hide something

8. Different religions can **coexist** peacefully in one country.

- a) Live together without problems
- b) Fight all the time
- c) Ignore each other

9. Please **share** your notes with your classmates so they can learn too.

- a) Give part of something to others
- b) Hide from others
- c) Buy something

10. I was able to **witness** the fireworks — I saw them with my own eyes.

- a) See something happen
- b) Hear something
- c) Stop something

11. News about the flood began to **spread** quickly on social media.

- a) Go from one place or person to many others
- b) Stay in one place
- c) Disappear

12. In this book, they **term** this type of writing “narrative style.”

- a) Give a name to something
- b) Read something
- c) Remove something

13. The doctor tried to **remedy** the problem by giving the patient medicine.

- a) Fix or solve something
- b) Make something worse
- c) Forget something

14. Many people **possess** mobile phones — they own one.

- a) Own something
- b) Lose something
- c) Borrow something

15. She will **inherit** her grandmother’s house after she dies.

- a) Get something from someone after they die
- b) Buy something
- c) Lend something

16. This temple **dates back** to the 12th century — it was built long ago.

- a) Started or existed from a certain time in the past
- b) Was destroyed recently
- c) Is very new

17. No matter how hard I pushed, the door wouldn’t **budge** — it didn’t move at all.

- a) Move even a little
- b) Stay exactly the same
- c) Break

18. She **pointed out** the mistake in my essay so I could fix it.

- a) Show or explain something

b) Hide something
c) Ignore something

19. Fines are used to **deter** people from driving too fast.
a) Stop or discourage
b) Encourage
c) Teach

20. This parrot can **mimic** human voices — it copies what you say.
a) Copy sounds or actions
b) Forget words
c) Change something

21. From the clues, we can **infer** that the thief entered through the window.
a) Understand something from facts or evidence
b) See something directly
c) Guess without any reason

22. The smell of fresh bread can **evoke** happy childhood memories.
a) Bring a feeling or memory to mind
b) Make something dirty
c) Remove something

23. The teacher used games to **stimulate** students — they became more interested and active.
a) Make someone more active or interested
b) Make someone tired
c) Stop someone from working

24. Scientists try to **replicate** experiments to get the same results again.
a) Do something again in the same way
b) Destroy something
c) Change something completely

25. This story **exemplifies** the idea that hard work brings success — it's a perfect example.
a) Show as an example
b) Hide information
c) Argue

26. Did you **notice** that the shop has new lights?
a) See or become aware of
b) Ignore
c) Break

27. He will **commit** to studying every day for the exam.
a) Promise to do something
b) Forget something
c) Start something and stop quickly

28. They will **conduct** a survey to find out what people think.
a) Organize and carry out
b) Cancel
c) Hide

29. Special sprays can **repel** mosquitoes so they don't bite you.

- Keep something away
- Attract
- Feed

30. Older people **tend to** wake up earlier than younger people.

- Usually do something
- Never do something
- Avoid something

31. The hotel can **accommodate** 200 guests — there is space for them.

- Provide space or a place to stay
- Refuse entry
- Close early

32. Bad habits can **undermine** your health — they slowly make it worse.

- Weaken or damage
- Make stronger
- Improve

33. The coach's speech helped **reinforce** the team's confidence — it made them feel stronger.

- Make something stronger
- Remove something
- Hide something

34. Prices often **fluctuate** — they go up and down many times.

- Change often
- Stay the same
- Go down only

35. The manager will **devise** a new plan to increase sales.

- Invent or create
- Cancel
- Follow

36. The school will **allocate** extra money to buy more books.

- Give something to a certain purpose
- Hide something
- Lose something

37. Solar panels can **harness** the power of the sun to make electricity.

- Control and use
- Destroy
- Ignore

38. The teacher will **facilitate** the discussion — she will help it run smoothly.

- Make something easier
- Stop something
- Forget something

39. The law will **prohibit** smoking in public places.

- Not allow

- b) Encourage
- c) Forget

40. The speech helped **instigate** a change — people started acting differently afterwards.

- a) Start or cause something
- b) End something
- c) Hide something

Multiple Choice Exercise

Choose the best answer (A, B, C, or D) to complete each sentence.

1. The shop owner was _____ when many customers came to buy things.
 - A. pleased
 - B. flaw
 - C. extinct
 - D. logging
2. My grandmother will _____ her gold ring to me when she passes away.
 - A. coexist
 - B. inherit
 - C. conduct
 - D. witness
3. This bird is _____ no birds of this kind are alive now.
 - A. scarce
 - B. extinct
 - C. prosperous
 - D. remedy
4. The students will _____ a survey to ask people about their hobbies.
 - A. allocate
 - B. conduct
 - C. devise
 - D. advocate
5. There is a small _____ in my shirt — it has a tiny hole.
 - A. flaw
 - B. notion
 - C. remedy
 - D. trait
6. That snake's bite is dangerous and can be _____ to humans.
 - A. adverse
 - B. sustainable
 - C. inadequate
 - D. prosperous

7. The school will _____ more money to buy new books.

- A. preserve
- B. inherit
- C. allocate
- D. mimic

8. Oil is _____ in this country, so we must use it carefully.

- A. scarce
- B. lucrative
- C. ancient
- D. influential

9. This old castle is an _____ building — it is hundreds of years old.

- A. ancient
- B. remarkable
- C. prosperous
- D. lucrative

10. Eating too much junk food has an _____ effect on your health.

- A. odd-looking
- B. adverse
- C. lucrative
- D. meticulous

11. The teacher is very _____ when she checks homework — she looks at every detail.

- A. ancient
- B. lucrative
- C. meticulous
- D. prosperous

12. They formed an _____ to work together on the project.

- A. alliance
- B. flaw
- C. remedy
- D. hostility

13. The dog can _____ the sound of a baby crying.

- A. mimic
- B. devise
- C. allocate
- D. conserve

14. There is a big _____ between the two sisters — they look very similar.

- A. constraint
- B. resemblance
- C. projection
- D. specimen

15. The singer's performance was _____ — everyone clapped for a long time.

- A. scarce
- B. remarkable

- C. lucrative
- D. adverse

16. The law will help to _____ the old forest and keep it safe.

- A. coexist
- B. conserve
- C. advocate
- D. preserve

17. They will _____ a new plan to make more people visit the museum.

- A. devise
- B. compete with
- C. possess
- D. witness

18. The boy will never forget the day he was a _____ to the car accident.

- A. mimic
- B. remedy
- C. witness
- D. trait

19. The two countries must learn to _____ peacefully.

- A. coexist
- B. inherit
- C. devise
- D. allocate

20. The local group will _____ for cleaner air in the city.

- A. advocate
- B. conduct
- C. spread
- D. allocate

21. Our class will _____ more time to finish the project next week.

- A. possess
- B. allocate
- C. devise
- D. inherit

22. We should try to live in a _____ way so we don't harm the planet.

- A. prosperous
- B. sustainable
- C. remarkable
- D. adverse

23. The company will _____ new safety rules to protect workers.

- A. conduct
- B. coexist
- C. implement
- D. inherit

24. My uncle is very _____ — he has a big house and a nice car.

- A. prosperous
- B. adverse
- C. meticulous
- D. scarce

25. People in _____ towns often visit each other.

- A. lucrative
- B. neighbouring
- C. adverse
- D. ancient