

Short Test

Words Often Confused

Choose the best option (a–d) to complete each sentence.

1 Their new ... in the countryside looks like something from a postcard, with roses climbing the walls.

a) skyscraper b) cottage c) tower block d) maisonette

2. He decided to move into a ..., because he didn't want the responsibility of maintaining a garden.

a) bungalow b) flat c) farmhouse d) terraced house

3. This newly-built ... offers modern amenities and is located just five minutes from the city centre.

a) housing estate b) farmhouse c) cottage d) loft

4. We rented a ... on the 12th floor, with windows overlooking a busy street.

a) block of flats b) three-room flat c) tower block d) detached house

5. Although the room was rather ..., it had a welcoming atmosphere thanks to the colourful cushions.

a) spacious b) airy c) tiny d) functional

6. The house looked very ... with peeling paint, broken shutters, and an overgrown garden.

a) luxurious b) run-down c) cosy d) modern

7. The flat is beautifully ... with antique furniture and silk curtains.

a) well-equipped b) nicely-decorated c) cluttered d) soundproof

8. They are looking for a flat that is both ... and close to the university, since they're on a limited budget.

a) affordable b) convenient c) prime d) furnished

9. The family lives in a quiet ..., far away from the noise of the city centre.

- a) pavement b) suburban neighbourhood c) multi-storey house d) downtown

10. Our new landlord asked us to pay three months' rent in ... before moving in.

- a) advance b) deposit c) installments d) budget

11. After the heavy storm, they had to ... the roof before the rain caused more damage.

- a) decorate b) mend c) install d) assemble

12. The kitchen is fully ..., with stainless steel appliances, a dishwasher, and a microwave oven.

- a) sparsely furnished b) well-equipped c) nicely-decorated d) peaceful

13. The flatmate promised to ... the bills regularly, but often forgot.

- a) lower b) increase c) pay d) fall behind with

14. The balcony offered a breathtaking view, as it was located in a ... overlooking the lake.

- a) prime location b) run-down building c) cluttered apartment d) messy flat

15. He grew up in a ..., spending his childhood surrounded by fields and animals.

- a) detached house b) bungalow c) farmhouse d) maisonette

16. The living room was so ... that the whole family could sit comfortably together.

- a) spacious b) tiny c) damp d) cluttered

17. She prefers to live in a ... because she doesn't like sharing a wall with neighbours.

- a) semi-detached house b) detached house c) terraced house d) block of flats

18. The flat was ... with unnecessary furniture and ornaments, making it hard to move around.

a) airy b) cluttered c) cosy d) furnished

19. Their bedroom is ..., with a bathroom directly connected to it.

a) en suite b) attic c) loft d) utility room

20. Every morning she watered the flowers on her small ... overlooking the garden.

a) attic b) balcony c) basement d) porch

21. After the burglary, they decided to install a new ... for extra safety.

a) curtain b) burglar alarm c) intercom d) letter box

22. The walls were covered with old-fashioned ... that made the house look gloomy.

a) wallpaper b) tiles c) shelves d) carpets

23. A soft ... lay in front of the fireplace, making the room look warm and cosy.

a) rug b) shelf c) tile d) ornament

24. He opened the ... to collect the electricity bill that had just arrived.

a) letter box b) doorbell c) plug d) doormat

25. The landlord raised the rent so much that several tenants couldn't pay and fell behind with their

a) mortgages b) amenities c) installments d) payments

26. The children love playing in the ... behind the house during summer.

a) drive b) garden c) garage d) corridor

27. A modern ... carried them to the 20th floor in less than half a minute.

a) loft b) attic c) lift d) stairs

28. He works as an ..., helping clients to buy and sell property.

a) estate agent b) landlord c) resident d) homeowner

29. The hotel is currently ... construction and will open next summer.

a) on b) under c) in d) at

30. Their flat is located within walking ... of the shopping centre.

a) length b) location c) distance d) pavement

31. The attic was dark, dusty, and filled with ... from the past century.

a) ornaments b) souvenirs c) clutter d) appliances

32. Thanks to regular repairs, the old villa is still in very good

a) decoration b) condition c) arrangement d) maintenance