DICTIONARY ENTRY

compete *verb*

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[intransitive] to take part in a contest or game

- *He's hoping to **compete in** the London marathon.*
  Only 21 bodybuilders competed in the event.
- *They are **competing against** teams of full-time professional players.*
- *He is expected to **compete for** the title of world champion next year.*

Exercise: Choose the correct answer (A, B, C, or D)

1. Tom plans to **compete** _____ the city marathon next month.
   A. at B. in C. for D. on
2. Our school football team will **compete** _____ Green Valley High this weekend.
   A. for B. against C. to D. with
3. She trained very hard to **compete** _____ the title of national champion.
   A. with B. in C. for D. at
4. Only ten runners **competed** _____ the race because of the bad weather.
   A. at B. with C. in D. about
5. Professional players often **compete** _____ each other to win the trophy.
   A. against B. in C. on D. to

competitive /kəm'petətɪv/

Adjective

- *(informal)* used to describe a situation in which people or organizations compete against each other
  - ***Competitive sports / games**.*
  - *Those businesses are operating in an extremely **competitive environment**.*
  - *Graduates have to fight for jobs in an increasingly **competitive market**!*
  - *The company has succeeded in a **highly competitive** industry.*

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Exercise: Choose the correct answer (A, B, C, or D)

6. Playing _____ helps students learn teamwork and discipline.
   A. competition games B. competitive sports
   C. compete games D. competitions
7. Many young graduates find it hard to get a job in today's _____.
   A. competitive market B. marketing competition
   C. market competitive D. business compete
8. Our company must adapt quickly to survive in such a _____.
   A. high competition B. highly competitive industry
   C. competition industry D. competitive highly industry
9. Those start-up companies are struggling to stay alive in an extremely _____.
   A. competition environment B. compete environment
   C. competitive environment D. competitive atmosphere

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10. Tennis and basketball are examples of _____ that require both skill and strategy.
A. competition B. competitive games C. competing sports D. competitive sports

crazy *adjective*

A2

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(comparative **crazier**, superlative **craziest**)

(informal)

Idioms

1 ★ A2 not sensible; stupid

- *Are you crazy? We could get killed doing that.*
- *I'd never do anything like that. That's just crazy.*
- *He drove like an idiot, passing in the craziest places.*
- *What a **crazy idea**!*
- *'Love makes you do **crazy things**,' she said.*
- *I know it sounds crazy but it just might work.*
- **be crazy to do something** *She must be crazy to lend him money.*
- **it is crazy to do something** *It's crazy to think he'll ever change.*

Exercise: Choose the correct answer (A, B, C, or D)

11. Jumping off the bridge into the river is such a _____!
A. crazy idea B. crazy thing C. craziest idea D. crazy doing
12. Some people do _____ when they are in love.
A. crazy idea B. crazy things C. craziest D. crazily
13. I know it _____, but I really want to try climbing that mountain.
A. sounds crazy B. sounds crazily C. is crazy sound D. sounding crazy
14. You must _____ walk home alone at midnight!
A. be crazy doing B. be crazy C. be crazy to D. be crazy to do
15. It _____ think that we can finish all this work in one hour.
A. sounds crazy B. be crazy C. crazy idea D. is crazy to

FANTASTIC /fænˈtæstɪk//fænˈtæstɪk/
Adjective

- *(informal)* extremely good; excellent

synonym **great**, **brilliant**

- *He's done a **fantastic job**.*
- *This was a **fantastic opportunity** for students.*
- *You **look fantastic**!*
- *The weather was **absolutely fantastic**.*

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Exercise: Choose the correct answer (A, B, C, or D)

16. You've done a _____ on this project — everyone is impressed!
    A. fantastically job B. fantastic job C. fantastic work D. job fantastic
17. This is a _____ for young people to study abroad.
    A. fantastic opportunity B. fantastic chance C. fantastic work D. opportunity fantastic
18. Wow, you _____ in that new dress!
    A. are looking fantastic B. look fantastic C. looks fantastic D. looked fantastically
19. The concert last night was _____. Everyone loved it!
    A. absolute fantastic B. absolutely fantastic C. absolutely fantastical D. very fantastic
20. The weather was _____ during our vacation — sunny and warm every day.
    A. absolutely fantastic B. fantastic absolutely C. very fantastic D. quite fantastically

sound *noun*

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Idioms

something you hear

1 ★ A1 [countable] something that you can hear

SYNONYM **noise**

- *a loud/soft/faint sound*
- *a high/low sound*
- *a buzzing/hissing/popping sound*
- *He crept into the house trying not to* ***make a sound****.*
- **sound of somebody/something** *She* ***heard the sound*** *of footsteps outside.*
- *the different sounds and smells of the forest*
- *He could hear* ***the sound of*** *several* ***voices****.*
- **sound of somebody/something doing something** *The sound of children playing in the garden woke me.*
- *A strange sound from the room next door startled her.*

Exercise: Choose the correct answer (A, B, C, or D)

21. The thief moved quietly and didn't _____ while leaving the house.
    A. do a sound B. make a sound C. have sound D. create sound
22. She heard _____ behind her and turned around quickly.
    A. sound of footsteps B. a sound footsteps C. the sound footsteps D. sounds of footstep
23. I could hear _____ coming from the next room.
    A. sound of several voices B. the sounds several voices
    C. the sound of several voices D. sounds of the voice
24. The _____ outside woke me up in the middle of the night.
    A. strange B. a strange sound C. sound strange D. strange sounds
25. The _____ playing in the garden made everyone smile.
    A. sound of children B. sound children C. children sound D. sound of the child

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technology *noun*

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(plural **technologies**)

1 ★ A2 [uncountable, countable] scientific knowledge used in practical ways in industry, for example in designing new machines

- ***science and technology***
- ***advances in*** *communications* ***technology***
- ***advanced/modern technology***
- *to develop and use* ***new technologies***
- *small businesses that are involved with* ***emerging technologies***
- *the use of the latest* ***digital technology*** *to create a virtual world*
- *This technology enables computers to read handwriting.*

Exercise: Choose the correct answer (A, B, C, or D)

26. Many students are interested in studying _____ because it changes the world.
    A. science and technology B. sciences and technologies
    C. technology of science D. science with technology
27. Recent _____ have made it easier for people to connect through video calls.
    A. developing technologies B. advances in communications technology
    C. new communications D. modern technologies
28. This company uses _____ to produce energy more efficiently.
    A. high technology B. advanced technology
    C. technology advanced D. modernized
29. Engineers are working hard to develop _____ that can help protect the environment.
    A. emerging technologies B. emerging technology
    C. new technology D. technology new
30. The use of _____ allows artists to create amazing 3D designs on computers.
    A. computer technology B. digital technology
    C. virtual technology D. modern technologies

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