

MINITEST

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EX1: Rewrite the sentences so that the meanings stay the same:

1. John promised he would stop lying, but people's true characters rarely change. **LEOPARD**
⇒ John promised he would stop lying, but as they say, _____ its spots.
2. He prefers doing things entirely by himself rather than relying on the team. **WOLF**
⇒ When it comes to teamwork, he has always been something of _____.
3. I felt completely uncomfortable and out of place at the high-society gala. **FISH**
⇒ I felt exactly like _____ at the high-society gala.
4. There is absolutely no chance that the manager will ever approve this risky proposal. **PIGS**
⇒ The manager will approve this risky proposal only _____.
5. She pretended to be deeply upset about his resignation, but everyone knew it was fake. **CROCODILE**
⇒ Everyone knew she was just _____ over his resignation.
6. Despite consuming massive amounts of food, my teenage brother never gains any weight. **HORSE**
⇒ My teenage brother manages to _____ without ever gaining any weight.
7. We spent the whole meeting discussing trivial matters, completely ignoring the massive budget deficit. **ROOM**
⇒ During the meeting, nobody wanted to address the _____, which was the budget deficit.
8. As the senior partner, Sarah took the largest portion of the company's profits this year. **SHARE**
⇒ As the senior partner, Sarah claimed _____ the company's profits this year.
9. I always feel extremely nervous right before I have to speak in public. **STOMACH**
⇒ Speaking in public always gives me _____.
10. I am terribly bad at remembering people's names immediately after meeting them. **SIEVE**
⇒ When it comes to people's names, I completely have _____.

EX2: Choose the correct answer

1. In the absence of solid, direct proof, the jury had to rely entirely on _____ evidence to convict the suspect.
A. circumstantial B. cognitive C. utilitarian D. defensive
2. While trekking through the remote forest, the explorers had to ward off a fierce _____ of wolves.
A. herd B. pack C. flock D. school
3. After the death of the family's _____, the once-strong ties between the siblings began to rapidly _____.
A. shepherd / wander B. paparazzi / reunite C. companion / strike D. matriarch / deteriorate
4. To make this traditional Mediterranean dish authentic, you need exactly one _____ of garlic, not the whole bulb.
A. bunch B. loaf C. clove D. bar

5. It is absolutely _____ that we protect these _____ creatures before their habitats are completely destroyed.
A. imperative / nocturnal B. genetic / aquatic
C. circumstantial / venomous D. utilitarian / external
6. By the time the elderly man reached the top of the tenth _____ of stairs, he was grasping for breath.
A. herd B. deck C. flock D. flight
7. _____, the new policy seemed utilitarian, but there is a high _____ that it will cause more harm than good in the long run.
A. In the face of / memory loss B. At first glance / likelihood
C. Purely / affection D. Former / drought
8. The documentary highlighted the complex social structure and incredible teamwork within a _____ of ants.
A. flock B. school C. bouquet D. colony
9. During the harsh winter storms, the sheep would _____ together for warmth while the shepherd kept track of them.
A. huddle B. roam C. graze D. migrate
10. The magician asked a volunteer from the audience to draw a random card from a newly opened _____ of cards.
A. pack B. group C. deck D. bunch
11. The marine biologist dedicated her life to studying _____, particularly crabs and lobsters, rather than terrestrial _____.
A. amphibians / parasites B. crustaceans / flora and fauna
C. carnivores / rodents D. herbivores / omnivores
12. As a beautiful gesture of affection, he presented his long-lost friend with a magnificent _____ of flowers upon her arrival.
A. bunch B. herd C. flock D. bouquet
13. Researchers are studying how aging affects _____ functions such as problem-solving, and whether this directly leads to memory loss.
A. utilitarian B. defensive C. cognitive D. circumstantial
14. Scuba divers often marvel at the synchronized and almost magical movements of a massive _____ of fish in the coral reef.
A. school B. herd C. flock D. bunch
15. She had to _____ the emergency response team _____ unprecedented logistical challenges.
A. keep track of / purely B. take charge of / in the face of
C. exhibit / at first glance D. defend / prior to