

Unit 15

Words in Action

Exercise A >>> Match the words in the box with their antonyms below.

A conclusive	B incurable	C in the pink	D out of the blue	E boisterous
F advocate	G indolent	H propensity	I illiteracy	J pious

1 active _____	2 aversion _____	3 expectedly _____	4 oppose _____	5 ill _____
6 docile _____	7 atheistic _____	8 inconclusive _____	9 curable _____	10 literacy _____

Exercise B >>> Now, fill in the blanks using the words above.

- 1** His essay paper was based on the widespread _____ in Asia.
- 2** The defendant was acquitted due to _____ evidence.
- 3** Scott, who was supposed to be in New York, seemed to arrive _____.
- 4** Well, Mrs. Jones, you certainly look _____ since you returned from your holiday.
- 5** The children were as _____ as lambs.
- 6** As we approach the 21st century, it seems that more _____ diseases are cropping up than ever before.
- 7** There was a _____ crowd waiting to see the basketball hero, Michael Jordan.
- 8** I don't know if I'm the cause, but it seems as though he has a natural _____ to argue.
- 9** He is said to have been a _____ man who served his church dutifully.
- 10** In both World Wars, the United States _____ Germany.

Vocabulary Development

Task One >>>

Rephrase the following sentences so that each new sentence contains a **DERIVATIVE** of the word in heavy type.

Example: In 1975, the country obtained its **independence**.

Answer: In 1975, the country became independent.

- 1 In 1975, New Guinea became a **sovereign** state.
In 1975, Australia was forced to give up _____ over the island.
- 2 It's a nation **diverse** in ethnic elements. It's a nation marked by ethnic _____.
- 3 We were enchanted by their **spontaneous** welcome.
We were enchanted by the _____ of their welcome.
- 4 Timbering has **devastated** the countryside.
The _____ of the countryside is ascribed to timbering.
- 5 Villagers are **superstitious**. Villagers are filled with _____.
- 6 They **believe** in spirits. They have a strong _____ in spirits.
- 7 Some villagers are **sorcerers**. Some villagers practice _____.
- 8 Sir Lokoloko **reconfirmed** the national philosophy.
A _____ of the national philosophy was given by Sir Lokoloko.
- 9 The people are **poor**. The people live in _____.
- 10 They suffer from **malnutrition**. They are _____.
- 11 It is a country of high **illiteracy**. It is a country with a high percentage of _____ people.
- 12 A lot of people appeared to be **hungry and ill**.
A lot of people appeared to be suffering from _____ and _____.
- 13 New Guinea strikes you as a **sparsely** populated country.
The _____ of population in New Guinea is striking.
- 14 The people are **pious, hard-working** and above all **naive**.
The people are marked by _____, _____, and above all _____.
- 15 Most areas on the **coast** are covered with swamps.
Most _____ areas are covered with swamps.
- 16 They put all their efforts into **prestige** projects.
The projects they put all their efforts into are _____.

Task Two >>>

In the sentences below, you are given the first two letters of a verb ending in **-ate**. Complete the verbs based on the definition given in the sentence printed before it.

Example: Things that occur after each other or follow in turns.

His life al _____ between work and sleep. (Answer: alternates).

- 1 To put an end to something.
The chairman te _____ the discussion by calling the members to vote on the proposed motion.
- 2 To start to find the origin of something.
The dispute over the sovereignty of the island or _____ in the hatred between the two neighboring countries.
- 3 To give people an injection, called a vaccine, to protect them from disease caused by germs.
The doctor va _____ all the members of the local tribe against contagious diseases.

- 4 To be powerful, important and have control over people or things.
Once Europe do _____ over the rest of the world by colonising many parts of it.
- 5 To choose someone thought suitable for a job and appoint him to office.
The Prime Minister no _____ a committee to investigate the charges brought against his finance ministers by the opposition.
- 6 To get rid of something by removing it completely.
In a welfare state poverty should be el _____.
- 7 To organize the efforts of the people taking part in a project and put their activities into proper relation.
Productivity can be increased if we co _____ organization with hard work.
- 8 To contribute or give money to a charity without asking for anything in return.
Mrs. Thomas do _____ £1000 to the children's hospital.
- 9 To give an area a particular description so that a function is either allowed or not to occur in it.
Smoking is prohibited in the non-smoking de _____ areas.
- 10 To want to feel young and vigorous again.
Many a woman cherishes the illusion that cosmetics can re _____ her.

Task Three >>> In each of the following sentences, the word in heavy type is incorrect. Write the correct word which is similar in form to the word in heavy type.

Example: The Reverend Doubledock preaches here on **alternative** Sundays.

Answer: alternate

SENTENCE WITH MISTAKES

CORRECT WORDS

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| 1 The notion you put forward will be discussed at a consequent meeting. | _____ |
| 2 He came to canvas my vote in the forthcoming election. | _____ |
| 3 I wouldn't like to transact business with such an insoluble company. | _____ |
| 4 Young people of an impressive age can easily be manipulated. | _____ |
| 5 We are always given preferable treatment in this hotel. | _____ |
| 6 Postponement of their raises and threatened redundancies were the striker's main griefs . | _____ |
| 7 I can't possibly eat this food; it's indelible . | _____ |
| 8 It is enjoyable to play to such an appreciable audience. | _____ |
| 9 He is illegible for the post. | _____ |
| 10 He was very anxious to learn something of the contagious countries. | _____ |
| 11 His book was based on imaginable incidents and characters. | _____ |
| 12 Unfortunately, many wildlife species are now virtuously extinct. | _____ |
| 13 An informative denounced him to the authorities. | _____ |
| 14 A friend that can be depended on or trusted is dependent . | _____ |
| 15 Lower income tax on overtime earnings might act as a stimulant to industry. | _____ |

Vocabulary Practice

A. Read the text below and choose the correct word A, B C or D to fit the gaps.

Gambling was legalised in Nevada in 1931 to increase (11)..... for the state. Today the casinos are very important for the financial growth of Las Vegas. Bugsy Siegel, the gangster and casino owner, is the (12)..... we remember most. A Capone syndicate boss, Siegel came to Las Vegas in the late 1930s and saw a potential gold mine in the book operations that casinos used to take bets on horse races in Florida, New York, and California. Offering his syndicate's race-reporting Continental Wire Service to the bookies at a lower price than any of the existing services, Siegel (13)..... the market. Then, in 1942, having (14)..... the competition, Siegel abruptly raised the prices and demanded a profit share from each book. Without another source for race results, and frightened by Siegel's connections to Capone, the casinos (15)..... .

With the profits, Siegel started his own casino. The ambitious *Flamingo Hotel* was finished in 1946. (16)..... on a strip of land along the Los Angeles Highway and designed to be an elegant resort rather than a faux Western gambling hall, the Flamingo forever moved the focus of Las Vegas away from downtown. It also (17)..... the success of gambling as the town's major industry. Freed from the (18)..... of their Western heritage, European-style casinos and resorts (19)..... in the years after 1946. Siegel was shot in a gangland execution in 1947, but his (20)..... lives on in the gaudy formalism of casinos like *Caesar's Palace* and *The Sands*.

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| 11. A. insurance | B. taxes | C. preoccupation | D. revenue |
| 12. A. developer | B. politician | C. trickster | D. antagonist |
| 13. A. pinched | B. cornered | C. managed | D. spread |
| 14. A. eliminated | B. wasted | C. killed | D. encouraged |
| 15. A. attacked | B. profited | C. capitulated | D. obliged |
| 16. A. Attached | B. Situated | C. Fixed | D. Separated |
| 17. A. promised | B. generated | C. ensured | D. demanded |
| 18. A. border | B. conservativeness | C. confines | D. boredom |
| 19. A. grew | B. flowered | C. crumbled | D. flourished |
| 20. A. legacy | B. memory | C. personality | D. generosity |

B. Fill the gaps in the following sentences with the correct answer A, B C or D.

- 21 David is married to Mary, so he is her _____.
a eyesore b fiancé c plasma d spouse
- 22 A spider spins a _____.
a lace b fare c yarn d web
- 23 Nobody lives here. It's a very _____ place.
a desolate b perpetual c boisterous d responsive
- 24 Nobody likes teaching that _____ class.
a responsible b quiet c boisterous d responsive
- 25 You must try to _____ your money more sensibly.
a advocate b adapt c accommodate d budget
- 26 That little man goes unnoticed in the street, but he _____ immense power.
a swings b handles c wields d practices
- 27 It isn't easy to make friends with him, he puts up a _____ between himself and other people.
a barrier b barricade c border d boundary
- 28 We're at a loose end; we're going through a(n) _____ period in business right now.
a slack b dearth c fast d indolent
- 29 The book was cheaper than I had _____.
a surveyed b anticipated c insisted d preserved
- 30 David looked _____ clumsy in his attempt to attract attention.
a fancifully b oddly c absurdly d reasonably