

Level E - Form 1 - Reading: Words in Context

Sample Question

Find the word that best completes the sentence.

I am thirsty. I need a _____.

- A nap
- B bath
- C drink
- D meal

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For Numbers 1 through 7, find the word that best completes the sentence.

1. It's dark in here.

Would you turn on the _____?

- A window
- B heat
- C light
- D oven

2. The strong _____ gave the children dark tans.

- F sun
- G runner
- H wind
- J smell

3. We are already late.

Please _____ up.

- A dress
- B hurry
- C look
- D cheer

4. I didn't have time to finish this book.

May I _____ it a little longer?

- F buy
- G keep
- H wear
- J shake

5. I'm going to _____ for a while.

Wake me when it is time for dinner.

- A eat
- B sleep
- C work
- D leave

6. The _____ from the fire made all of us cough.

- F meat
- G coals
- H sauce
- J smoke

7. I want to buy a new coat, so I need more _____.

- A buttons
- B sound
- C money
- D houses

This is a story about an event at work. Read the story. Then do Numbers 8 through 11.

The Promotion

Diego was hoping for a promotion. One day, Roberta, the office manager, gave him the message he had been waiting for. He was to go down to his boss's office right away.

"This is it," thought Diego as he ducked into the locker room to see how he looked in the mirror. As Diego combed his hair, he froze. On the front of his white shirt was a large coffee stain. Thinking quickly, Diego put on a lab coat. He rushed to Dan's office.

"Sorry I'm late, Dan, I just wanted to finish inspecting the tools."

"That's okay, Diego. I wanted to tell you that I've chosen you for the position of section manager."

"That's great," said Diego. "I know I'll do a good job for you."

"I'm sure you will," said Dan. "You can start by putting on your lab coat right side out!"

8. The story says, "As Diego combed his hair, he froze."

What does the word *froze* mean?

- F got cold
- G felt scared
- H turned to water
- J stopped moving

9. The story says that Diego "rushed to Dan's office."

What does the word *rushed* mean?

- A hurried
- B helped
- C walked
- D listened

10. In the story, Diego says he "wanted to finish inspecting the tools."

When someone is *inspecting* tools, what is he or she doing?

- F cleaning the tools
- G looking at the tools
- H giving away the tools
- J making a list of the tools

11. In the fourth paragraph, Dan says that he had chosen Diego "for the position of section manager."

What does the word *position* mean as it is used in the story?

- A job
- B honor
- C doctor
- D direction

This is a story about a telephone call. Read the story. Then do Numbers 12 through 13.

An Unwanted Caller

Nancy was swamped with work when the phone rang. She vowed she would make it a short call.

“Hello, my name is Robert Jones. May I speak with Nancy Chung?”

Unwillingly, she admitted that she was Nancy Chung.

“I’m calling to offer you five extraordinary new cable channels.”

“But . . .”

“If you like sports or movies, this is a must-have package. There’s something special here, too, for the science fiction fan.”

Nancy looked at the pile of papers on her desk and, for just a moment, she thought about listening to the man. Then, with a little smile, she said, “No, thank you,” and hung up.

12. The story says, “Unwillingly, she admitted that she was Nancy Chung.”

Which word means the **opposite** of *unwillingly*?

- F eagerly
- G angrily
- H quietly
- J proudly

13. The caller offers Nancy “five extraordinary new cable channels.”

Which word means the **opposite** of *extraordinary*?

- A cheap
- B more
- C normal
- D interesting

Read each story. Then do Numbers 14 through 20.

14. In his new job, Hakim has to ask permission to leave his desk. Then he can go. Someone else has to answer the phone while he is gone.

What happens when Hakim has *permission* to leave his desk?

- F He is asked to leave his desk.
 - G He is allowed to leave his desk.
 - H He is sad to leave his desk.
 - J He is slow to leave his desk.
15. Juanita is always coming up with ideas to improve her office. She thought of a better way to set up her desk. She thought of a better way to write up reports. She even thought of a better way to leave the office quickly at the end of the day!

What happens when Juanita *improves* her office?

- A She leaves the office quickly.
- B She writes a report.
- C She sets up a desk.
- D She makes something better.

16. Rula took a vacation to a farm. The farm's rooster crowed early in the morning. Rula was still in bed. She was sound asleep. The rooster's noise woke her up.

Which word means the **opposite** of *asleep*?

- F awful
- G awake
- H amused
- J almost

17. Wynn had been running late all morning. He left home late. He got to work late. Slowly, he crept in through the door. He didn't want anyone at work to notice that he was coming in late.

Which word means the **opposite** of *crept*?

- A dashed
- B walked
- C swam
- D flew

18. George looked at many apartments. His favorite was one with an upstairs bedroom. He liked walking up the stairs. He also liked looking out at the view from the upstairs window.

Which word means the **opposite** of *upstairs*?

- F den
- G inside
- H downstairs
- J houses

19. Roshumba had a run of good luck. She found a new job that she truly enjoyed. She made new friends at work. She found a used car that ran well. She couldn't remember a time when she'd known such happiness.

Which word means the **opposite** of *happiness*?

- A craziness
- B foolishness
- C cleverness
- D sadness

20. Randall took his dog to the vet. He explained that his dog had been too weak to walk or stand. The dog stayed in the same spot all day long. The vet took good care of the dog.

Which word means the **opposite** of *weak*?

- F tired
- G large
- H strong
- J wild