## Kuwait University <br> Language Center

Consultation \& Training Office

## VOCABULARY

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## Vocabulary Building

Introduction

Vocabulary is all the words used or understood by a person.
One way to learn new words is to use context clues (keys). The meaning of a word is shaped by its context, or "surroundings." . In other words, the situation in which the word is used determines its meaning.

A context clue is the information that surrounds a new word, used to understand its meaning.

Four of the most common types of context clues are:

- Synonyms
- Antonyms
- General Context
- Examples

Note: The first letter of each context clue, spells the word SAGE. Sage means "wise." Using context clues is a wise-strategy.

## Synonyms

A synonym is a word that has the same or nearly the same meaning as another word. For example, the words funny and humorous are synonyms. Many times, an author will place a synonym near a new or difficult word as a context clue to the word's meaning. Often the words or and that is introduce the synonym. Sometimes a synonym is used later in the sentence. A synonym may also be set off with a pair of dashes (- -), parenthesis (), or a pair of commas (,) before and after it. In this case, the synonym is defining the word that comes before it.

| Synonym Signal Words |
| :---: |
| or $\quad$ that is |

## Examples

1. Tired of his flaccid-flabby-muscles, Ali joined the local gym.
2. A cross-section (slice) of the leaf is studied under the microscope.
3. The Al-Qurain Martyrs' Museum in Kuwait City is a memorial, or tribute, to honor the men and women who gave their lives in service to their country during the Iraq invasion.

Practice Each of the following sentences contains a word that is a synonym for the word in bold. Circle the synonym in each sentence.

1. Toxic (poisonous) air can affect the heart, liver, and kidneys.
2. Hot and tired, Sheikha became huffy-irritable-after being in slow-moving traffic for three hours.
3. Mother gave another one of her homilies, that is, sermons, on the value of hard work.
4. Hala's parents indulged, that is, spoiled, her with expensive clothes and cars.
5. Most students look forward to semester break as a much needed respite, or rest, from the long academic semester.
6. Not doing your homework can have an adverse-negative-effect on your learning.

## Synonyms

## Practice 2

Each of the following sentences contains a word that is a synonym for the word in bold. Circle the synonym in each sentence.

1. Aliay knew it was a risk, or danger, to go through a red light, but she didn't want to be late for class.
2. A Toyota is a more affordable (inexpensive) car than a Lexus.
3. I know that word, but in this situation-context-it means something different. It doesn't make any sense.
4. In marshes or swamplands, the croaking of frogs and the chirping of cicadas (locusts) becomes unbelievably loud in the evening.
5. Saleh was erroneous, that is, mistaken, in his assessment of the facts.
6. Ahmed's use of curses and personal attacks against the waitress mortified-embarrassed-everyone in the restaurant.
7. Mr. and Mrs. Mohammad Talal Otaibi built a villa of a palatial, or regal, scale that has four floors, eight bedrooms, and ten bathrooms.
8. The smudge, that is, spot, of makeup on Danna's blouse became bigger when she tried to wash it off.
9. Hala had an adverse (negative) reaction to the ' $D$ ' on her midterm exam.
10. The movie was so confusing. The events were not in order; they were out of sequence.

## Antonyms

An antonym is a word that has the opposite meaning of another word. For example. heavy and light are antonyms. So are early and late. Antonyms help you determine a word's meaning by showing you what the word does not mean.

Antonyms are often introduced with words and phrases of contrast or difference. Contrast words such as not or unlike often act as signals that an antonym is being used. The following signal words alert you to expect a change.

## Antonym signal words:

| but | not | as opposed to | in contrast | however <br> on the other hand <br> iffer(s) from |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | | yet |
| :--- | :--- |
| un- |$\quad$| rather than |
| :--- |
| dis- |$\quad$| unlike |
| :--- |
| rather |$\quad$| instead of |
| :--- |

Sometimes antonyms can be found next to the new word. In those cases, commas (,), dashes ( — 一), or parentheses () may set them off from the new word. At other times, antonyms are placed in other parts of the sentence to emphasize the contrast between the ideas.

## Examples

In each sentence, underline the antonym for the word in bold.
Identify the word that best defines the word in bold.

1. Trying to save money by putting off going to the doctor may have a detrimental, not helpful, result.
a. useful
c. positive
b. harmful
d. pleasant
2. A person with fortitude rather than indecision has great purpose and strength.
a. kindness
c. success
b. determination
d. honor
3. Sheikha was a sociable child; in contrast, her sister was very shy.
a. annoying
c. loving
b. cute
d. outgoing
4. One physical sign of starvation is a distended, not flat, stomach.
a. swollen
c. hard
b. shrunken
d. soft

## Antonyms

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1. The antonym for detrimental is helpful. Detrimental means (b) "harmful." Notice the signal word not and the pair of commas before and after the antonym phrase.
2. The antonym for fortitude is indecision. Fortitude means (b) "determination." Notice the signal words rather than.
3. The antonym for sociable is shy. Sociable means (d) "outgoing." Notice the signal word in contrast. Also, note that the antonym shy appears at the end of the sentence.
4. The antonym for distended is flat. Distended means (a) "swollen." Notice the signal word not and the set of commas that signal the antonym flat.

## General Context

Often you will find that the writer has not provided a synonym clue or an antonym clue. In that case, you will have to rely on the general context to figure out the meaning of the unfamiliar word. This requires you to read the entire sentence, or to read a few sentences, a head for information that will help you understand the new word.

Information about the word can be included in the passage in several ways. Sometimes a definition of the word may be given. Often vivid (clear) word pictures or descriptions of a situation can give a sense of the word's meaning. Sometimes you may need to figure out the meaning of an unknown word by using prior knowledge, logic, and reasoning skills.

## Examples

Identify the letter of the word that best defines the word in bold.

1. The children lived in filth: soiled and stained clothes covered every piece of furniture, dirty dishes filled the sink and cluttered the stove and counters, the floor was sticky with food, and the house smelled of rotten food, sweat, and urine.
a. confusion
c. freedom
b. dirt
d. hope
2. Hessa decorated her room with a hodgepodge of posters of everything from country music stars to hard rock groups.
a. unity
c. mixture
b. theme
d. group
3. A climber must think about the harmful impact high mountain elevations can have on the body.
a. heights
c. widths
b. depths
d. scenes

## General Context

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1. Filth means (b) dirt. The details of this passage vividly (clearly) describe a very dirty place: soiled, stained, dirty, cluttered, sticky, smelled, and rotten
2. Hodgepodge means ( c ) mixture. Hessa doesn't seem to have a favorite kind of group or music. Instead, she seems to collect posters based on a wide range of taste.
3. Elevations means (a) heights. The words climber, high, and mountain all suggest height.

## Examples

Many times, the meaning of a new or difficult word is made clearer by an example. Often the signal words such as, including, or consisting of introduce the example as a context clue. Colons and dashes can also indicate examples. These often give a list of examples of the word. Sometimes the example is incorporated into the sense of the sentence.

| Example signal words |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| consisting of for instance <br> for example including | like |
| for instance |  |

## Examples:

$\qquad$ 1. Some old superstitions are found in childhood sayings, for example, "Step on a crack, break your mother's back"; "Break a mirror, have seven years bad luck"; and "If your nose itches, you're going to have company soon."
a. facts
c. false ideas
b. details
d. wise sayings
2. At a time when men were the ones to hold most of the high-powered jobs, a few women enjoyed innovative careers; for example, Ruth Handler created the Barbie doll, and Margaret Knight invented a machine that made the first flat-bottomed paper bag.
a. original
c. old
b. creative
d. power

## Identify the Word Type

A second way to learn vocabulary is by understanding the parts of a word.
Just as ideas are made up of words, words are also made up of smaller parts. Learning about word parts can help you learn vocabulary more easily and quickly. Furthermore, knowing the meaning of the parts of words helps you understand a new word when you. see it in context. In fact, word parts can help you unlock the meaning of thousands of words. A single word part may appear in hundreds or even thousands of different words. If you know the meaning of several parts of a word, you can often figure out the meaning of the word as a whole.

## Affixes and roots

Adding affixes to existing words (the base or root) to form new words is common in academic English. Prefixes are added to the front of the base (like $\rightarrow$ dislike), whereas

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suffixes are added to the end of the base (active $\rightarrow$ activate). Prefixes usually do not change the class of the base word, but suffixes usually do change the class of the word.

Root $\begin{aligned} & \text { The basic or main part of a word. Prefixes and } \\ & \text { suffixes are added to roots to make a new word. }\end{aligned}$
Example: spect means "look"
Prefix A group of letters with a specific meaning added to the beginning of a word or root to make a new word.

Example: in- means "into," so inspect means "look into"

Suffix A group of letters with a specific meaning added to the end of a word or root to make a new word.

Example: -ator means "one who," so spectator means "one who looks"

The root, or base, is a word that exists before anything is added, that is, affixed, to it, such as a prefix or suffix. Some roots can stand alone as a word, for example, 'walk', 'tea', 'cup', 'very', and 'good'.

An affix can be inflectional or derivational.
An inflectional affix changes nouns and verbs. Nouns change their form from singular to plural by adding the suffix -s or -es. Verbs change their tense, for example, third person singular $-\mathrm{s} /-\mathrm{es}$, continuous form be $+\mathrm{V}+\mathrm{ing}$, past tense -ed, and passive.

A derivational affix changes the word type. For example the suffix '-ish', added to 'boy', changes the noun 'boy' into the adjective 'boyish'. The suffix '-ly' changes the adjective 'brave' into the adverb 'bravely' The suffix '-ness' changes the adjective 'good' into the noun 'goodness'.

Derivational affixes can also change the meaning of the root to which they are attached. "Possible" becomes 'impossible' when the prefix 'im-' is added. 'Set' become 'reset' when the prefix 're-' is added.

Many words have all three elements: prefix, root, and suffix.
For example, the word restatement has three parts, and each part has its own meaning. The first part, the prefix re-means "again; the second part, the root state,
means "say"; and the third part, the suffix -ment, means a condition of being. Thus a restatement is "something that is said again."

## Practice

Study the word parts. Using the meanings of the prefixes, the root, the suffixes, and context clues, put each word into the sentence that best fits its meaning. Use each word once.

| Prefix | Meaning | Root | Meaning | Suffix <br> Moan | Meaning <br> in- |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| in, into |  |  |  |  |  |
| retro- | backward | spect |  |  | -acle | | quality |
| :--- |

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\text { spect }=\text { 'look’ }
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1. In $\qquad$ , after pulling a muscle running, Mohammed said, "I should have warmed up before exercising."
2. The fireworks created an awesome $\qquad$ in the night sky.
3. The $\qquad$ placed a sticker on each piece of fruit she checked for quality.

## Prefixes

A prefix is a group of letters with a specific meaning added to the beginning of a word or root to make a new word. Although the basic meaning of a root does not change, a prefix changes the meaning of the word as a whole.

For example, the prefix ex-means "out" or "from". When placed in front of the root tract (which means "pull" or "drag", the word extract is formed. Extract means "pull or drag out." The same root tract joined with the prefix con- (which means "with" or "together", creates the word contract. A contract is a legal way to pull people together.
The most common prefixes used to form new verbs in academic English are: re-. dis-, over-, un-, mis-, out-. The most common suffixes are: -ise, -en, -ute, -(i)fy. By far the most common affix in academic English is -ise(American -ize).

## Verbs

e.g. prefix + verb $\rightarrow$ verb

Prefix Meaning
re- again or back reverses the meaning of the verb

## Examples

restructure, revisit. reappear, rebuild. refinance disappear. disallow, disarm. disconnect, discontinue

| over- too much |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| un- | reverses the meaning of the <br> verb |
| mis- badly or wrongly |  |
| out- | more or better than others |
| be- $\quad$ make or cause |  |
| co- $\quad$ together |  |
| de- $\quad$ do the opposite of |  |
| fore- earlier, be fore |  |
| inter- between |  |
| pre- $\quad$ before |  |
| sub- | under/below |
| trans- across, over |  |
| under- not enough |  |

overbook, oversleep, overwork
unbend, uncouple. unfasten
mislead, misinform. misidentify
outperform, outbid
befriend. belittle
co-exist, co-operate, co-own
devalue, deselect
foreclose, foresee
interact. intermix, interface
pre-expose, prejudge, pretest
subcontract, subdivide
transform, transcribe, transplant
underfund, undersell, undervalue. underdevelop
e.g. Suffix used to form verbs with the meaning "cause to be".


#### Abstract

Suffix Example


-ise/ ize stabilise, characterise. symbolise, visualise, specialise
-ate differentiate. liquidate. pollinate, duplicate, fabricate
ify classify, exemplify, simplify, justify
-en awaken, fasten, shorten. moisten

## Nouns





## Prefixes with negative meaning

e.g. negative + adjective $\rightarrow$ adjective

## Prefix <br> Examples <br> Prefix Examples

un- unfortunate. uncomfortable, unjust
im-/in-/ir-/il- immature. impatient, improbable, inconvenient, irreplaceable. illegal
non- non-fiction, non-political, non-neutral
dis- disloyal. dissimilar, dishonest

Mixed
e.g. base with both prefix and suffix

Adjectives: uncomfortable, unavoidable. unimaginative, inactive, semi-circular
Nouns: disappointment, misin formation, reformulation

## Vocabulary Test 1

1. How much Vitamin D is $\qquad$ into the body from sunlight?
a. swapped
c. rejected
b. imposed
d. absorbed
2. You can logon to your website $\qquad$ to manage your services or create new products.
a. position
c. anniversary
b. account
d. independence
3. How much will you $\qquad$ save by making your own coffee, instead of buying Starbucks?
a. actually
c. randomly
b. hardly
d. seldom
4. A legal $\qquad$ will represent you in court.
a. talent
c. advocate
b. transcript
d. astronaut
5. All rooms are thoughtfully equipped with color television, tea and coffee making facilities, and a radio $\qquad$ clock.
a. invoice
c. aviation
b. lease
d. alarm
6. Jane wouldn't stop complaining and it was beginning to $\qquad$ me.
a. correct
c. fund
b. satisfy
d. annoy
7. The new program should $\qquad$ younger viewers to earn higher ratings.
a. appeal to
c. kill off
b. exclude
d. detract
8. In spring of 2009 , we celebrated the 40 th $\qquad$ of the first flight of man to the moon.
a. importance
c. popular
b. anniversary
d. satnav
9. Many people on low incomes depend on housing $\qquad$ help to cover their rent.
a. impacts
c. decreases
b. missions
d. benefits
10. Disputes always arise about $\qquad$ between countries.
a. success
c. pleasures
b. borders
d. accounts
11. I don't like to sit next to her at football games because she constantly $\qquad$ about her son.
a. boasts
c. visits
b. avoids
d. hikes
12. I think it's wonderfully $\qquad$ of you to speak openly about what happened to you.
a. cheerful
c. wrong
b. brave
d. terrible
13. His car $\qquad$ on the way to the meeting. As a result, he missed most of it.
a. broke down
c. was shown
b. ran out
d. cursed him
14. While speaking, he pointed up the river and $\qquad$ described its course since they were out of time.
a. primarily
c. mainly
b. bravely
d. briefly
15. $\qquad$ is a metallic element that forms and strengthens bones and teeth.
a. College
c. Carbon monoxide
b. Calcium
d. Carbon dioxide
16. You have the right to be accompanied by a $\qquad$ or trade union representative at the meeting.
a. schedule
c. colleague
b. program
d. motorist
17. $\qquad$ is a tactical game; it needs much concentration.
a. Chess
c. University
b. Crime
d. Publisher
18. The athlete said that he would be honored to $\qquad$ at the Olympic Games.
a. hibernate
c. be absent
b. be injured
d. compete
19. Our success in a globally $\qquad$ economy depends on unlocking the talents of all our people.
a. dependant
c. contradicted
b. useless
d. competitive
20. We won't continue until you feel $\qquad$ about using the equipment.
a. confident
c. tired
b. patriotic
d. insecure

## Vocabulary Test 2

1. Whatever book you read, sermon or lecture you hear, give yourself the time to $\qquad$ its value.
a. disregard
c. surrender
b. appreciate
d. regret
2. Our client would like to recruit a qualified part-time financial $\qquad$ two days per week.
a. minister
c. mechanic
b. agenda
d. accountant
3. In time, you will find that the more you practice the $\qquad$ you will become.
a. worse
c. less practical
b. weaker
d. more accurate
4. Investment is the most important item on the $\qquad$ that will be discussed at the next meeting.
a. agenda
c. television
b. balance
d. blackboard
5. For something entertaining to do, 1 recommend going to $\qquad$ theatricals-they are so unprofessional you have to laugh!
a. secret
c. translated
b. amateur
d. boring
6. The labor law has been $\qquad$ several times; however, it still needs more revision.
a. connected
c. amended
b. cancelled
d. appraised
7. It was recommended in the $\qquad$ report to upgrade our computer system.
a. grade
c. annual
b. contest
d. cheap
8. The torturing $\qquad$ that filled his mind would no longer allow him to remain in the house.
a. anxiety
c. soundtrack
b. obesity
d. freedom
9. The Latin Quarter in Paris, France, is on the left $\qquad$ of the river Seine.
a. blend
c. bother
b. bank
d. blank
10. He came straight towards the $\qquad$ then suddenly made a swift movement to the left, trusting in his quickness of movement to avoid its danger.
a. open space
c. tame creature
b. beginning
d. wild creature
11. The government was determined to avoid another political $\qquad$ by refusing bribes.
a. victory
c. calamity
b. descendent
d. success
12. Several countries will have the $\qquad$ to produce nuclear weapons within 10 years.
a. capability
c. harmony
b. broadcast
d. navigation
13. He is very wealthy; he owns a $\qquad$ of famous hotels.
a. collision
c. threat
b. chain
d. dearth
14. The Committee $\qquad$ to the new policies put forth by the Union.
a. narrated
c. consented
b. quarreled
d. consumed
15. The $\qquad$ was crowded at an early hour, long before the arrival of the judges, lawyers and prisoner.
a . audience
c. class
b. field
d. court
16. The $\qquad$ design of the first floor was nearly completed and the second was progressing slowly.
a. interior
c. hospitality
b. weaker
d. distractor
17. At times, I become $\qquad$ , bewildered, out of tune, and snap at others for no apparent reason.
a. recent
c. peaceful
b. logical
d. irritated
18. We fear the former proposal will be acted upon and the $\qquad$ rejected.
a. letter
c. ladder
b. latter
d. litter
19. A $\qquad$ on Islamic art and architecture was given at the university.
a. letter
c. promise
b. lecture
d. lesson
20. Many companies are attempting to $\qquad$ their negative impact on the environment.
a. increase
c. lessen
b. fulfill
d. lesson

## Vocabulary Test 3

1. The shareholders do not have any control of the day-to-day $\qquad$ of the company's affairs
a. problems
c. discrimination
b. workers
d. administration
2. His first impression of her was one of $\qquad$ , but suspicion quickly set in when she spoke.
a. guilt
c. admiration
b. dislike
d. doubtfulness
3. Orphaned children were offered for $\qquad$ to those who were unable to have offspring.
a. responsibility
c. adoption
b. remittance
d. exportation
4. Police dogs are trained to be $\qquad$ .
a. passive
c. sleepy
b. aggressive
d. lazy
5. They have $\qquad$ a new headmaster for our school this year.
a. detained
c. discussed
b. copied
d. appointed
6. It was $\qquad$ that the students copied from one another when the tests were set side by side.
a. hourly
c. assisted
b. apparent
d. umbrella
7. You can $\qquad$ many problems by using travelers cheques.
a. avoid
c. accept
b. bring
d. except
8. He sent a $\qquad$ note to his mother about his severe illness.
a. bright
c. brief
b. inhabited
d. slow
9. The $\qquad$ pushed hard to pass the defense to score the winning point.
a. mechanic
c. campaign
b. offence
d. collision
10. Due to their natural $\qquad$ , children ask many questions.
a. metabolism
c. curiosity
b. adventure
d. shyness
11. Sahar $\qquad$ this photograph among some old newspapers.
a. came across
c. left out
b. promised
d. involved
12. Doctors advised her to $\qquad$ the amount of saturated fats in her diet.
a. continue with
c. set up
b. cut down on
d. add to
13. He made it clear that I had to $\qquad$ the nature of his duties, as he was unsure.
a. accept
c. borrow
b. donate
d. define
14. In some countries, only $\qquad$ standard (PAL/NTSC) DVD players will play PAL DVDs.
a. dual
c. durable
b. dial
d. viable
15. The new prime minister promised that the social welfare of the nation will improve for the $\qquad$ of his government.
a. theory
c. resignation
b. duration
d. population
16. The audience cheered loudly as the president spoke $\qquad$ to the crowed.
a. evenly
c. elderly
b. eloquently
d. enormously
17. They $\qquad$ to America in 2005, but they still have not gotten American passports.
a. shifted in
c. took part
b. emigrated
d. exported
18. Tom entered the competition without any $\qquad$ to succeed.
a. communication
c. phenomenon
b. reconstruction
d. expectation
19. The physicians examined his injuries and saw that they were $\qquad$ , so naturally they turned their attention to patients who could be saved.
a. fatal
c. traditional
b. frigid
d. thoughtful
20. Passengers complain that trains are $\qquad$ cancelled.
a. absolutely
c. frequently
b. successfully
d. extremely

## Vocabulary Test 4

1. He was soberly dressed in dark brown $\qquad$ , and his face wore an expression of sorrow and concern.
a. toxic
c. pump
b. sample
d. silk
2. Please don't $\qquad$ my statements. I have facts to prove them.
a. consume
c. conserve
b. contradict
d. conquer
3. The moment the words were out, I began to doubt as to whether he would $\qquad$ the offer.
a. accept
c. restore
b. resolve
d. touch
4. Hence, the overall performance of heat $\qquad$ between both materials is expected to be similar.
a. contain
c. worldwide
b. narrate
d. transfer
5. I could scarcely be justified not to raise a $\qquad$ voice against the impending violence.
a. training
c. shameful
b. warning
d. pleasant
6. We're flying to Denver $\qquad$ Chicago.
a. beneath
c. under
b. via
d. way
7. Under his excellent leadership, the army marched from one $\qquad$ to another.
a. dedication
c. disaster
b. defeat
d. victory
8. It is hard to tell what had started the $\qquad$ since an edge was on their talk from the beginning.
a. chime
c. quarrel
b. creation
d. discussion
9. He knew that behind the cornerstone was a cave that would not be $\qquad$ from below.
a. gotten out of
c. shocked
b. suspected
d. evoked
10. This new feature allows you to easily $\qquad$ the interior surface of almost any enclosed space.
a. educate
c. visualize
b. connect
d. attempt

## Vocabulary test 5

1. In developing countries, $\qquad$ is very high; few people can write or read their name.
a. illiteracy
c. initiative
b. intensity
d. injustice
2. The tennis player $\qquad$ her ankle during the match and had to drop out.
a. slipped
c. resolved
b. burned
d. sprained
3. Their examination had $\qquad$ a long time, and few thought the questions were appropriate.
a. mumbled
c. resolved
b. observed
d. lasted
4. Nadia Comaneci was the first woman in Olympic gymnastics to score a perfect 10 , leading her to win the gold $\qquad$ for Romania.
a. marsh
c. medal
b. major
d. modem
5. You can really put your project $\qquad$ skills to work by arranging a community event.
a. inspired
c. management
b. insurance
d. motivational
6. You could invest part of your money in the stock $\qquad$ to increase your capital.
a. pottery
c. table
b. ministry
d. market
7. Try not to take out bank $\qquad$ to avoid debt early in the life of your business.
a. masts
c. references
b. Ioans
d. decisions
8. Some websites require you to become a $\qquad$ to play their online games.
a. member
c. crutch
b. deputy
d. fraud
9. He was $\qquad$ to find the source of the soft, gentle sounds coming from beyond the open window.
a. threatened
c. diminished
b. determined
d. detected
10. When driving, always wear your seat belt, strictly $\qquad$ speed limits, traffic lights and signs.
a. inflate
c. observe
b. improve
d. evoke
11. A man has been given a long jail sentence for selling $\qquad$ Bristol University degrees.
a. outstanding
c. frail
b. extensive
d. fake
12. All applications must be accompanied by two $\qquad$ .
a. references
c. proctors
b. addresses
d. results
13. Some people feel that the world is communicating in an entirely $\qquad$ medium.
a. urgent
c. untidy
b. foreign
d. durable
14. $\qquad$ travelers usually fly first class rather than economy.
a. Weary
c. Extensive
b. Aggressive
d. Affluent
15. The presentation Susan gave was $\qquad$ . Everyone was impressed by her improvement.
a. incredible
c. ill-mannered
b. uncertain
d. non-invasive
16. The citizens fought for decent $\qquad$ conditions and many other social improvements.
a. dazzling
c. disappointing
b. housing
d. overcrowding
17. As a majority, the $\qquad$ rejected voting for an 8 -hour workday.
a. presses
c. nomads
b. prams
d. masses
18. After the long holiday, I was suffering from $\qquad$ . I needed time off to rest.
a. effluent
c. fauna
b. fatigue
d. radar
19. The new Kuwait $\qquad$ has voted to support the new private sector labor laws.
a. medalist
c. opportunity
b. parliament
d. noblemen
20. He felt grateful to the stranger, who had given him an $\qquad$ to benefit from his generosity.
a. opportunity
c. offense
b. uncertainty
d. accolade
21. In developing countries, $\qquad$ is very high; few people can write or read their name.
a. illiteracy
c. initiative

## Vocabulary Test 6

1. The view was $\qquad$ from our chalet window, so we could not see the ocean clearly.
a. orbited
c. outstanding
b. obliterated
d. obscured
2. From where we stood on the $\qquad$ , we could see that the crowd was disgruntled.
a. contest
c. landmark
b. platform
d. joystick
3. Our family doctor prefers to $\qquad$ health and comfort to his patients instead of medicines.
a. maroon
c. promote
b. match
d. deserve
4. An atomic bomb can cause $\qquad$ damage.
a. unofficial
c. incredible
b. geometric
d. impossible
5. Graduation will $\qquad$ at 10 o'clock. If you are late, the ceremony will begin without you!
a. confirm
c. collide
b. comment
d. commence
6. The statue outside in the courtyard is a $\qquad$ of justice.
a. vision
c. security
b. symbol
d. vessel
7. The boy pushed his lemonade $\qquad$ to a busier intersection.
a. cart
c. talent
b. pram
d. cabin
8. Gold is a $\qquad$ metal often used to make extravagant jewelry.
a. previous
c. patriotic
b. precious
d. palatial
9. Viking $\qquad$ began attacking Western Europe toward the end of the eighth century.
a. warriors
c. sergeants
b. defenses
d. classics
10. This school serves an ethnically $\qquad$ community of nearly 1,200 students.
a. gifted
c. spacious
b. diverse
d. dismissive
11. A $\qquad$ shadow at the bottom of the stairs kept me from going down.
a. humble
c. durable
b. dreadful
d. congested
12. Although they are twins, they look $\qquad$ different.
a. entirely
c. briefly
b. slightly
d. lastly
13. Some scientists predict that whales are going to be $\qquad$ very soon.
a. published
c. extinct
b. submerged
d. deserted
14. After decades of steady $\qquad$ the number of bicycles on China's streets has begun to fall.
a. decreases
c. disputes
b. impulses
d. increases
15. The police have not solved the $\qquad$ of the stolen jewels.
a. wasteland
c. proposal
b. mystery
d. hardship
16. All her life Bess had been isolated and awkward, yet she had $\qquad$ elements of the eternal feminine.
a. deserted
c. extinct
b. integrated
d. bribed
17. The Red Crescent and the Red Cross are worthwhile $\qquad$ organizations that serve the needs of victims of natural disasters.
a. fundamental
c. affordable
b. philanthropic
d. famished
18. Do you know anyone who can $\qquad$ this sewing machine?
a. escape
c. fax
b. attract
d. fix
19. Be $\qquad$ . Your teacher cannot give you a good grade if you do not deserve it.
a. charitable
c. illogical
b. incapable
d. reasonable
20. He is an $\qquad$ man who always behaves badly in social situations.
a. inevitable
c. unproductive
b. ill-mannered
d. affordable

## Vocabulary Test 7

1. Many families are suffering from economic $\qquad$ .
a. success
c. nourishments
b. proportions
d. hardships
2. Six horses were brought in to $\qquad$ the queen's coach.
a. train
c. drag
b. draw
d. drop
3. Are you $\qquad$ the death penalty?
a. dealing with
c. in favor of
b. profitable for
d. privy to
4. Nobody could believe that he was $\qquad$ the crime of murder that was committed.
a. innocent of
c. late for
b. rewarded by
d. tired of
5. I am writing to $\qquad$ your advertisement in the newspaper.
a. disregard
c. settle down
b. necessitate
d. inquire about
6. The War Department has $\qquad$ all the governors to call up available armed forces.
a. given up
c. taken off
b. notified
d. supplied
7. He was so $\qquad$ with gratitude and emotion that he lost his voice.
a. empty
c. underfed
b. idle
d. overcome
8. Brushing your teeth regularly helps $\qquad$ teeth decay.
a. prevent
c. cause
b. return
d. continue
9. Farmers rely on $\qquad$ to improve the quality of soil.
a. famine
c. fertilizer
b. drought
d. calamity
10. Today, China is the world's largest $\qquad$ of silk.
a. owner
c. producer
b. offender
d. remedy
11. I $\qquad$ you to give me the right information, so my project will be accurate.
a. regard
c. rent to
b. rely on
d. promise

12At that moment, she $\qquad$ more of her character than in any other time of her life.
a. resigned
c. revealed
b. soiled
d. dirtied
13. Honestly, David certainly $\qquad$ the award for "The Most Responsible Tour Operator".
a. deserves
c. causes
b. exercises
d. delays
14. Governments must have a plan for the $\qquad$ of animals that are nearing extinction.
a. reduction
c. acknowledgement
b. meeting
d. conservation
15.You have to $\qquad$ a financial adviser at the tax office about your personal circumstances.
a. become
c. delay
b. honor
d. consult
16. Many frightened people suddenly become $\qquad$ , much to their surprise.
a. courageous
c. tearful
b. terrified
d. weakened
17. They lost the battle because they fought $\qquad$ ; they were fearful of their opponent.
a. confidently
c. briefly
b. cowardly
d. strongly
18. Birds of prey hunt and kill other $\qquad$ by using their powerful claws.
a. plans
c. creatures
b. talents
d. contests
19. The newspaper recently $\qquad$ some highly organized crimes in Kuwait.
a. reported
c. composed
b. messaged
d. adopted
20. He was ill because of a $\qquad$ of vitamins in his diet.
a. balance
c. mixture
b. deficiency
d. flood

## Vocabulary Test 8

1. When Khalid came home wet, it was $\qquad$ he had fallen into the neighbor's swimming pool.
a. virtuous
c. effective
b. transparent
d. obvious
2. Since Huda cannot use sugar, she uses an $\qquad$ sweetener instead.
a. efficient
c. agreeable
b. artificial
d. illogical
3. We have no $\qquad$ to your plan. You can go ahead with it.
a. objections
c. directions
b. decisions
d. commissions
4. $\qquad$ is a clean type of energy, which everyone needs.
a. Simplicity
c. Electricity
b. Electronics
d. Robotics
5. The $\qquad$ in these children's books help them to understand the stories more clearly.
a. elevations
c. illuminations
b. explosions
d. illustrations
6. It is easy to $\qquad$ dinars into dollars using a calculator.
a. collect
c. reject
b. transmit
d. convert
7. Kuwait Airways flies to many $\qquad$ all over the world.
a. destinations
c. relations
b. obligations
d. companions
8. The $\qquad$ for World Health Organization is WHO.
a. distinction
c. compensation
b. abbreviation
d. explanation
9. The angry employees $\qquad$ the large salary cut.
a. proposed
c. preferred
b. profited
d. protested
10. It is sometimes hard to $\qquad$ work and family obligations.
a. edit
c. disinfect
b. retire
d. balance
11. It is good to have $\qquad$ goals to work toward.
a. dubious
c. frank
b. realistic
d. visual
12. A five-star hotel pays attention to guest $\qquad$ .
a. species
c. postmarks
b. preferences
d. regards
13. The instrument scientists use to observe star is called a $\qquad$ .
a. telescope
c. stethoscope
b. microscope
d. gyroscope
14. If you go to New York, you will probably ride the $\qquad$ to get around.
a. staircase
c. landscape
b. mainland
d. subway
15. At first, Hamid didn't like his job, but $\qquad$ he got used to it.
a. indirectly
c. occassionally
b. eventually
d. unfortunately

## Vocabulary Test 9

1. The $\qquad$ of Hala February usually includes a parade, a concert, and games for children.
a. experts
c. appliances
b. genetics
d. festivities
2. It was refreshing to be met with such $\qquad$ after a long journey.
a. hospitality
c. fragrance
b. constancy
d. coracle
3. Spending months researching prison life gave Yousef greater $\qquad$ towards convicts.
a. features
c. fraud
b. empathy
d. feud
4. The graduate student sat in the front row and took $\qquad$ notes during the lecture.
a. frail
c. copious
b. convoluted
d. concrete
5. This program does $\qquad$ searches for all the available data on a subject.
a. gold
c. frequent
b. global
d. foolish
6. The tribe fought to maintain its $\qquad$ in the area.
a. port
c. predominance
b. profit
d. pilgrimage
7. The experience that she has placed her in an $\qquad$ position to be hired for job.
a. animated
c. aggressive
b. advantageous
d. equestrian
8. Marie Claire magazine is devoted to promoting $\qquad$ fashions for up-to-date young women.
a. deserted
c. damp
b. contemporary
d. devastating
9. Brigit Bardot, a French actress, donates time and money to support the $\qquad$ of animals.
a. workshop
c. port
b. shipping
d. welfare
10. The techniques she uses in her knitting are more $\qquad$ than those of her friends.
a. sophisticated
c. wireless
b. astronomical
d. bifocal
11. The streets in Kuwait are $\qquad$ with cars, especially in mornings and after work.
a. controlled
c. consoled
b. composure
d. congested
12. Sarah has developed a deep $\qquad$ for her country and its people since learning its history.
a. affection
c. abuse
b. ailment
d. dispute
13. She is such a $\qquad$ child. She could read and write sentences before she entered kindergarten.
a. perturbed
c. precocious
b. solitary
d. tranquil
14. When Huda shops, she likes to $\qquad$ with the seller to reduce the price.
a. boost
c. aviate
b. benefit
d. bargain
15. The family whose son was killed suffered a $\qquad$ injustice when the judge set the criminal free.
a. geriatric
c. financial
b. gross
d. feasible
16. After the kids went outside to play, the house was again $\qquad$ .
a. tranquil
c. toothy
b. treacherous
d. touching
17. The storm that hit Kuwait City caused a $\qquad$ amount of damage to buildings and homes.
a. stabilizing
c. stubborn
b. subsequent
d. staggering
18. The $\qquad$ quarrels the couples were having began to get on the neighbors nerves.
a. quotidian
c. reliable
b. abstract
d. arbitrary
19. Mothers who car pool (ride share) $\qquad$ some of the stress of driving their children to school.
a. abundant
c. avoid
b. alleviate
d. abandon
20. Hundreds of dead and wounded soldiers covered the $\qquad$ . The situation looked hopeless.
a. perseverance
c. battlefield
b. benefactor
d. procession

## Vocabulary Test 10

1. Hamed and Hassan look almost exactly alike. They must be $\qquad$ .
a. twins
c. twigs
b. peers
d. friends
2. If you saw him again, would you $\qquad$ the man who hit your car?
a. familiarize
c. recognize
b. encourage
d. sabotage
3. The $\qquad$ is connected to the foot.
a. elbow
c. knee
b. ankle
d. wrist
4. The Saleh's family booked a vacation at the sea because they wanted to $\qquad$ around the world.
a. guess
c. colonize
b. govern
d. cruise
5. Nicotine causes the heart to beat faster and $\qquad$ a person's breath rate .
a. stabilizes
c. increases
b. explodes
d. widens
6. The brain is an organ which $\qquad$ us to think.
a. kicks
c. exhibits
b. allows
d. provides
7. The firefighter used the $\qquad$ to reach the top floor of the building.
a. subway
c. stool
b. lorry
d. ladder
8. Space exploration has grown $\qquad$ since man first walked on the moon.
a. confidentially
c. tremendously
b. horizontally
d. eventually
9. Ms. Susan has a very busy $\qquad$ today. She won't be able to see you today.
a. schedule
c. commitment
b. category
d. queue
10. The shopkeeper was $\qquad$ into accepting a much lower price.
a. reproduced
c. pressured
b. determined
d. explained
11. As a Kuwaiti citizen, what are your $\qquad$ socially and legally?
a. finances
c. preventions
b. obligations
d. ingenuity
12. The $\qquad$ from Salmiya to Jahraa is about 40 km .
a. authority
c. density
b. balance
d. distance
13. The office furniture looks so old and $\qquad$ that it should be replaced immediately.
a. worn
c. drawn
b. painted
d. furious
14. The human brain is more $\qquad$ than a computer; however, it seems some people can ${ }^{\text {t }}$ use either one.
a. exposed
c. complicated
b. popular
d. contemporary
15. A long time ago, merchants traveled in a $\qquad$ to sell their things.
a. cancellation
c. journey
b. caravan
d. prevention
16. Oil is $\qquad$ from the Middle East to countries that have no natural energy sources.
a. imported
c. important
b. imposed
d. impounded
17. The $\qquad$ of his anger made those around him fearful.
a. ingenuity
c. interest
b. interior
d. intensity
18. The headsets on airplanes are $\qquad$ so that passengers can wear them in comfort.
a. adjustable
c. approximate
b. absolute
d. alternative
19. The hands on the clock $\qquad$ the time of day.
a. prevent
c. accept
b. fill
d. indicate
20. What is their $\qquad$ ? Are they friends or business partners?
a. work
c. generation
b. relationship
d. discovery

## Vocabulary Test 11

1. Your reasons are not $\qquad$ to justify your bad behavior yesterday.
a. affluent
c. appeal
b. sufficient
d. separate
2. The hotel staff was very friendly and $\qquad$ .
a. arcade
c. courteous
b. artificial
d. impolite
3. Jassem picked up a few good $\qquad$ at the sale last month.
a. bargains
c. prices
b. plazas
d. insults
4. Some snakes and spiders are very $\qquad$ -
a. reminiscent
c. ugly
b. poisonous
d. polished
5. The sea has steadily $\qquad$ the cliffs over the years.
a. resembled
c. eroded
b. resolved
d. embarked
6. The company $\qquad$ trading in June due to lack of business.
a. crutch
c. current
b. creed
d. ceased
7. Presidents and kings usually lead $\qquad$ and lives.
a. fanatic
c. enjoined
b. hectic
d. finite
8. Watch out for sharp curves and $\qquad$ your speed accordingly when driving.
a. market
b. acquire
c. maroon
c. adjust
9. Thank you for your $\qquad$ reply. I wasn't expecting it until next week.
a. late
c. prompt
b. clear
d. rusty
10. Mothers are usually more $\qquad$ to their children than fathers are.
a. attached
c. mammal
b. mumble
d. appraised
11. The BMW and the Rolls Royce companies have decided to $\qquad$ into one business.
a. separate
c. doctorate
b. merge
d. commemorate
12. The teacher is really $\qquad$ of the students' constant grumbling. They always complain.
a. appealed
c. weary
b. afforded
d. worried
13. Salem was $\qquad$ to cry when he saw his poor exam results because he studied so hard.
a. advertised
c. last
b. collided
d. about
14. You need to tell us about your $\qquad$ before you leave on holiday.
a. absorption
c. adornment
b. plans
d. panes
15. Kuwait is characterized by hot $\qquad$ in summer.
a. weather
c. destiny
b. tropics
d. metal
16. This computer program can help you $\qquad$ your date efficiently.
a. devour
c. wear
b. allow
d. manage
17. Many traffic accidents $\qquad$ because of the sandstorm last week.
a. generated
c. polished
b. occurred
d. procured
18. Mangoes are $\qquad$ and, therefore, very expensive this season.
a. proud
c. scarce
b. acclaimed
d. supplied
19. Yousif is a very $\qquad$ person. You can always tell what he is going to say or do next.
a. predictable
b. affordable
b. advisable
d. believable
20. The baby was crying because his $\qquad$ were blocked due to his cold.
a. eyes
c. nostrils
b. knees
d. ankles

## Vocabulary Test 12

1. At first, people used $\qquad$ metals, such as gold and silver, to make coins.
a. currency
c. previous
b. precious
c. creative
2. Because it was $\qquad$ to carry so many coins, the government started making paper currency.
a. inconvenient
c. traded
b. determined
d. apparent
3. My friends are more $\qquad$ than the most valuable jewels.
a. approachable
c. precious
b. appropriate
d. portable
4. Paul $\qquad$ his soccer ball for his friend's basketball. They are now both happy.
a. covered
b. reported
c. suggested
d. traded
5. I dropped my watch on the $\qquad$ , and now I cannot find it.
a. ground
c. profit
b. predator
d. guess
6. What should we do this weekend? Do you have any $\qquad$ ?
a. hostility
c. obedience
b. suggestions
d. electronics
7. Each country has its own $\qquad$ . In Mexico it's the peso, in Japan, the yen.
a. receipts
c. currency
b. distraction
d. discipline
8. What an $\qquad$ ! When I greeted her, she walked past me as if she didn't know me.
a. insult
c. expert
b. answer
d. object
9. He is very good at $\qquad$ people. He can do politicians and well-known actors.
a. singing
c. imitating
b. making
d. gliding
10. What a $\qquad$ there is between the two brothers. They are like night and day.
a. contract
c. similarity
b. contrast
d. specialty
11. You can use $\qquad$ to communicate with someone who cannot hear you.
a. noises
c. questions
b. softness
d. gestures
12. Learning a foreign language is $\qquad$ for adults. It is much easier for children to learn another language.
a. challenging
c. cleaver
b. easy
d. simple
13. He doesn't want to drive me into the city, but he is $\qquad$ to do it.
a. disposable
c. nervous
b. agreeing
d. spacious
14. Business people often take their $\qquad$ out to lunch so that they can get to know them.
a. wives
c. offspring
b. friends
d. clients
15. At midnight, there was a loud noise in the kitchen, but the cause of it was a $\qquad$ .
a. mystery
c. ecological
b. known
d. dominant
16. Ahmed opened his $\qquad$ and turned to a new page and began to write his thoughts.
a. newspaper
c. diary
b. list
d. record
17. Sara writes stories and poems about the future. She has a wonderful $\qquad$ .
a. creation
c. generation
b. vegetation
d. imagination
18. Ali bought a new television because his old one didn't $\qquad$ well.
a. function
c. cause
b. clear
d. design
19. Her friend was in the hospital for two weeks with a serious $\qquad$ .
a. occasion
b. condition
b. appliance
d. fragrance
20. It is an $\qquad$ that some people are very wealthy, while are others are very poor.
a. illness
c. occasion
b. injustice
d. appeal
21. The British pop band tried to create a new sound to attract a wider $\qquad$ .
a. falsehood
c. mediator
b. guardian
d. audience
22. There are usually increased $\qquad$ of ice-cream in the summer.
a. shorts
c. reserves
b. sales
d. times
23. Dan was $\qquad$ by a bee while he was walking near the trees.
a. consulted
c. stung
b. recruited
d. shone
24. Teachers should use teaching aids in the classroom to $\qquad$ learning.
a. lament
c. displace
b. facilitate
d. detect
25. The credits at the end of the film acknowledge the $\qquad$ and characters.
a. caution
c. cast
b. carpet
d. case
26. The water levels of the Nile River are controlled by a $\qquad$ in Aswan, Egypt.
a. dam
c. display
b. hub
d. coach
27. The judge ordered the jury to $\qquad$ the witness's last statement.
a. encroach
c. impose
b. lament
d. disregard
28. Most modern appliances run on some sort of $\qquad$ technology.
a. digital
c. ecological
b. forced
d. exuberant
29. The university employed temporary staff to help $\qquad$ the enrollment of new students.
a. dominate
c. facilitate
b. capitulate
d. decrease

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20. "Know" is too strong a word to use in court when the $\qquad$ is not absolutely convincing.
a. cuneiform
c. enrollment
b. evidence
d. eloquence

