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(Answer ID # 0673041)

Context Clues

1. There was pandemonium when the teacher walked out of the door just as there was confusion when the lunch monitor left the cafeteria.

   Using the comparison clue, the word **pandemonium** in this sentence means

   ☐ (A) calmness ☐ (C) peace
   ☐ (B) serenity ☐ (D) confusion

2. When it was proven the senator had taken a bribe, he relinquished his position in Congress. He believed it was best for the country to give up his job.

   Using the synonym clue, the word **relinquished** in this sentence means

   ☐ (A) stole ☐ (C) held tightly
   ☐ (B) gave up ☐ (D) took back

3. We watched the deer play down in the vale, while the goats were on top of the mountain.

   Using the comparison clue, the word **vale** in this sentence means

   ☐ (A) ocean ☐ (C) pasture
   ☐ (B) grass ☐ (D) valley

4. The secretary's job was to write down her boss's words verbatim. Occasionally, she would miss certain words and write down something that was close.

   Using the contrast clue, the word **verbatim** in this sentence means

   ☐ (A) inaccurately ☐ (C) exactly
   ☐ (B) incorrectly ☐ (D) improperly

5. Confections, such as cake, candy, and sweets, should be eaten sparingly.

   Using the example clue, the word **confections** in this sentence means

   ☐ (A) vegetable ☐ (C) fruits
   ☐ (B) sweet foods ☐ (D) meats

6. The science project was easy, but the math homework was arduous.

   Using the contrast clue, the word **arduous** in this sentence means

   ☐ (A) wet ☐ (C) easy
   ☐ (B) difficult ☐ (D) simple

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(Answer ID # 0309357)

Context Clues

7. I know that Jeff is smart, so I was confused when he did such a vacuous thing as to jump off the roof of our house.

Using the contrast clue, the word **vacuous** in this sentence means

A annoying
B stupid
C cowardly
D outstanding

8. The cop knocked the derringer, or gun, away from the bad guy.

Using the synonym clue, the word **derringer** in this sentence means

A gun
B hat
C jewelry
D book

9. The unsubstantial story was as if she were retelling a dream.

Using the comparison clue, the word **unsubstantial** in this sentence means

A realistic
B true
C unreal

10. Mom was emphatically against the new taxes while Dad was not sure how he felt.

Using the contrast clue, the word **emphatically** in this sentence means

A not definite
B unsure
C unclear
D definitely

11. The king wore a diadem, a crown with many jewels, upon his head.

Using the explanation clue, the word **diadem** in this sentence means

A crown
B sweater
C halo
D hat

12. Plants from the arbutus group, such as flowering trees and shrubs with berries, grow mainly in North America.

Using the example clue, the word **arbutus** in this sentence means

A group of trees and shrubs
B fruit
C vegetable

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(Answer ID # 0232663)

Context Clues

13. Biomes on Earth include the plants and animals in the grasslands, the plants and animals in the deserts, and the plants and animals in the rain forests.

Using the example clue, the word **biomes** in this sentence means

☐ A prisons
☐ B communities
☐ C small areas
☐ D catastrophes

14. The police arrived to confiscate, or seize, the stolen property of the criminal.

Using the explanation clue, the word **confiscate** in this sentence means

☐ A lose
☐ B give away
☐ C donate
☐ D seize

15. The fumes were pernicious, not harmless.

Using the antonym clue, the word **pernicious** in this sentence means

☐ A safe
☐ B harmless
☐ C not dangerous
☐ D harmful

16. Because of an accident, we were forced to take a circuitous route rather than the most direct way.

Using the antonym clue, the word **circuitous** in this sentence means

☐ A roundabout
☐ B direct
☐ C straight
☐ D shortest

17. The new speaker from the health clinic was so inarticulate that all of us left the auditorium wondering what the message was.

Using the antonym clue, the word **inarticulate** in this sentence means

☐ A conflicted
☐ B unclearly spoken
☐ C cowardly
☐ D full of anger

18. The omnipotent superhero always won his battles, unlike his weak opponents.

Using the contrast clue, the word **omnipotent** in this sentence means

☐ A almighty or all powerful
☐ B weak
☐ C powerless

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(Answer ID # 0281185)

Context Clues

19. The magnanimous crowd stood up for what they believed, but the others were too afraid.

Using the antonym clue, the word **magnanimous** in this sentence means

- (A) instant
- (B) heroic
- (C) brief
- (D) identical

20. The woman threw on her frock and ran outside, forgetting that she needed a belt around her dress.

Using the explanation clue, the word **frock** in this sentence means

- (A) socks
- (B) woman's dress
- (C) arch
- (D) disregard

21. Mom is going to be so mad when she finds out that Peter broke her fragile, or easily broken, lamp.

Using the synonym clue, the word **fragile** in this sentence means

- (A) purple
- (B) easily broken
- (C) too expensive
- (D) strong

22. Just as Paul's project disintegrated in the rain, so did Patrick's fall apart because of the weather.

Using the comparison clue, the word **disintegrated** in this sentence means

- (A) fell apart
- (B) blossomed
- (C) changed
- (D) used

23. The giant ice cream sundae was so scrumptious that I ate the entire thing.

Using the explanation clue, the word **scrumptious** in this sentence means

- (A) yucky
- (B) delicious
- (C) large
- (D) awful

24. This summer we needed to move the pigs to their new pen. The old sow stubbornly refused to move. The old aphorism, "pig-headed," sure described her.

Using the example clue, the word **aphorism** in this sentence means

- (A) saying
- (B) forgery
- (C) untruth
- (D) falsehood