Chapter 8

Pre-Assessment

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Choose the answer or phrase that best answers the question.

1. If you develop the flu, you should
   (A) be proud that you know so much
   (B) be put in jail
   (C) stay in bed and rest
   (D) be happy that you’re helping people

2. Who would be the most frantic?
   (A) a baseball pitcher who is on the mound
   (B) a person trying to save his house from a fire
   (C) a person reading a book on the beach
   (D) a party guest who arrived at the party on time

3. Which best demonstrates the meaning of the word “carefree”?
   (A) rushing to get to the bus on time
   (B) whistling and strolling along happily
   (C) working on a difficult math problem
   (D) shouting at someone who said something rude

4. An echo chamber is most likely
   (A) a mountain with an echo
   (B) a singer who echoes the words of the lead singer
   (C) a machine that makes someone’s voice echo
   (D) a room where you hear loud echoes

5. Which of these things would blossom?
   (A) a truck
   (B) a sandwich
   (C) a spider
   (D) a rose

6. Who would be most likely to wear peculiar clothing?
   (A) a basketball player
   (B) a clown
   (C) a police officer
   (D) a doctor

7. Which is the most fragile?
   (A) an apple
   (B) an eggshell
   (C) a can of soda
   (D) a brick

8. In what subject would you need to calculate?
   (A) social studies
   (B) math
   (C) spelling
   (D) English

9. If a news story is accurate, that means it is
   (A) funny
   (B) exciting
   (C) true
   (D) long

10. When would someone be most likely to feel at ease?
    (A) during an important softball game
    (B) while at work
    (C) while on vacation
    (D) during a dangerous hike

11. Which of the following is an example of the word “entranced”?
    (A) The magician fascinated the audience with marvelous tricks.
    (B) You’ll never enjoy boating if you don’t learn how to swim.
    (C) We will have to show our tickets to get in to see the band.
    (D) The kitten was completely tangled up in the yarn.
12. What would you say to someone you mistrust?
   (A) “I hope you feel better.”
   (B) “I can’t see you.”
   (C) “I don’t believe you.”
   (D) “I miss you.”

13. Which of the following is an example of the word “awkward”?
   (A) a toddler just learning to walk
   (B) a piano player playing a beautiful song
   (C) a runner coming in first place
   (D) a police officer searching for a criminal

14. Where does someone go when he or she has been arrested?
   (A) school
   (B) home
   (C) prison
   (D) another country

15. Which of the following is an example of the word “frontier”?
   (A) a major city that has many interesting museums
   (B) an Alaskan village on the edge of the wilderness
   (C) the room you step into after entering the front door of a house
   (D) a person who pretends to be something he or she is not

16. Which is an example of distracting another person?
   (A) giving a person directions to a nearby park
   (B) going on a long hike up a steep trail with a friend
   (C) getting your dad to go in the basement while your brother sneaks a puppy into the house
   (D) helping a neighbor to clean out her shed

17. What is plentiful in most forests?
   (A) houses
   (B) trees
   (C) the city
   (D) tigers

18. Which of the following is an example of the word “appropriate”?
   (A) Some kids just wore strange clothes and called their outfits costumes.
   (B) I’m frustrated because my dog never does what I tell her to do.
   (C) He did not pay the bill on time.
   (D) When she received the gift, Isabella thanked her grandparents.

19. A routine doctor’s appointment would probably involve
   (A) a bad doctor
   (B) surgery
   (C) expensive tests
   (D) a checkup

20. What would you call a portion of a pizza?
   (A) a pie
   (B) a box
   (C) a slice
   (D) a delivery
Chapter 9

Post-Assessment

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Final Test

Choose the answer or phrase that best answers the question.

1. A **vacant** house would be filled with
   (A) a gang
   (B) money
   (C) nothing
   (D) a family

2. If Jasmine can **afford** a watch, that means she
   (A) could buy a watch
   (B) won a free watch
   (C) keeps losing her watch
   (D) already owns a watch

3. Which of the following is an example of the word “**descend**”?
   (A) a submarine going deep into the ocean
   (B) a police officer catching a dangerous criminal
   (C) an art teacher explaining the next step in a project
   (D) a TV reporter warning about an approaching storm

4. Which is an example of **pleading**?
   (A) “Look out!”
   (B) “Ouch!”
   (C) “How are you?”
   (D) “Please help me.”

5. Who lives in **captivity**?
   (A) a princess who has been locked in a castle for years
   (B) a millionaire who owns five different homes
   (C) a homeless cat that sleeps in an alley
   (D) a dolphin that lives near a tropical island

6. Which of the following is an example of the word “**severe**”?
   (A) a teacher who lets her students watch a movie and eat popcorn every Friday
   (B) a parent who won't let his children talk on the phone for more than 2 minutes
   (C) a musician who is known around the world
   (D) a movie that makes a lot of people laugh

7. When would you give someone a **response**?
   (A) on Thanksgiving
   (B) when they were in trouble
   (C) on their birthday
   (D) when they asked you a question

8. Which of the following is an example of the word “**envy**”?
   (A) giving a friend a video game that you don't play any more
   (B) showing a friend how to do a difficult math problem
   (C) asking your friend over to swim in your new pool
   (D) feeling jealous because your friend got the pair of sneakers that you want

9. An **essential** ingredient in a recipe
   (A) does not need to be added
   (B) would make the food taste gross
   (C) cannot be purchased at a store
   (D) cannot be left out

10. Which of these things is **invisible**?
    (A) air
    (B) dirt
    (C) movies
    (D) animals
11. A **precious** book would be
   (A) worth a lot of money
   (B) brand new
   (C) hard to read
   (D) funny

12. Which of these things would need to be able to **focus**?
   (A) a bowl of soup
   (B) a merry-go-round
   (C) a movie camera
   (D) a computer

13. Which of these is **surface** damage on a car?
   (A) a flat tire
   (B) a dead battery
   (C) a broken radio
   (D) a scratch in the paint

14. Which of these is a **disaster**?
   (A) a funny movie
   (B) a tornado
   (C) a lunch food
   (D) a board game

15. Which of the following is an example of the word “**considerable**”?
   (A) Khan didn’t care what time we went to the movies.
   (B) Britney was worried that her mom wasn’t feeling well.
   (C) The detective decided he knew who the killer was.
   (D) The rock star owed millions of dollars in taxes.

16. Which of these shows the meaning of the word ‘**mature**’?
   (A) Karen watches her younger brother after school.
   (B) Dylan enjoys learning how to do new things.
   (C) Zoe can’t be trusted to turn in good work.
   (D) Bud is the best whistler I’ve ever known.

17. Which of these is a **limb**?
   (A) a finger
   (B) a nose
   (C) an arm
   (D) an ear

18. Which is a **heroic** action?
   (A) writing an interesting story
   (B) making fun of someone’s haircut
   (C) playing softball with your friends
   (D) saving someone from drowning

19. What would be most likely to make someone feel **terror**?
   (A) getting attacked by a bear
   (B) winning a singing contest
   (C) having to do chores around the house
   (D) reading an exciting book

20. Why should a house be **sturdy**?
   (A) so it looks nice
   (B) so it does not fall apart
   (C) so it can fit a lot of people
   (D) so it is worth a lot of money