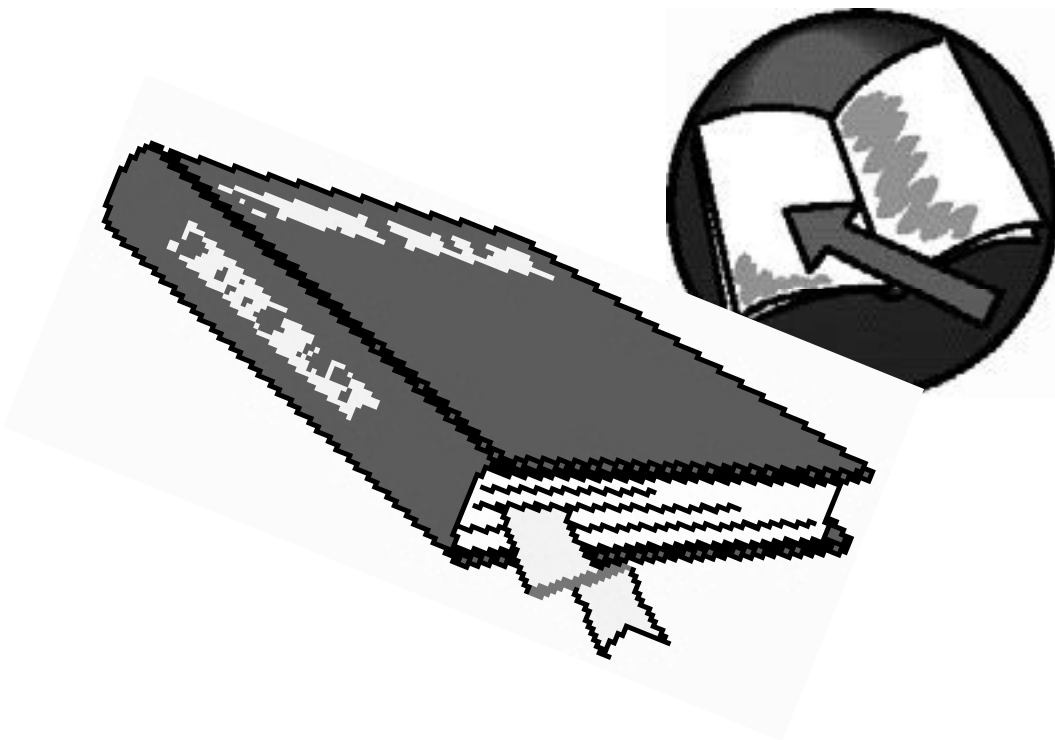


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1. Kaolin can be used in the treatment of which of the following illnesses?  
A. Cough  
B. Fever  
C. Diarrhea  
D. Nosebleed
2. When something is effervescing, it is doing what?  
A. Increasing in temperature  
B. Growing larger  
C. Drying up  
D. Releasing gas
3. Who would typically perform a cantata?  
A. Choirs  
B. Ballet dancers  
C. Actors  
D. Magicians
4. Gingivitis is the inflammation of which body part?  
A. Liver  
B. Gums  
C. Kidney  
D. Eye
5. According to the Roman myth, the month of January is named for Janus, who was associated with which of the following?  
A. Beginnings  
B. Winter  
C. The number one  
D. Calendars
6. One who dawdles is performing their duties \_\_\_\_\_?  
A. Incorrectly  
B. Efficiently  
C. Slowly  
D. Neatly
7. Sally walked into the classroom with trepidation. She was feeling \_\_\_\_\_ about the first day of school.  
A. Excited  
B. Nervous  
C. Confused  
D. Sad
8. What kind of gem is agate?  
A. Quartz  
B. Emerald  
C. Diamond  
D. Onyx
9. Which of the following buildings has the most in common with a hostel?  
A. Inn  
B. Hospital  
C. Office building  
D. Grocery store

10. What kind of item is a marimba?  
A. Medical equipment  
B. Art supply  
C. Musical instrument  
D. Article of clothing
11. According to the periodic table, the element Barium has an atomic number of 56 and an atomic weight of \_\_\_\_\_?  
A. 10.81  
B. 51.996  
C. 157.25  
D. 137.33
12. Lanugo is most similar to which of the following?  
A. Steel  
B. Fur  
C. Paint  
D. Glass
13. If something has high fidelity, then it has what property?  
A. Strength  
B. Accuracy  
C. Speed  
D. Brightness
14. The thalamus is an important part of which organ?  
A. Brain  
B. Heart  
C. Spleen  
D. Appendix
15. Johnny is acting quite boisterous today. What is Johnny doing?  
A. Being sneaky  
B. Being creative  
C. Being noisy  
D. Being tidy
16. Ophthalmology is the branch of science dealing with \_\_\_\_\_?  
A. Plants  
B. Dinosaurs  
C. Eyes  
D. Lungs
17. Which of the following is an example of an aberration?  
A. A line drawn with a ruler  
B. A perfectly round basketball  
C. A yellow banana  
D. A thunderstorm on a sunny day
18. A junco is what kind of animal?  
A. Dog  
B. Bird  
C. Cat  
D. Fish
19. Which of the following is used to make synthetic rubber?  
A. Isoprene  
B. Isosceles  
C. Isopod  
D. Isotherm
20. A state senator is about to filibuster the vote on a bill. What will the senator do?  
A. Vote for the bill  
B. Ask the other senators to vote for the bill  
C. Give a long speech to stop the vote on the bill  
D. Leave without voting

21. Tomorrow's club meeting is \_\_\_\_\_ for members. They must attend or they can no longer be in the club.
- |               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| A. Oblique    | C. Obscene   |
| B. Obligatory | D. Objective |
22. If a car is utilitarian, then it is \_\_\_\_\_?
- |                       |                              |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| A. Very fast and loud | C. Very simple and reliable  |
| B. Very big and wide  | D. Very colorful and sparkly |
23. Betty has some old books she'd like to move to the attic. She is about to \_\_\_\_\_ these books.
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|---------------|----------------|
| A. Exacerbate | C. Investigate |
| B. Relegate   | D. Mitigate    |
24. What does a lux measure?
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|----------------|-------------|
| A. Sound       | C. Light    |
| B. Temperature | D. Pressure |
25. Outside of its natural habitat, where else would you most likely find a rhesus monkey?
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|---------------|--------------|
| A. Classroom  | C. Courtroom |
| B. Laboratory | D. Ice rink  |
26. Which of the following would most likely be described as gallant?
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|-----------|-------------|
| A. Knight | C. Mechanic |
| B. Pig    | D. Hamster  |
27. A brown dwarf is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ than a normal star.
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|----------------------|--------------------|
| A. Larger; brighter  | C. Larger; dimmer  |
| B. Smaller; brighter | D. Smaller; dimmer |
28. If something is covered in paraffin, then it is covered in what kind of substance?
- |             |          |
|-------------|----------|
| A. Feathers | C. Metal |
| B. Wax      | D. Glass |
29. How many bells are rung on a ship to indicate it is 7:30?
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|------|-------|
| A. 3 | C. 10 |
| B. 7 | D. 12 |
30. A placebo is a medical treatment that has what kind of effect?
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|----------------------|----------------------|
| A. Cooling feeling   | C. Allergic reaction |
| B. Usually no effect | D. Rapid healing     |
31. What kind of food would have kohlrabi as an ingredient?
- |                     |               |
|---------------------|---------------|
| A. Ice cream sundae | C. Raw salad  |
| B. Yogurt parfait   | D. Cherry pie |

32. According to the metric system, a dekaliter is equal to how many liters?

A. 0.1

C. 5

B. 2

D. 10

**Match each of the following words to its correct meaning:**

\_\_\_\_\_ 33. dystopia

A. Peaceful

\_\_\_\_\_ 34. monolith

B. A silver-white element

\_\_\_\_\_ 35. idyll

C. Having a slight difference

\_\_\_\_\_ 36. sibilant

D. An unhappy place

\_\_\_\_\_ 37. cobalt

E. Large and powerful

\_\_\_\_\_ 38. nonagon

F. Monument or column

\_\_\_\_\_ 39. herculean

G. A shape with nine sides

\_\_\_\_\_ 40. nuance

H. Making a "s" sound

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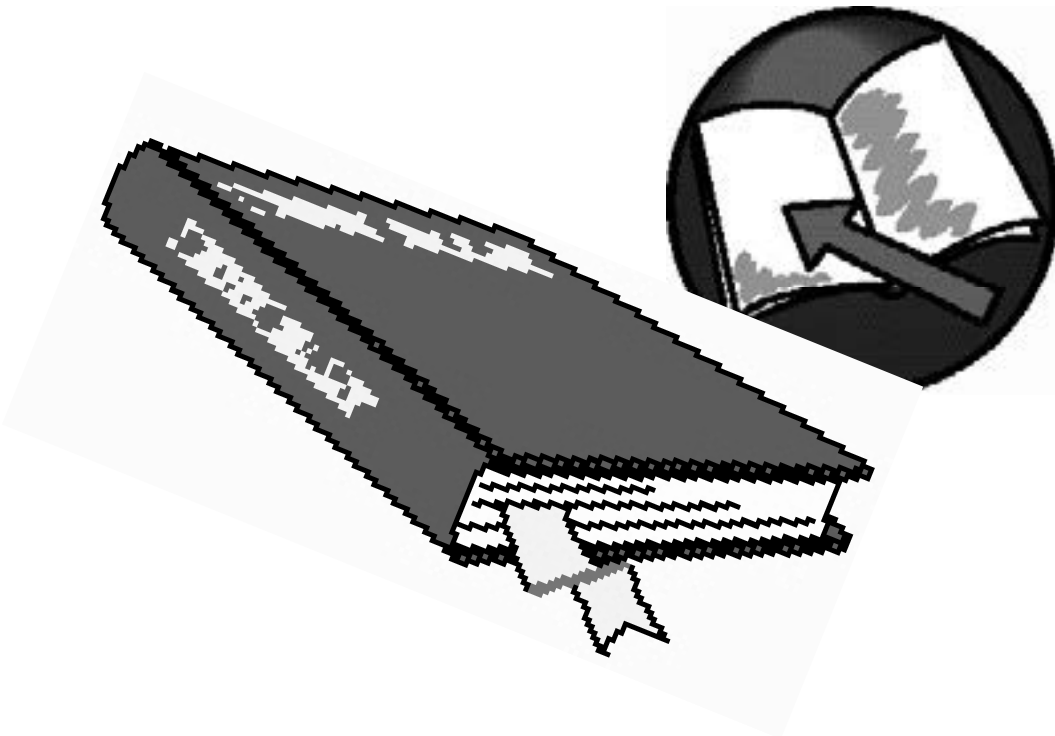
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| 5. A  | 25. B |
| 6. C  | 26. A |
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| 11. D | 31. C |
| 12. B | 32. D |
| 13. B | 33. D |
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1. What shape did ammonite take?  
A. Cube  
B. Spiral  
C. Pyramid  
D. Shapeless
2. Which of the following is a synonym for merry?  
A. Jocose  
B. Jitney  
C. Joggle  
D. Jicama
3. A gondolier can be found operating his water vehicle in what European city?  
A. Rome  
B. London  
C. Helsinki  
D. Venice
4. Emily is feeling very languorous today. What is she feeling?  
A. Weak  
B. Silly  
C. Angry  
D. Hungry
5. The Brazilian cruzeiro is similar to all of the following except \_\_\_\_\_?  
A. The Italian lira  
B. The Greek drachma  
C. The Canadian cruet  
D. The French franc
6. What organ is hepatic?  
A. Liver  
B. Kidney  
C. Brain  
D. Bladder
7. What constellation is Rigel a part of?  
A. Ursa Major  
B. Andromeda  
C. Orion  
D. Cassiopeia
8. Which of the following homes is bucolic?  
A. An urban apartment  
B. A high-rise condo  
C. A suburban family home  
D. A rural farmhouse
9. A horse is to a saddle as a howdah is to \_\_\_\_\_?  
A. A donkey  
B. A camel  
C. An ox  
D. A steer
10. Which of the following cities is in a torrid environment?  
A. Seattle, Washington  
B. St. Paul, Minnesota  
C. Boston, Massachusetts  
D. Phoenix, Arizona



11. What is a dram equal to?  
 A. 0.083 pound  
 B. 0.0625 ounce  
 C. 0.05 ounce  
 D. 0.002083 ounce
12. What kind of vehicle participates in a regatta?  
 A. Go-kart  
 B. Horse-drawn buggy  
 C. Boat  
 D. Snowmobile
13. Where in the United States could you most likely find kudzu growing?  
 A. Northwestern  
 B. Southwestern  
 C. Northeastern  
 D. Southeastern
14. Muscatel is a \_\_\_\_\_ wine that is \_\_\_\_\_ in color?  
 A. Sweet; golden  
 B. Dry; pink  
 C. Tart; yellow  
 D. Rich; red
15. What profession would need to be aware of isostasy?  
 A. Veterinarian  
 B. Geologist  
 C. Attorney  
 D. Journalist
16. What was nepenthe used mainly for?  
 A. To make crops grow  
 B. To paint walls  
 C. To flavor food  
 D. To dull pain
17. What is the function of xylem in plants?  
 A. Transport water  
 B. Produce flowers  
 C. Aid photosynthesis  
 D. Remove waste
18. Which of the following insects is a lepidopteran?  
 A. Honeybee  
 B. Mosquito  
 C. Butterfly  
 D. Junebug
19. Where would one typically deliver a eulogy?  
 A. Funeral  
 B. Graduation  
 C. Wedding  
 D. Award ceremony
20. Which of the following is NOT a synonym of compunction?  
 A. Anger  
 B. Uneasiness  
 C. Guilt  
 D. Regret
21. What shape is a delta?  
 A. Circle  
 B. Square  
 C. Rhombus  
 D. Triangle

22. What does an osprey mainly feed on?  
A. Small birds  
B. Insects  
C. Fish  
D. Rodents
23. According to morse code, what is the appropriate code for the letter N?  
A. . -  
B. - - -  
C. . - .  
D. - .
24. What would be a reason to contact an ombudsman?  
A. Neighbor making loud noises at night  
B. Suspecting congressman is taking bribes  
C. Family member moving to a new city  
D. New restaurant opening in town
25. Which of the following is a plural of index?  
A. Indexer  
B. Index  
C. Indices  
D. Indic
26. Who would most likely need to know how to use potassium dichromate?  
A. Farmhand  
B. Photographer  
C. Baker  
D. Dentist
27. Someone who is a muscovite was born or raised in what city?  
A. Manchester, England  
B. Montreal, Canada  
C. Monterey, Mexico  
D. Moscow, Russia
28. What natural feature can produce perlite?  
A. Volcano  
B. Geyser  
C. Waterfall  
D. Cave
29. How many zeroes are in the American number decillion?  
A. 9  
B. 33  
C. 21  
D. 18
30. What activity is done on a kibbutz?  
A. Dancing  
B. Reading  
C. Farming  
D. Teaching
31. Bryan just spilled his coffee on his shirt. The shirt is now \_\_\_\_\_ with stains.  
A. Mortised  
B. Moribund  
C. Muddled  
D. Mottled
32. The planet Neptune is \_\_\_\_\_ million miles from the Sun.  
A. 35.99  
B. 149.60  
C. 1426.73  
D. 2795.68

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|---------------------|----------------------------|
| _____ 33. flounder  | A. not easily pulled apart |
| _____ 34. slovenly  | B. to decline in strength  |
| _____ 35. tenacious | C. foolish                 |
| _____ 36. gradient  | D. treat with disrespect   |
| _____ 37. enervate  | E. to struggle             |
| _____ 38. beguile   | F. slope                   |
| _____ 39. fatuity   | G. to deceive              |
| _____ 40. desecrate | H. untidy                  |

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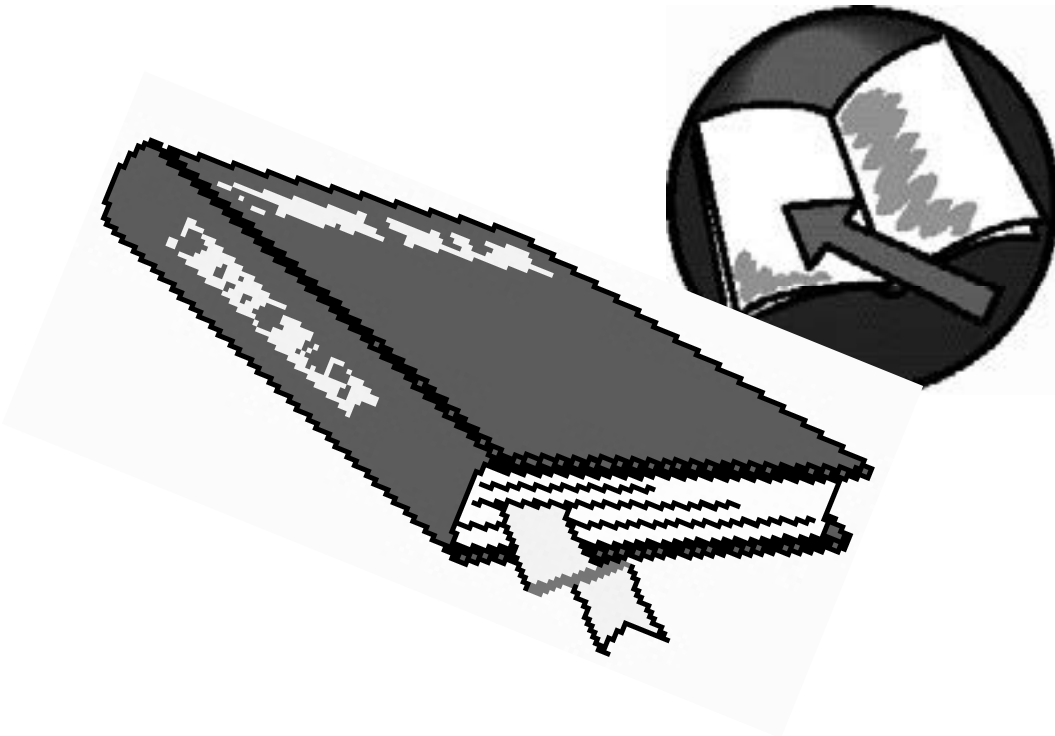
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| 7. C  | 27. D |
| 8. D  | 28. A |
| 9. B  | 29. B |
| 10. D | 30. C |
| 11. B | 31. D |
| 12. C | 32. D |
| 13. D | 33. E |
| 14. A | 34. H |
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| 17. A | 37. B |
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1. A tarpon is a kind of \_\_\_\_\_?  
A. Bird  
B. Ape  
C. Fish  
D. Amphibian
2. On about what days of the year is there an equinox?  
A. January 1, July 1  
B. May 31, September 1  
C. June 21, December 21  
D. March 21, September 23
3. A cent is to a dollar as a kopeck is to what currency?  
A. Yen  
B. Ruble  
C. Pound  
D. Euro
4. The Roman numeral for the number five hundred (500) is \_\_\_\_\_?  
A. V  
B. D  
C. C  
D. L
5. The Painted Desert region is in which U.S. State?  
A. Arizona  
B. Idaho  
C. Utah  
D. Nevada
6. Rough Riders were cavalry members in what American war?  
A. American Revolution  
B. Civil War  
C. Spanish-American War  
D. War of 1812
7. Which of the following games is most similar to pinochle?  
A. Hide and seek  
B. Solitaire  
C. Tag  
D. Chess
8. What material is shaped using an adze?  
A. Wood  
B. Steel  
C. Glass  
D. Marble
9. In the semaphore system, how do you signal the letter R?  
A. Flags held crossed above head  
B. Left flag raised, right flag down  
C. Flags held straight out on both sides  
D. Right flag raised, left flag down

10. Which of the following items is homogenous?  
A. A glass of water  
B. A bowl of cereal and milk  
C. A plate of chicken and rice  
D. A slice of cherry pie
11. Sauerbraten is soaked in \_\_\_\_\_ before being roasted?  
A. Beef broth  
B. Milk  
C. Vinegar  
D. Saltwater
12. What does the abbreviation BMR stand for?  
A. Basic metabolism rating  
B. Bottom metastatic rate  
C. Broad metatarsal reach  
D. Basal metabolic rate
13. Mike and Michelle are stargazing in their backyard. Mike points out Sirius easily because it is the \_\_\_\_\_ star in the sky.  
A. Largest  
B. Closest  
C. Brightest  
D. Northernmost
14. Fossils of the dinosaur diplodocus have been found in what region of the U.S.?  
A. Northern  
B. Western  
C. Southern  
D. Eastern
15. What kind of body covering does a pangolin have?  
A. Scales  
B. Fur  
C. Feathers  
D. Spines
16. Johnny tripped and scraped his elbow on the sidewalk. He has an \_\_\_\_\_ on his elbow.  
A. Abrasion  
B. Abscond  
C. Abnegate  
D. Abject
17. Which of the following clothing items is most similar to an ulster?  
A. Dress  
B. Coat  
C. Skirt  
D. Button-up shirt
18. What common household item usually contains zinc oxide?  
A. Bathroom cleaner  
B. Laundry detergent  
C. Shampoo  
D. Sunscreen
19. In the mouth, what are molars used for?  
A. Tearing  
B. Biting  
C. Grinding  
D. Ripping
20. Jicama comes from what language?  
A. Canadian French  
B. Mexican Spanish  
C. Pennsylvania Dutch  
D. American Navajo

21. Which of the following is NOT a type of cloud?  
A. Cirrus  
B. Stratocumulus  
C. Nimbostratus  
D. Altocirrus
22. In the Hindu religion, what is Vishnu the god of?  
A. Preservation  
B. War  
C. Health  
D. Creation
23. On the geologic time scale, when were the earliest fish believed to have existed?  
A. Jurassic period  
B. Cambrian period  
C. Cretaceous period  
D. Permian period
24. A case for carrying arrows is known as a \_\_\_\_\_?  
A. Quiver  
B. Quisling  
C. Quince  
D. Quinine
25. Where could you find people speaking Occitan?  
A. Southern France  
B. Northern Italy  
C. Western Spain  
D. Eastern Germany
26. What is the upper weight limit for a boxer to be classified as a featherweight?  
A. 154 pounds  
B. 126 pounds  
C. 209 pounds  
D. 177 pounds
27. Historically, what was jade believed to help relieve?  
A. Headaches  
B. Fevers  
C. Kidney problems  
D. Indigestion
28. What does LAN stand for?  
A. Limited Access Network  
B. Limited Area Network  
C. Local Area Network  
D. Local Access Network
29. In order to fit in a bassinet, one should be \_\_\_\_\_?  
A. A teenager  
B. An infant  
C. An adult  
D. A toddler
30. The Nobel Prize is named for \_\_\_\_\_ Nobel.  
A. Albert  
B. Alexander  
C. Alfred  
D. Andrew
31. Which of the following states did the Kiowa NOT live in?  
A. Nebraska  
B. Colorado  
C. Kansas  
D. Oklahoma



32. What kind of snake is the water moccasin most closely related to?
- A. Rattlesnake
  - B. Python
  - C. Mamba
  - D. Copperhead

**Match each of the following words to its correct meaning:**

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|----------------------|---------------------------|
| _____ 33. infelicity | A. harsh words            |
| _____ 34. rapacious  | B. universe               |
| _____ 35. vitriol    | C. to make repeated cries |
| _____ 36. colloquial | D. inappropriate behavior |
| _____ 37. gazpacho   | E. cold soup              |
| _____ 38. macrocosm  | F. to tear roughly        |
| _____ 39. lacerate   | G. greedy                 |
| _____ 40. yammer     | H. informal               |

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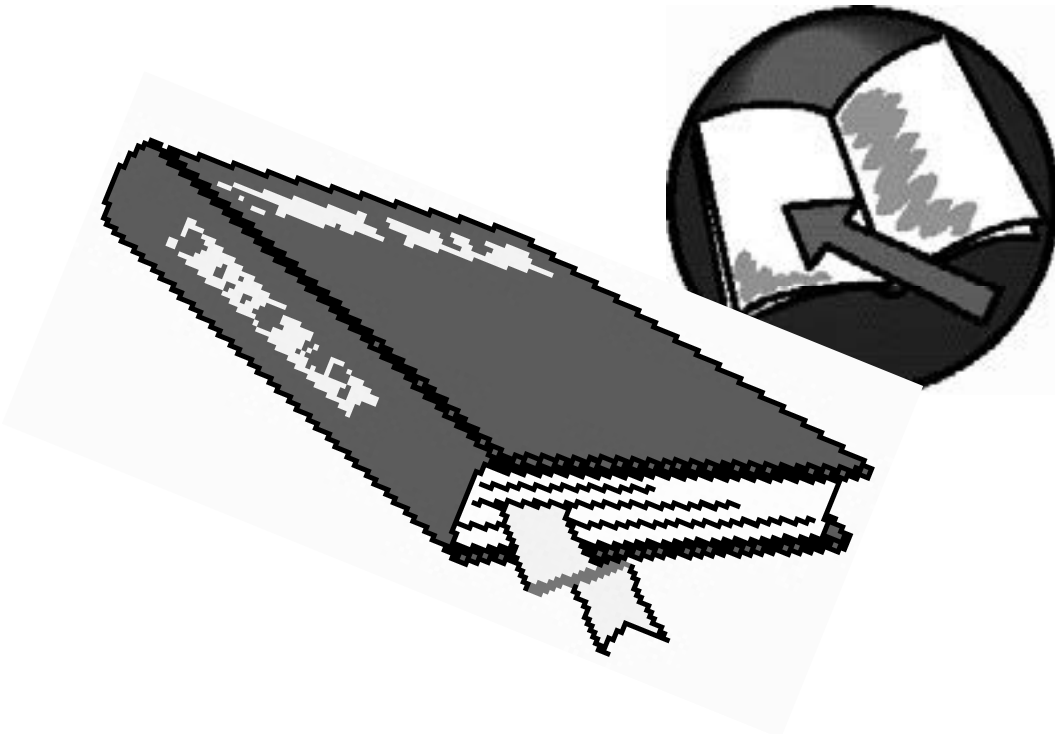
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| 7. B  | 27. C |
| 8. A  | 28. C |
| 9. C  | 29. B |
| 10. A | 30. C |
| 11. C | 31. A |
| 12. D | 32. D |
| 13. C | 33. D |
| 14. B | 34. G |
| 15. A | 35. A |
| 16. A | 36. H |
| 17. B | 37. E |
| 18. D | 38. B |
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1. Which of the following is NOT a synonym for vexation?  
A. Irritation  
B. Annoyance  
C. Trouble  
D. Anger
2. Where in the digestive system is the jejunum located?  
A. Pancreas  
B. Stomach  
C. Small intestine  
D. Esophagus
3. Jane's friends threw her a surprise birthday party. What adjective best describes their behavior?  
A. Susceptible  
B. Surreptitious  
C. Surly  
D. Svelte
4. Which of the following is not abbreviated MD?  
A. medieval  
B. medical doctor  
C. Maryland  
D. muscular dystrophy
5. The sun enters the zodiac sign Sagittarius on what date?  
A. March 21  
B. November 22  
C. July 23  
D. January 20
6. If an item is made of scrimshaw, what is it made out of?  
A. Rhinoceros horn  
B. Goat hoof  
C. Whale teeth  
D. Elephant tusk
7. How long was Odysseus on his odyssey?  
A. 1 year  
B. 5 years  
C. 8 years  
D. 10 years
8. What items does a lapidary work with?  
A. Precious stones  
B. Fine fabrics  
C. Delicate metals  
D. Expensive perfumes
9. What U.S. State does the East River run through?  
A. Massachusetts  
B. New York  
C. Delaware  
D. Vermont

10. What do the punctuation marks called guillemets look like?  
A. {} C. ()  
B. [] D. << >>
11. Which of the following fabrics is similar to abaca?  
A. Cotton C. Angora  
B. Leather D. Wool
12. Respiratory is to lungs as cutaneous is to \_\_\_\_\_?  
A. Skin C. Hair  
B. Teeth D. Nails
13. In Roman mythology, Saturn is the god of \_\_\_\_\_?  
A. Water C. Agriculture  
B. Strategy D. Spring
14. What is the proper translation of the latin phrase *ex post facto*?  
A. Before the fact C. During the fact  
B. After the fact D. Without any facts
15. What language do we get the word fjord from?  
A. Norwegian C. Swedish  
B. Finnish D. Dutch
16. What ancient culture was led by an emperor?  
A. Greek C. Roman  
B. Chinese D. Egyptian
17. Jessica received a free side of fries with her cheeseburger. This is an example of a \_\_\_\_\_?  
A. Laggard C. Lamella  
B. Lagniappe D. Lamasery
18. Where would you find a maelstrom?  
A. In the desert C. In the forest  
B. In the mountains D. In the ocean
19. If someone has a lachrymal problem, they have an issue producing \_\_\_\_\_?  
A. Tears C. Adrenaline  
B. Insulin D. Mucus
20. Which of the following is a synonym of malediction?  
A. Celebration C. Cure  
B. Curse D. Caveat

21. What kind of animal is a capon?  
A. Female cow  
B. Male goat  
C. Male chicken  
D. Female sheep
22. What time zone is the state of Wyoming in?  
A. Pacific time  
B. Mountain time  
C. Central time  
D. Eastern time
23. Bobby was given a sobriquet by his mother. What was he given?  
A. A present  
B. A new pet  
C. An allowance  
D. A nickname
24. Which of the following is most similar to the kola nut?  
A. Coffee bean  
B. Almond  
C. Mushroom  
D. Raspberry
25. One who has a lot of gumption has a lot of \_\_\_\_\_?  
A. Wealth  
B. Creativity  
C. Jealousy  
D. Courage
26. What does tête-à-tête mean in French?  
A. Back-to-back  
B. Head-to-head  
C. Hand-to-hand  
D. Toe-to-toe
27. What century was the harquebus used in?  
A. 11<sup>th</sup> century  
B. 13<sup>th</sup> century  
C. 15<sup>th</sup> century  
D. 17<sup>th</sup> century
28. Which of the following countries would you NOT find people speaking quechua?  
A. Brazil  
B. Peru  
C. Bolivia  
D. Chile
29. How can a knish be prepared?  
A. Grilled  
B. Steamed  
C. Baked  
D. Poached
30. Historically, what did the latin word for vermin, *vermis*, mean?  
A. Pest  
B. Rat  
C. Insect  
D. Worm
31. What room in a house is most similar to a scullery?  
A. Attic  
B. Garage  
C. Kitchen  
D. Laundry room

32. According to dentition, which teeth are the furthest back in the mouth?
- A. Canines
  - B. Incisors
  - C. Premolars
  - D. Molars

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|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| _____ 33. sagacious    | A. occurring without loss of heat |
| _____ 34. ratify       | B. mask for disguise              |
| _____ 35. vizard       | C. smallness of number            |
| _____ 36. adiabatic    | D. out of control                 |
| _____ 37. Nom de plume | E. pen name                       |
| _____ 38. truss        | F. wise in understanding          |
| _____ 39. berserk      | G. a framework of beams           |
| _____ 40. paucity      | H. to give legal approval         |

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**Answer Key**

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| 1. D  | 21. C |
| 2. C  | 22. B |
| 3. B  | 23. D |
| 4. A  | 24. A |
| 5. B  | 25. D |
| 6. C  | 26. B |
| 7. D  | 27. C |
| 8. A  | 28. A |
| 9. B  | 29. C |
| 10. D | 30. D |
| 11. A | 31. C |
| 12. A | 32. D |
| 13. C | 33. F |
| 14. B | 34. H |
| 15. A | 35. B |
| 16. C | 36. A |
| 17. B | 37. E |
| 18. D | 38. G |
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| 20. B | 40. C |

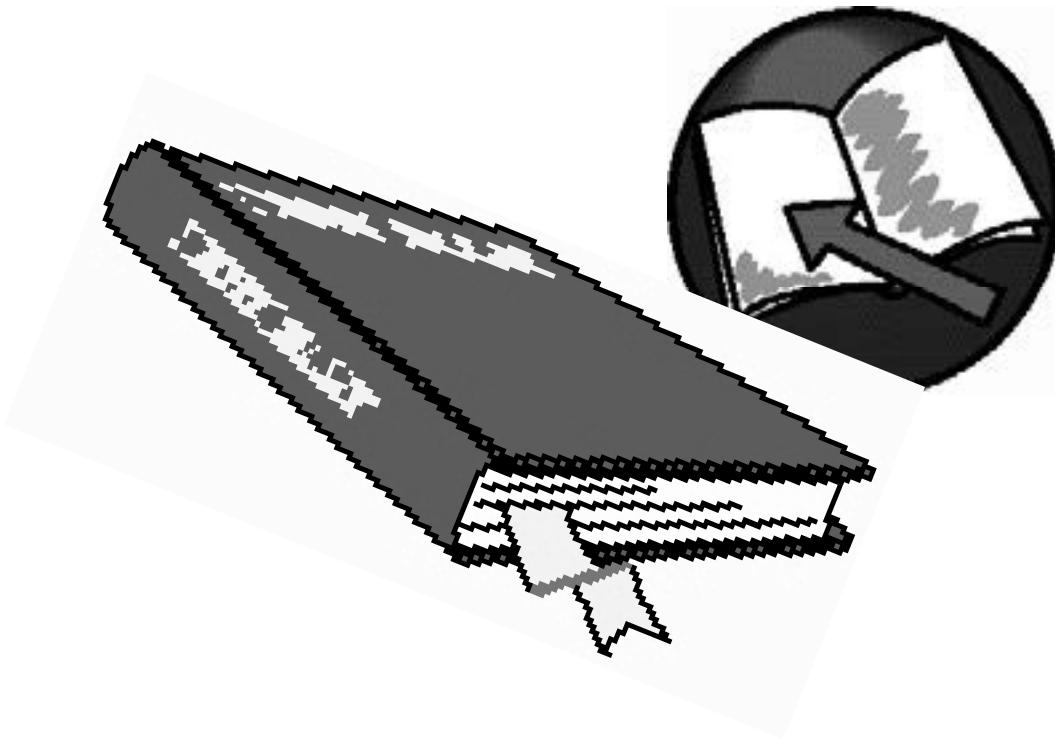


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# Dictionary Skills

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1. Which of the following jobs is sartorial?  
A. Veterinarian  
B. Tailor  
C. Paramedic  
D. Soldier
2. Greg is recumbent on the floor. What is he doing?  
A. Sitting  
B. Crawling  
C. Lying down  
D. Stretching
3. Valhalla belongs to which ancient mythology?  
A. Greek  
B. Roman  
C. Norse  
D. Egyptian
4. What color is beech?  
A. Yellow  
B. Gray  
C. Brown  
D. Red
5. Zeta is the \_\_\_\_\_ letter of the Greek alphabet?  
A. First  
B. Last  
C. Twelfth  
D. Sixth
6. What group of stars is Cygnus closest to?  
A. Taurus  
B. Pegasus  
C. Ursa Major  
D. Orion
7. What mapmaker named his map book after the Greek mythology giant Atlas?  
A. Peter Apian  
B. Mark Monmonier  
C. Gerardus Mercator  
D. George Philip
8. Vilnius is the capital of which European country?  
A. Luxembourg  
B. Monaco  
C. Andorra  
D. Lithuania
9. Which of the following figures is used to depict the constellation Orion?  
A. A lion  
B. A bear  
C. A hunter  
D. An archer
10. On a map, what do isobars represent?  
A. Temperatures  
B. Pressures  
C. Winds  
D. Precipitation

11. The number that results from adding numbers is called a sum. What is the number that results from dividing numbers called?
- A. Quotient
  - B. Quotation
  - C. Quixotic
  - D. Quittance
12. How many leaves does a cinquefoil have?
- A. 4
  - B. 5
  - C. 6
  - D. 10
13. Which of the following states is not part of the mountain time zone?
- A. Wyoming
  - B. New Mexico
  - C. Oklahoma
  - D. Utah
14. On the Mohs' scale, what mineral is rated a 10?
- A. Ruby
  - B. Diamond
  - C. Sapphire
  - D. Emerald
15. What flavor do partridgeberries have?
- A. Tart
  - B. Sweet
  - C. Salty
  - D. No flavor
16. What does a highwayman do on the road?
- A. Directs traffic
  - B. Collects tolls
  - C. Repairs streets
  - D. Robs travelers
17. In the zodiac, what symbol does Aries take?
- A. Crab
  - B. Goat
  - C. Ram
  - D. Lion
18. If someone has SRO tickets at a football game, what kind of seats do they have?
- A. Select reserved on-field
  - B. Standing room only
  - C. Special reservation option
  - D. Single reporter only
19. How many events are in a pentathlon?
- A. One
  - B. Three
  - C. Five
  - D. Seven
20. What part of the body is also known as the scapula?
- A. Shoulder blade
  - B. Kneecap
  - C. Collarbone
  - D. Spinal column
21. What is tapioca made from?
- A. Cassava
  - B. Sweet potato
  - C. Taro
  - D. Ginger

22. Which of the following is not a triangle?  
 A. Equilateral  
 B. Quadrilateral  
 C. Scalene  
 D. Obtuse
23. One karat is equal to \_\_\_\_\_ part of pure gold to other metals?  
 A. 1/24  
 B. 1/12  
 C. 1/6  
 D. 1/3
24. The white of an egg is known as \_\_\_\_\_?  
 A. Alkali  
 B. Albumen  
 C. Algonquian  
 D. Alkyd
25. How many sides does a decagon have?  
 A. Four  
 B. Six  
 C. Eight  
 D. Ten
26. What is the element neodymium's atomic number?  
 A. 40  
 B. 60  
 C. 80  
 D. 100
27. Where on a horse is the forelock?  
 A. On the hoof  
 B. Above the chest  
 C. Front of the head  
 D. Below the neck
28. What type of milk is Roquefort made from?  
 A. Sheep's  
 B. Cow's  
 C. Almond  
 D. Goat's
29. The Uspallata pass can be found in which mountain range?  
 A. Rocky Mountains  
 B. Appalachian Mountains  
 C. Alaska Range  
 D. Andes
30. What household item is most similar to a reticule?  
 A. Eyeglasses  
 B. Purse  
 C. Lamp  
 D. Bowl
31. What marching rate is double time?  
 A. 90 steps per minute  
 B. 135 steps per minute  
 C. 180 steps per minute  
 D. 225 steps per minute
32. What kind of stem does a briar have?  
 A. Smooth  
 B. Leaf-covered  
 C. Thorny  
 D. Short

**Match each of the following words to its correct meaning:**

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|----------------------|---|
| _____ 33. maladroit  | A. marking a beginning                    |
| _____ 34. lacquer    | B. not lasting                            |
| _____ 35. inaugural  | C. woman who teaches children             |
| _____ 36. nutmeg     | D. lasso                                  |
| _____ 37. governess  | E. female donkey                          |
| _____ 38. evanescent | F. awkward or clumsy                      |
| _____ 39. jenny      | G. spice grown in Indonesia               |
| _____ 40. lariat     | H. material that dries into a shiny layer |

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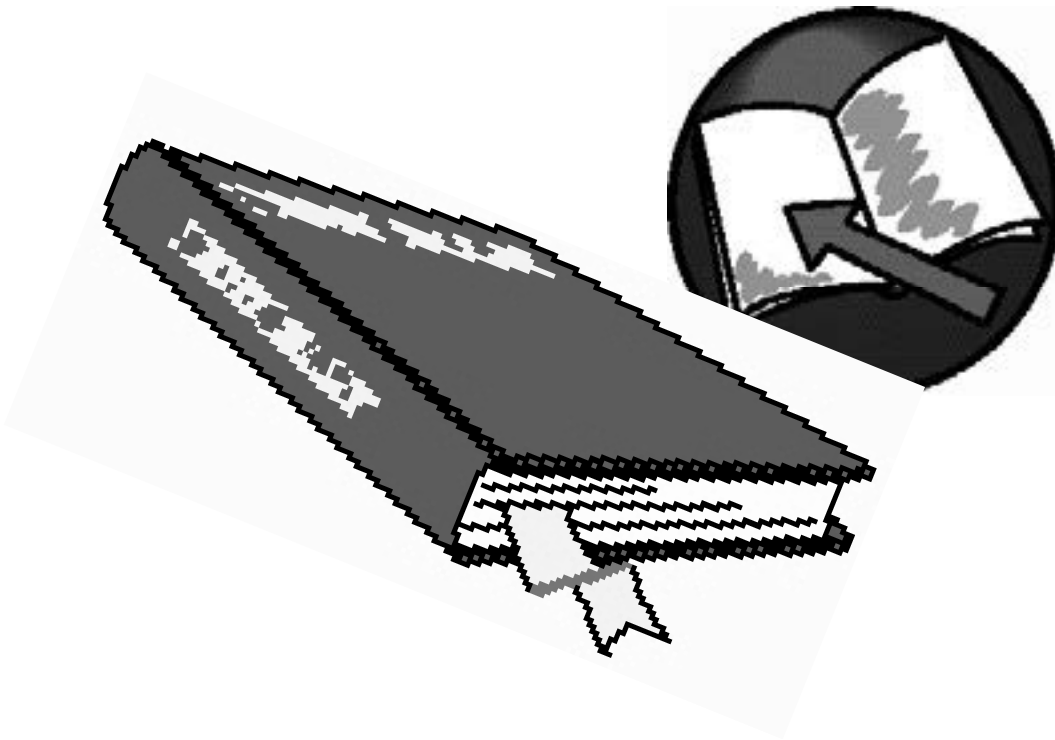
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| 3. C  | 23. A |
| 4. B  | 24. B |
| 5. D  | 25. D |
| 6. B  | 26. B |
| 7. C  | 27. C |
| 8. D  | 28. A |
| 9. C  | 29. D |
| 10. B | 30. B |
| 11. A | 31. C |
| 12. B | 32. C |
| 13. C | 33. F |
| 14. B | 34. H |
| 15. A | 35. A |
| 16. D | 36. G |
| 17. C | 37. C |
| 18. B | 38. B |
| 19. C | 39. E |
| 20. A | 40. D |

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1. Crazy Horse was the Chief of which Native American tribe?  
A. Apache  
B. Sioux  
C. Navajo  
D. Inuit
2. Joe just became a septuagenarian. How old is he?  
A. 10  
B. 30  
C. 50  
D. 70
3. Tyler is using nougat as an ingredient in a dish he's making. What is he most likely making?  
A. Pizza  
B. Candy  
C. Sandwich  
D. Salad
4. What does a miser store?  
A. Water  
B. Gems  
C. Canned goods  
D. Money
5. What is the main action that is done when using a bola?  
A. Spinning  
B. Throwing  
C. Dropping  
D. Catching
6. Asmara is the capital of what African nation?  
A. Cameroon  
B. Angola  
C. Nigeria  
D. Eritrea
7. Which of the following is NOT a part of the nucleus?  
A. Endoplasmic reticulum  
B. Mitochondria  
C. Nuclear membrane  
D. Nucleolus
8. What is a hurricane called in the Phillipines?  
A. Typhoon  
B. Typhus  
C. Typhoid  
D. Tympanum
9. Ancient Greeks referred to the hippopotamus by what two word phrase?  
A. Gray hog  
B. Armored pig  
C. River horse  
D. Water cow
10. Retinol is a common form of what vitamin?  
A. Vitamin B  
B. Vitamin K  
C. Vitamin C  
D. Vitamin A



11. Someone who is afflicted with vertigo is frequently feeling \_\_\_\_\_?  
A. Exhausted  
B. Dizzy  
C. Depressed  
D. Ravenous
12. How tall can redwoods grow?  
A. 360 feet  
B. 450 feet  
C. 520 feet  
D. 600 feet
13. Where are broncos commonly found in the wild?  
A. Northern Canada  
B. Western United States  
C. Southern Mexico  
D. Caribbean islands
14. What kind of bird is an accipiter?  
A. Falcon  
B. Eagle  
C. Hawk  
D. Vulture
15. How is a kiva typically shaped?  
A. Pyramid  
B. Square  
C. Hexagon  
D. Round
16. What color and shape are forsythia flowers?  
A. Red; bowl-shaped  
B. Pink; tube-shaped  
C. Yellow; bell-shaped  
D. White; star-shaped
17. Where is a portico found on a building?  
A. On the second floor  
B. At the entrance  
C. On the roof  
D. In the basement
18. At what range above the Earth can you find the ozone layer?  
A. 5-10 miles  
B. 10-15 miles  
C. 20-30 miles  
D. 40-50 miles
19. The mazurka is found in what country?  
A. Poland  
B. Germany  
C. Turkey  
D. Russia
20. What part of the body can be affected by trachoma?  
A. Throat  
B. Ears  
C. Eyes  
D. Nose
21. What ingredients are necessary to create mead?  
A. Espresso, milk, syrup  
B. Water, hops, malt  
C. Honey, malt, yeast  
D. Milk, eggs, sugar

22. What date is Candlemas celebrated on?  
 A. January 8  
 B. February 2  
 C. May 19  
 D. December 23
23. Hessian flies are destructive to which of the following crops?  
 A. Corn  
 B. Cotton  
 C. Wheat  
 D. Rice
24. Where in the mouth does a guttural sound come from?  
 A. Behind the front teeth  
 B. Under the tongue  
 C. From the lips touching  
 D. Back of the tongue
25. What oil is used in the creation of linoleum?  
 A. Linseed oil  
 B. Mineral oil  
 C. Walnut oil  
 D. Lavender oil
26. How long does it take the planet Jupiter to revolve around the sun?  
 A. 87.97 days  
 B. 686.99 days  
 C. 11.86 years  
 D. 164.79 years
27. In the metric system, what is the U.S. equivalent of a kiloliter?  
 A. 0.02 gallons  
 B. 2.64 gallons  
 C. 26.42 gallons  
 D. 264.17 gallons
28. Which of the following is a way to use borax?  
 A. To darken colors on clothes  
 B. As a cleansing agent  
 C. To polish metals  
 D. As a sugar alternative
29. In what state can you find the Inupiat people?  
 A. Oklahoma  
 B. New Mexico  
 C. Alaska  
 D. Washington
30. Guadalcanal is located in which ocean?  
 A. Pacific  
 B. Atlantic  
 C. Indian  
 D. Antarctic
31. The meaning of dismal comes from what Latin phrase?  
 A. *de minimis*  
 B. *deus ex machina*  
 C. *dies mali*  
 D. *disiecta membra*
32. In what states were stegosaurus fossils found?  
 A. New Mexico and Utah  
 B. Texas and Oklahoma  
 C. Nebraska and Kansas  
 D. Colorado and Wyoming

**Match each of the following words to its correct meaning:**

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| _____ 33. indefatigable | A. Japanese number puzzle |
| _____ 34. grapnel       | B. theft                  |
| _____ 35. sudoku        | C. tireless               |
| _____ 36. amalgamate    | D. to persuade            |
| _____ 37. larceny       | E. boredom                |
| _____ 38. ennui         | F. to complain loudly     |
| _____ 39. cajole        | G. to combine or merge    |
| _____ 40. fulminate     | H. small anchor           |

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**Answer Key**

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| 3. B  | 23. C |
| 4. D  | 24. D |
| 5. B  | 25. A |
| 6. D  | 26. C |
| 7. B  | 27. D |
| 8. A  | 28. B |
| 9. C  | 29. C |
| 10. D | 30. A |
| 11. B | 31. C |
| 12. A | 32. D |
| 13. B | 33. C |
| 14. C | 34. H |
| 15. D | 35. A |
| 16. C | 36. G |
| 17. B | 37. B |
| 18. C | 38. E |
| 19. A | 39. D |
| 20. C | 40. F |