

Word Meanings in Context

Using the context of surrounding words and sentences, you are required to figure out the meaning of unfamiliar word underlined in the question. Choose the correct option for the word underlined in each sentence

- Lalita, with a soupcon of suspicion, listened to her son's explanation for arriving home late, knowing that he occasionally stretched the truth.
 - trace
 - an overwhelming degree
 - lack
 - tinge
- The insouciant jogger, not sensing any danger, headed down the deserted path as the sun sank below the mountains.
 - irresponsible
 - unconcerned
 - careful
 - carefree
- While Annie was a hardworking young bookseller, Manish was an indolent rich man who only occasionally dabbled in the world of work.
 - hardworking
 - creative
 - lazy
 - exciting
- The pungency of the medicine caused the small child to gag after the first taste.
 - colour
 - sharp and bitter taste
 - pleasant scent
 - unpleasant scent
- Many thought that the orangish light in the sky and the still air presaged of danger. She had noticed both occurrences before her previous encounters with tornadoes.
 - described
 - warned
 - whispered
 - represented
- Kristen was shocked by her father-in-law's scurrilous language. She wasn't used to hearing 4-letter words.
 - colourful
 - vulgar
 - outspoken
 - unmannerly
- Speaking rudely to the judges was rash behaviour. You really hurt your chances of winning.
 - as itchy skin condition
 - funny
 - trying to hide or disguise a piece of cheese
 - with little thought or consideration
- Wherever he goes, the esteemed Dr Sanchez is applauded for his life saving research.
 - held over boiling water
 - very old
 - unable to chew gum
 - greatly admired
- In the early 1600s, a dangerous trip across the Atlantic Ocean was a daunting idea. The Europeans, who would someday be known as the pilgrims, must have been a very determined and brave group of settlers.
 - tickling
 - amusing
 - a task that would lose or misplace someone
 - frightening or intimidating
- If you don't curtail your spending, you'll be broke in no time at all!
 - reduce
 - follow
 - behind
 - buy
- No word must ever leak out about this military action! It has to be a clandestine operation in order to succeed.
 - family
 - useful
 - dangerous
 - secret

12. Apply this medicine on your arm and rub it into your skin until it's invisible. It will inhibit the infection's attempt to spread.
- live in a certain place
 - block or slow down
 - itch or burn
 - help to do something important
13. Ben and Jerry are having a dispute over which radio station to play at work. It would be so much simpler if they both liked the same kind of music.
- musical instrument
 - confusion
 - discussion
 - disagreement
14. The news story was based on a letter that was a fabrication. Now the reporter who wrote the story is in big trouble.
- full of long words
 - full of criticism
 - fake
 - funny
15. Some people believe that lawyers only want to manipulate the legal system to get what they want.
- control in a dishonest way
 - give help
 - teach about or explain
 - disagree with
16. We walked slowly down the trail with great trepidation.
- movement
 - worry
 - collectedness
 - ease
17. We have rather lofty expectations for you son.
- high
 - shaky
 - humble
 - lowly
18. When his covert activity was discovered and announced to the world, we were all shocked.
- candid
 - hidden
 - fraud
 - honest
19. They doubted that they would even collect their final pay cheques now that the company was insolvent.
- broke, or out of work
 - hiring new workers
 - changing a name
 - making too much money
20. "I would be remiss if I didn't tell you that your future with this company depends on how hard you work", he stated firmly.
- honest and trustworthy
 - responsible
 - indifferent
 - scrupulous
21. "I am going to rescind the permission I gave you to use my toys!", Jack announced angrily.
- regret
 - uphold
 - validate
 - cancel
22. I want you to weigh his words carefully.
- measure the mass
 - put pressure on
 - think about
 - give importance to
23. Michael is an ardent supporter of his presidential candidate.
- old
 - intelligent
 - foolish
 - very strong
24. Your uncle wouldn't even part with a dime to help the kids pay for their trip. That's just one more example of his parsimonious ways.
- very old
 - very humorous
 - very greedy
 - very stingy
25. Riya has a knack for making the tough shots when they're needed most.
- throw or toss
 - hard punch
 - ability
 - lack
26. She always instigates fights and then acts like little Miss Innocent.
- gets started
 - ignores
 - participates in
 - protects
27. Didn't he realise that parking his new car in the driveway made his presence rather conspicuous?
- important
 - concealed
 - unfortunate
 - noticeable
28. You need to fortify the frame or you will have a disaster with the first tremor.
- build
 - strengthen
 - create
 - protect
29. Some crimes are so heinous that those responsible should be shown no mercy.
- terrible
 - grave
 - horrifying
 - gross
30. Murphy Mole is the protagonist in the novel by Trent Troll.
- an animal that lives underground
 - someone with bad body odour
 - the main character of a story
 - an evil character