ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

# 4000 Essential English Words 2 Unit 28: The Fisherman

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## Explanations

**1.** **Choose the right word for the given definition.**
to take away
✓ **A) subtract**
**Subtract** means to take one number or amount away from another: **10 subtract 3 is 7**.

**2.** to join
✓ **D) accompany**
**Accompany** means to go somewhere with someone, or to join them: **Can I accompany you to the shop?**

**3.** a place for travelers to rest
✓ **B) inn**
An **inn** is a small hotel where travelers can eat and sleep.

**4.** a way to think about life
✓ **A) philosophy**
A **philosophy** is your way of thinking about life: **My philosophy is to be kind to everyone.**

**5.** to throw
✓ **C) cast**
To **cast** means to throw something, often a fishing line or a net: **He cast his line into the river.**

**6.** **Choose the right definition for the given word.**
branch
✓ **A) a part of a tree**
A **branch** is a part of a tree that grows out from the trunk. Birds often sit on branches.

**7.** bare
✓ **C) plain**
**Bare** means plain, with nothing on it or covering it: **a bare wall**, **bare feet**.

**8.** whisper
✓ **B) to say quietly**
To **whisper** means to say something very quietly so that only one person can hear.

**9.** net
✓ **D) a bag made of thread**
A **net** is a bag made of thread or string with holes in it. It is used to catch fish.

**10.** tight
✓ **A) fixed in place**
**Tight** means fixed firmly in place and hard to move: **a tight knot**.

**11.** **Check the sentence with the bolded word that makes better sense.**

a. It is easy to **seed** your dinner.

b. It's raining so much that it's a **virtual** flood.
✓ **B)**
**Virtual** means almost real or almost the same as something, so **a virtual flood** is nearly a flood. A **seed** is the small part of a plant that grows into a new plant, so you cannot "seed" your dinner.

**12.** a. The boy **whispered** as loudly as he could.

b. I don't care what **sort** of food I eat.
✓ **B)**
**Sort** means type or kind: **what sort of food**. You cannot whisper loudly, because **whisper** means to speak very quietly.

**13.** a. Will you **accompany** me to the party?

b. The dog made a **branch** to catch the ball.
✓ **A)**
**Accompany** means to go with someone, so **Will you accompany me to the party?** makes sense. A **branch** is part of a tree, so a dog cannot "make a branch".

**14.** a. The door was **bare** when we took the paint off of it.

b. She put the **net** inside the fish.
✓ **A)**
**Bare** means plain, with no covering. A door with no paint is **bare**. A net is used to catch fish, so you cannot put it inside a fish.

**15.** a. The man **dared** to leap over the big fire.

b. It is important to **weigh** your math tests.
✓ **A)**
To **dare** means to be brave enough to do something dangerous, like leaping over a fire. To **weigh** means to find out how heavy something is, and that makes no sense for tests.

**16.** a. The **virtual** in my house was dirty.

b. When I tell a secret, I **whisper** so no one else will hear.
✓ **B)**
You **whisper** a secret, quietly, so others cannot hear. **Virtual** is an adjective meaning "almost real". It is not a thing in a house.

**17.** a. You should save the **seed** so you can grow another plant.

b. **Sort** your hands before dinner.
✔ **A)**
A **seed** can grow into a new plant, so sentence A makes sense. To **sort** means to put things into groups, so you do not "sort" your hands. You wash them.

**18.** a. The boy was **accompanied** alone to school.

b. The fish could not get out of the **net**.
✔ **B)**
A **net** catches fish, so the fish could not get out of it. If you are **accompanied**, someone goes with you, so you cannot be "accompanied alone".

**19.** a. The bird built a nest on the highest **branch**.

b. I **dare** my bed before going to sleep.
✔ **A)**
A **branch** is part of a tree, and birds build nests on branches. To **dare** means to be brave enough to do something, so you cannot "dare" your bed.

**20.** a. The **bare** tree was covered in leaves and bark.

b. You can **weigh** yourself to see if your diet is working.
✔ **B)**
To **weigh** yourself means to find out how heavy you are, so sentence B makes sense. A **bare** tree has no leaves, so it cannot be covered in leaves.

**21.** **What is this story about?**
✔ **B) How a man's philosophy was a good match for fishing**
The story shows that the fisherman's simple **philosophy**, being patient and believing in himself, helped him catch more fish than George and all his tools. The last paragraph gives this message.

**22.** **What did the fisherman do with the fish?**
✔ **D) He made soup with them.**
Paragraph 1 says he took the fish home **to make big pots of fish soup**. He did not sell them or make many kinds of food.

**23.** **What did the fisherman do every day at the bridge?**
✔ **A) He would cast his line into the water.**
Paragraph 1 explains that every day he sat on the bridge with a branch, a line and a hook, and he **cast** his line to catch fish. He only met George on one day, so he did not accompany George every day.

**24.** **According to the passage, all the following are true about the fisherman EXCEPT _____.**
✔ **D) he used an electronic rod to weigh fish**
The **electronic** tools and the rod that **weighed** fish belonged to George, not to the fisherman (paragraph 3). The fisherman used a branch, a sharp hook, a tight knot and a bare line.

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