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4000 Essential English Words 4 Unit 1: The History of Chocolate

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1. **Choose the word that is the better fit for each blank.**
The population growth in the city was incredibly _____. It is quite surprising that people settled there at such a fast _____.
A) rapid / rate **B)** rate / rapid

2. Many _____ laws make it illegal for business to compete in unfair ways. However, the specific laws in different countries _____ greatly.
A) contemporary / vary **B)** vary / contemporary

3. Because it is quite _____ on the island, various kinds of plants grow well there. However, some of these plants are _____ to humans.
A) humid / toxic **B)** toxic / humid

4. The cheese has a smooth _____. However, some people find it hard to eat because of its powerful _____.
A) texture / aroma **B)** aroma / texture

5. A _____ of people suggested that nearby cities could fight the invaders if they cooperated with each other. As a result, everyone _____ their efforts and defeated the invaders.
A) cluster / combined **B)** combined / cluster

6. The artist uses _____ differences of color in her landscapes. This has an overall calming and _____ effect on the viewer.
A) soothing / subtle **B)** subtle / soothing

7. A huge garden was _____ in the middle of the city. However, a species of rare plants gave off an unpleasant _____.
A) cultivated / odor **B)** odor / cultivated

8. During a four- or five-course meal, one should drink something to clean the _____ between courses. The perfect _____ for this is, of course, water.
A) beverage / palate **B)** palate / beverage

9. I can explain the basic story in a simple, _____ way. A boy is given a _____ message, and he begins an exciting adventure.
A) condensed / divine **B)** divine / condensed

10. The island of Oahu is not a natural _____ like Maui. However, tourists still have plenty to enjoy on Oahu, from visits to pineapple _____ to traditional celebrations.
A) plantations / paradise
B) paradise / plantations

11. A **soothing** cup of tea _____.
A) several species of flowers as a hobby
B) to insects and small animals
C) twenty workers who grew cotton
D) is good for a sore throat
E) the shoulder of Taurus the Bull

12. The **odor** of the cheese _____.
A) was surprisingly fast
B) includes work from the 21st century
C) feels so smooth
D) covered almost a third of the country
E) was too strong to be enjoyable

13. The pot's **texture** _____.
A) was surprisingly fast
B) includes work from the 21st century
C) feels so smooth
D) covered almost a third of the country
E) was too strong to be enjoyable

14. The chemical is **toxic** _____.
A) several species of flowers as a hobby
B) to insects and small animals
C) twenty workers who grew cotton
D) is good for a sore throat
E) the shoulder of Taurus the Bull

15. The **contemporary** fiction class _____.
A) was surprisingly fast
B) includes work from the 21st century
C) feels so smooth
D) covered almost a third of the country
E) was too strong to be enjoyable

16. The **rate** at which these flowers grew _____.
A) was surprisingly fast
B) includes work from the 21st century
C) feels so smooth
D) covered almost a third of the country
E) was too strong to be enjoyable

17. My mother **cultivates** _____.
A) several species of flowers as a hobby
B) to insects and small animals
C) twenty workers who grew cotton
D) is good for a sore throat
E) the shoulder of Taurus the Bull

18. The **plantation** had _____.
- **A)** several species of flowers as a hobby
- **B)** to insects and small animals
- **C)** twenty workers who grew cotton
- **D)** is good for a sore throat
- **E)** the shoulder of Taurus the Bull

19. The thick and **humid** forest _____.
- **A)** was surprisingly fast
- **B)** includes work from the 21st century
- **C)** feels so smooth
- **D)** covered almost a third of the country
- **E)** was too strong to be enjoyable

20. That **cluster** of stars in the sky makes _____.
- **A)** several species of flowers as a hobby
- **B)** to insects and small animals
- **C)** twenty workers who grew cotton
- **D)** is good for a sore throat
- **E)** the shoulder of Taurus the Bull

21. The scientists wanted to find a cure for the sickness, _____.
- **A)** and she smelled the aroma of cookies
- **B)** so they combined the chemicals
- **C)** because it has a subtle taste of chocolate
- **D)** but I wanted my own beverage
- **E)** but the condensed version was shorter

22. He offered to share his water, _____.
- **A)** and she smelled the aroma of cookies
- **B)** so they combined the chemicals
- **C)** because it has a subtle taste of chocolate
- **D)** but I wanted my own beverage
- **E)** but the condensed version was shorter

23. I prefer mocha to coffee _____.
- **A)** and she smelled the aroma of cookies
- **B)** so they combined the chemicals
- **C)** because it has a subtle taste of chocolate
- **D)** but I wanted my own beverage
- **E)** but the condensed version was shorter

24. Many new jobs were created, _____.
- **A)** so economic growth was rapid
- **B)** and Jim thought it was a divine message
- **C)** people call it a paradise
- **D)** the effects of the medicine will vary
- **E)** and she looked at his palate

25. The report was ten pages long, _____.
- **A)** and she smelled the aroma of cookies
- **B)** so they combined the chemicals
- **C)** because it has a subtle taste of chocolate
- **D)** but I wanted my own beverage
- **E)** but the condensed version was shorter

26. The doctor asked him to open his mouth, _____.
- **A)** so economic growth was rapid
- **B)** and Jim thought it was a divine message
- **C)** people call it a paradise
- **D)** the effects of the medicine will vary
- **E)** and she looked at his palate

27. She walked in the door, _____.
- **A)** and she smelled the aroma of cookies
- **B)** so they combined the chemicals
- **C)** because it has a subtle taste of chocolate
- **D)** but I wanted my own beverage
- **E)** but the condensed version was shorter

28. Because the island is so warm and beautiful, _____.
- **A)** so economic growth was rapid
- **B)** and Jim thought it was a divine message
- **C)** people call it a paradise
- **D)** the effects of the medicine will vary
- **E)** and she looked at his palate

29. Because patients' bodies are so different, _____.
- **A)** so economic growth was rapid
- **B)** and Jim thought it was a divine message
- **C)** people call it a paradise
- **D)** the effects of the medicine will vary
- **E)** and she looked at his palate

30. It didn't rain all summer, _____.
- **A)** so economic growth was rapid
- **B)** and Jim thought it was a divine message
- **C)** people call it a paradise
- **D)** the effects of the medicine will vary
- **E)** and she looked at his palate

(Please note: The following questions are related to a specific reading passage, available solely before the first question. Remember, referring back to the reading text while answering the questions may be helpful to ensure accuracy.)

THE HISTORY OF CHOCOLATE

Many people believe that chocolate originally came from Europe. However, chocolate, called the "food of the gods," was first made in the Americas. The first chocolate was very different from **contemporary** chocolate.

Wild chocolate trees can grow easily in the **humid** Amazon rainforest. **Clusters** of flowers growing on these trees turn into pods. About 20 to 60 cacao beans can be found in each pod. Cacao beans are the ingredient needed to create sweet, **soothing**, and delicious chocolate treats.

The Mayan and Aztec cultures both thought that chocolate trees were brought from **paradise** by gods. The Mayans and Aztecs used the beans from this **divine** tree to create a special **beverage** with a very pleasant **odor**. Surprisingly, the Aztecs believed that it would be **toxic** to women and children.

In the 1500s, the Spanish explorer Cortes met the Aztecs. Cortes became quite interested in the **plantations** where the Aztecs **cultivated** chocolate trees. When he returned to Europe, he took cacao beans with him. He introduced the people of Spain to the Aztecs' chocolate beverage.

Over the next 100 years or so, kings, queens, and members of the upper class enjoyed drinking chocolate. They enjoyed it even more once they learned to add sugar to the beverage! Soon, chocolate had spread all across Europe. New machines allowed chocolate makers to perfect their products and produce them at a very **rapid rate**. Preparing the beans in special ways brought out the **aroma** of chocolate. The beans were **combined** with **condensed** milk to give the chocolate a smooth **texture**.

Today, contemporary chocolates with **subtle** flavors fill the shelves of expensive chocolate shops. The different types of chocolate available today **vary** widely. True chocolate lovers can tell which is best, though. They will tell you that the flavor of high-quality chocolate stays on the **palate** long after you finish it.

31. Wild chocolate trees grow well in humid weather.
A) TRUE **B)** FALSE

32. The Mayans and Aztecs said chocolate was a divine plant brought from paradise.
A) TRUE **B)** FALSE

33. The Mayans cultivated chocolate trees on plantations.
A) TRUE **B)** FALSE

34. Beans were combined with condensed milk to give chocolate a smooth texture.
A) TRUE **B)** FALSE

35. The first chocolate beverages were made in Europe.
A) TRUE **B)** FALSE

36. The different types of chocolate available today vary widely.
A) TRUE **B)** FALSE

37. Which word is NOT used to describe chocolate in the reading?
A) Aroma **B)** Delicious
C) Soothing **D)** Sweet

38. Which of the following did NOT consume chocolate as a beverage?
A) Kings and queens in Europe
B) Europeans in the 1500s
C) Mayan gods
D) The Aztecs

39. Which group of people believed that chocolate was toxic to women and children?
A) Chocolate makers
B) Plantation owners
C) The upper class in Europe
D) The Aztecs

40. What allowed chocolate to be produced at a rapid rate?
A) Cortes of Spain **B)** Cacao beans
C) New machines **D)** Kings and queens

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