ESSENTIAL WORDS FOR THE TOEFL

Essential Words for the TOEFL Lesson 9: Vocabulary Test

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1. Tourism ___ nearly half of the island's income, so one bad season affects almost every family.
A) classifies **B)** installs
C) displays **D)** accounts for

2. Modern satellites give ___ measurements of sea level, correct to within a few millimetres.
A) dim **B)** accurate
C) vibrant **D)** dense

3. Water shortages became ___ during the long, hot summer, and some towns had running water for only two hours a day.
A) vibrant **B)** uniform **C)** acute **D)** dim

4. Biologists ___ animals into groups according to the features they share, such as backbones or feathers.
A) classify **B)** install
C) saturate **D)** display

5. Before travelling, students should change some money into the local ___, as many small shops do not accept cards.
A) jargon **B)** uniform
C) currency **D)** display

6. The ___ forest blocks most of the sunlight, so very few plants grow on the ground beneath the trees.
A) accurate **B)** straightforward
C) acute **D)** dense

7. The light in the old reading room was so ___ that visitors needed lamps to read the small print.
A) vibrant **B)** dim
C) accurate **D)** gigantic

8. From next spring the museum will ___ the newly found fossils in a glass case in its main hall, where every visitor can see them.
A) display **B)** saturate
C) withdraw **D)** account for

9. Coffee and tea are the country's main ___, earning most of its income from abroad.
A) currencies **B)** myths
C) particles **D)** exports

10. Blue whales are ___ animals, growing longer than two buses parked end to end.
A) dense **B)** dim
C) gigantic **D)** accurate

11. "The students' final designs were impressive, and two of them won prizes at the national science fair." In this sentence, the word "impressive" is closest in meaning to
A) admirable **B)** unusual
C) unfinished **D)** simple

12. "Technicians will install new heating in the student flats during the summer break." In this sentence, the word "install" is closest in meaning to
A) repair **B)** put in **C)** remove **D)** pay for

13. "The report was full of legal jargon that most ordinary readers could not understand." In this sentence, the word "jargon" is closest in meaning to
A) errors **B)** long examples
C) specialist language **D)** old laws

14. "Heavy rain had saturated the playing fields, so the match was moved to the sports hall." In this sentence, the word "saturated" is closest in meaning to
A) dried **B)** soaked
C) damaged **D)** flattened

15. "The instructions were straightforward, so most students finished setting up the experiment in ten minutes." In this sentence, the word "straightforward" is closest in meaning to
A) simple **B)** detailed
C) strict **D)** confusing

16. "The bricks were of uniform size, which made it easy to build the walls in neat, straight rows." In this sentence, the word "uniform" is closest in meaning to
A) large **B)** varied
C) heavy **D)** the same

17. "The market was vibrant with music, bright cloth and the voices of traders calling to customers." In this sentence, the word "vibrant" is closest in meaning to
A) lively **B)** quiet
C) crowded **D)** expensive

18. "Rising fuel costs account for most of the increase in airline ticket prices this year." In this sentence, the phrase "account for" is closest in meaning to
A) reduce **B)** follow **C)** explain **D)** hide

19. "The historian checked every date and name to make sure the timeline in her book was accurate." In this sentence, the word "accurate" is closest in meaning to
A) exciting **B)** long
C) complete **D)** correct

20. "The patient was taken to hospital with acute pain in her side, which had begun only an hour earlier." In this sentence, the word "acute" is closest in meaning to

A) mild
B) severe
C) long-lasting
D) unusual

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