ENGLISH VOCABULARY TESTS

Shortage, Scarce, Surplus, Excess Quiz: Too Much and Too Little

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1. Hospitals across the country face a serious ___ nurses.
A) lack in **B)** shortness of
C) scarcity in **D)** shortage of

2. After the storm, fresh bread was ___ for days.
A) scarcely **B)** in short supply
C) short of **D)** a shortage

3. We ___ milk, so I'll go to the shop before it's all gone.
A) are running short of **B)** are scarce
C) go without **D)** make do with

4. Good plumbers are ___ round here: you can wait weeks for one.
A) excessive **B)** plentiful
C) scarce **D)** spare

5. The new manager is clever but ___ experience.
A) lacking of **B)** lacking in
C) short in **D)** lack of

6. When money was tight, we ___ holidays for three years.
A) made do **B)** ran short
C) spared **D)** went without

7. There's no printer paper, so we'll have to ___ the backs of old letters.
A) make do with **B)** go without
C) run short of **D)** spare

8. Fifty pounds for a hospital that needs millions is just ___.
A) a glut **B)** a surplus
C) a drop in the ocean **D)** more than enough

9. The hills are ___ populated: you can drive for an hour without seeing a house.
A) sparsely **B)** densely
C) excessively **D)** heavily

10. Don't cook any more pasta: there's ___ for six people.
A) a shortage **B)** to spare
C) more than enough **D)** in excess

11. We caught the train with two minutes ___.
A) spared **B)** to spare
C) for spare **D)** in spare

12. The hotel has ___ parking, and in summer fresh fish is ___ and cheap.
A) scarce ... plentiful **B)** sparse ... ample
C) ample ... scarce **D)** ample ... plentiful

13. Wildlife is ___ in the national park: deer, eagles and foxes everywhere.
A) scarce **B)** lacking
C) abundant **D)** surplus

14. The farm had a ___ of apples this year, so it sold the ___ fruit to a juice company.
A) glut ... surplus **B)** surplus ... glut
C) shortage ... surplus **D)** glut ... excessive

15. The landlord asked for an ___ deposit, and the airline charged me forty pounds for ___ baggage.
A) excess ... excessive
B) excessive ... excess
C) excessive ... excessive
D) excess ... excess

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