

Pretest

CHOOSING THE DEFINITION

Fill in the bubble of the word or phrase that best defines the word in **bold** in each sentence.

- The king ordered the traitor locked in a **dungeon**.
 a. prison cell b. library c. bedroom d. cage
- The food at that café will not **disappoint** you.
 a. surprise b. excite c. fail d. anger
- Nicolas is too **bashful** to try out for a play.
 a. sad b. shy c. hungry d. full
- The team's **conduct** after the game was unsportsmanlike.
 a. behavior b. feast c. speed d. trophy
- That crack in the window is letting in a **draft**.
 a. noise b. air current c. mist d. insect
- Grandma claims she can **forecast** tomorrow's weather.
 a. prevent b. enjoy c. hurry d. predict
- The lovely ice sculpture melted into a **formless** puddle.
 a. wet b. slippery c. warm d. unshaped
- As the sun grew warmer, the puddle began to **evaporate**.
 a. disappear b. boil c. slide d. freeze
- Nathan thanked his hosts for their **hospitality**.
 a. friendliness b. cooking c. loans d. advice
- Have you made a **decision** about what to wear to the party?
 a. mistake b. plan c. judgment d. portion
- After a hot day of yard work, I **relish** Aunt Margaret's peach ice cream.
 a. enjoy b. avoid c. demand d. scoop
- The cashier made an **error** while ringing up my groceries.
 a. comment b. mistake c. joke d. request
- To join the club, I had to **pledge** never to show any outsiders the secret handshake.
 a. explain b. invite c. promise d. insist

14. I can't get that popular new **melody** out of my head.
 a. name b. rumor c. tune d. picture
15. In some countries, all **citizens** serve in the military.
 a. visitors b. nationals c. fans d. tourists
16. The **climate** in Seattle, Washington, is usually cool and moist.
 a. weather b. soil c. water d. attitude
17. The house is made of wood, but its **foundation** is cement.
 a. structure b. height c. appearance d. base
18. Cereal is a **satisfactory** breakfast, but pancakes taste a lot better.
 a. alright b. healthy c. easy to make d. sweet
19. We watched the flight attendant **demonstrate** how to put on and inflate the life jackets.
 a. make fun of b. show c. mess up d. enjoy
20. Mr. Marquez is a **professional** carpenter.
 a. unusual b. popular c. expert d. full-time
21. There were many **vacant** rooms at the hotel.
 a. expensive b. noisy c. empty d. large
22. The model began to **whirl** slowly so we could admire her long skirt.
 a. sit b. spin c. climb d. dance
23. The willow tree is **flexible** enough to withstand strong winds.
 a. bendable b. straight c. leafy d. tall
24. The train arrives at **exactly** 2:13 p.m. every afternoon.
 a. nearly b. precisely c. shortly after d. close to
25. During the war, gasoline was **scarce**.
 a. hard to find b. available c. expensive d. plentiful
26. Cameron used Madison's truck to **transport** his furniture.
 a. sell b. carry c. steal d. destroy
27. Alexandra made the long **journey** across the city on her bike.
 a. trip b. rescue c. escape d. motion
28. The vase was made of gold and covered in **precious** gems.
 a. sparkling b. antique c. valuable d. impressive
29. In early spring, the lake begins to **defrost**.
 a. turn brown b. swell c. thaw d. dry up

30. What is your **sincere** opinion of my new hairstyle?
Ⓐ polite Ⓑ sudden Ⓒ expert Ⓓ honest
31. Our car may be old, but it is still **dependable**.
Ⓐ broken down Ⓑ reliable Ⓒ attractive Ⓓ speedy
32. Devin's **allegiance** to his country is praiseworthy.
Ⓐ loyalty Ⓑ resistance Ⓒ return Ⓓ vacation
33. They got into a **dispute** over whose turn it was to wash the dishes.
Ⓐ race Ⓑ quarrel Ⓒ conversation Ⓓ tale
34. I want only a **fraction** of that steak.
Ⓐ pound Ⓑ scent Ⓒ imitation Ⓓ part
35. Mr. and Mrs. Blount planned a **banquet** in honor of the president.
Ⓐ portrait Ⓑ poem Ⓒ speech Ⓓ feast
36. The police officers admitted they had arrested an **innocent** man.
Ⓐ guiltless Ⓑ dying Ⓒ smart Ⓓ poor
37. The nurse's duty is to **minister** to his or her patients.
Ⓐ care for Ⓑ read Ⓒ lecture Ⓓ talk
38. That criminal has no **respect** for the law.
Ⓐ notice Ⓑ attention Ⓒ consideration Ⓓ understanding
39. Every **garment** Sibel owns is made of silk.
Ⓐ toy Ⓑ piece of Ⓒ wall hanging Ⓓ sheet
clothing
40. We should all **recycle** aluminum cans and paper.
Ⓐ reuse Ⓑ get rid of Ⓒ increase Ⓓ avoid
41. Eating right and exercising are **sensible** methods of losing weight.
Ⓐ fast Ⓑ wise Ⓒ nice Ⓓ boring
42. The restrooms in this gas station are quite **sanitary**.
Ⓐ comfortable Ⓑ modern Ⓒ busy Ⓓ clean
43. The tour guide has **knowledge** about all the best sights in Boston.
Ⓐ brochures Ⓑ gossip Ⓒ stories Ⓓ information
44. Why did you **accuse** Edward when you knew Mariah threw the spitball?
Ⓐ defend Ⓑ ignore Ⓒ blame Ⓓ attack
45. The **industrious** scholar studies for five hours every night.
Ⓐ hard-working Ⓑ nervous Ⓒ successful Ⓓ important

46. Leah talked with such **haste** I could not understand her.
Ⓐ emotion Ⓑ speed Ⓒ mumbling Ⓓ volume
47. Can you **gauge** the distance between here and that building?
Ⓐ travel Ⓑ estimate Ⓒ approach Ⓓ erase
48. Erika enjoys the **luxury** of first-class travel on airplanes.
Ⓐ high cost Ⓑ conversation Ⓒ extra comfort Ⓓ privacy
49. Brett has the **ability** to do a perfect ollie on his skateboard.
Ⓐ talent Ⓑ equipment Ⓒ memory Ⓓ desire
50. The fighting dogs made **horrid** noises that kept us awake half the night.
Ⓐ frightening Ⓑ dreadful Ⓒ musical Ⓓ loud
51. My name is long, so some people **abbreviate** it.
Ⓐ shorten Ⓑ make fun of Ⓒ repeat Ⓓ skip
52. If you don't brush your teeth, they might **decay**.
Ⓐ loosen Ⓑ darken Ⓒ rot Ⓓ shine
53. Today in class we learned about the **operation** of a car's engine.
Ⓐ workings Ⓑ history Ⓒ invention Ⓓ parts
54. Desiree went to school for many years to become a **surgeon**.
Ⓐ lawyer Ⓑ pilot Ⓒ doctor Ⓓ explorer
55. Edgar's boss gives him the **liberty** to set his own work hours.
Ⓐ freedom Ⓑ responsibility Ⓒ command Ⓓ organization
56. I am a loyal **consumer** of plum tomatoes.
Ⓐ advertiser Ⓑ user Ⓒ seller Ⓓ enemy
57. We became **impatient** after waiting an hour for the concert to begin.
Ⓐ sleepy Ⓑ chatty Ⓒ short of Ⓓ sad
temper
58. For the sake of **justice**, all the guilty parties must be punished.
Ⓐ publicity Ⓑ honesty Ⓒ fairness Ⓓ improvement
59. My neighbor, Mr. Munsford, has many **peculiar** habits.
Ⓐ healthy Ⓑ common Ⓒ impressive Ⓓ unusual
60. A thick **vapor** surrounded the lake this morning.
Ⓐ mist Ⓑ wall Ⓒ crowd Ⓓ swarm