

How Good are you with WORDS?

TASK 1

Match the definitions with the words in the box.

suggestion	backgammon	adventure	supplementary	trip
rafting	poem	hiking	appointment	archery

- Making a long journey on foot.
- A kind of literary work written in short lines.
- A prior arrangement to meet.
- A dangerous but exciting activity.
- A kind of sport practiced with a bow and arrows.
- A type of board game played with dice and disk-shaped pieces.
- A short visit.
- Extra, additional.
- A type of sport practiced in rivers that flow fast.
- Something you believe to be a good thing to do.

TASK 2

Match the given words with their synonyms. (1 extra word)

comfortable	believe	quarrel	admire	couch
cuisine	magazine	tease	fan	disgusted

- periodical, journal :
- branch of learning, field of study :
- relaxing, restful :
- Acceptance :
- settee, sofa :
- sickened, appalled, shocked :
- to argue, to fight :
- marvel at, like :
- kid, make fun of, laugh at :
- trainer, coach, teacher :
- fanatic, supporter, follower, admirer :
- trust, have faith in, accept as true :
- particular style of cooking :
- nonstop, continual :



TASK 3

Choose the correct meaning of the underlined word

- Our baseball team's pitcher has a few eccentric habits, such as throwing exactly thirteen warm-up pitches and never wearing socks.
A) normal B) strange C) messy
- After the heavy rains, the stream became murky; in fact, the water was so cloudy you couldn't see the bottom.
A) cloudy B) bottomless C) clear
- The debris on the stadium floor included numerous paper cups, ticket stubs, and cigarette butts.
A) products B) papers C) trash
- The coach takes every opportunity to censure his players, yet he ignores every opportunity to praise them.
A) approve of B) criticize C) choose
- The newlyweds agreed to be very frugal in their shopping because they wanted to save enough money to buy a house.
A) economical B) wasteful C) interested
- Although Alex usually looks unkempt, he had a very neat appearance at his job interview.
A) orderly B) handsome C) messy

TASK 4

Determine whether the clauses need to be joined with commas or semicolons. Put the proper punctuation on the blank.

- The artist preferred to paint in oils ____ he did not like water colors.
- Even when the house looks clean ____ there is usually a bunch of dirt swept under the rug.
- I'm going to leave early today ____ unless the boss comes back from the meeting.
- The computer can perform many calculations at once ____ however, it cannot reason at all.
- In the first place, it was snowing too hard to see the road ____ in the second place, we had no chains.
- Italy is my favorite foreign country ____ in fact, I plan on staying there for three weeks this summer.
- The challenges are not impossible ____ but they are very hard to clear.
- I'm going to do all of my English homework every night ____ because that's how you get an "A".
- If he misses his appointment ____ he'll have to wait another six months to see the dentist.
- There are many negative side effects to smoking ____ there are no positive side effects from smoking.



TASK 5 Subjects and Predicates

Decide whether the sentence fragment is missing a subject or a predicate :

- _____ is my role model. Is the sentence missing a subject or a predicate?
- Homer Simpson, the cartoon character, _____. Is the sentence missing a subject or a predicate?
- Mr. Morton _____. Is the sentence missing a subject or a predicate?
- _____ went to the park. Is the sentence missing a subject or a predicate?
- My favorite food _____. Is the sentence missing a subject or a predicate?
- _____ is my favorite rapper/musician. Is the sentence missing a subject or a predicate?
- My favorite game to play _____. Is the sentence missing a subject or a predicate?
- _____ is my favorite movie. Is the sentence missing a subject or a predicate?

TASK 6

Draw a vertical (up and down) line separating the subjects and predicates:

- I went to Great America.
- Let's go to the movies.
- She knows how to make jewelry.
- We play basketball every Tuesday.
- My pencil broke.
- Simon told me to.
- Alex stayed up late doing her home work.
- Homework makes me happy.
- I put my name on top of my paper.
- The cheetah is the fastest land animal.

One Hundred Dollars

Leonard James is a homeless man. For him, life is always hard.

He is always hungry. His shoes have holes in them. He needs a haircut. His clothes are old and dirty.

"What I would do with one hundred dollars!" Leonard says. This is a game he likes to play with himself to take his mind off things.

He is walking down the street on a Thursday night. The winter air is cold on his face. "If I had one hundred dollars, I could buy new socks," he says. He continues to walk down the street.

"If I had one hundred dollars, I could get a haircut," he says. He continues to walk down the street.

"If I had one hundred dollars, I could buy new pants," he says. He continues to walk down the street.

"If I had one hundred dollars, I could get a hamburger," he says. His stomach rumbles at the thought.

"If I had...." Leonard looks down at the sidewalk. He cannot believe what he sees! Someone has lost his wallet. Leonard picks it up. Inside are five twenty-dollar bills. "One hundred dollars!" Leonard says. He is very excited. "Now I can buy everything I want!"

Then Leonard begins to think. "But this is not my money," he says. Leonard goes to the police station. He gives a police officer the wallet and money.

"Thank you," says the police officer. "You are a very honest man." Leonard smiles. He turns around and begins to leave the police station.

"Hold on," the police officer says. He reaches in his own pocket and gives Leonard ten dollars. "Get yourself something to eat."

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- Adventure
- Poem
- Appointment
- Hiking
- Archery
- Backgammon
- Trip
- Supplementary
- Rafting
- Suggestion

KEY : TASK 2

- Magazine
- Subject
- Comfortable
- tolerance
- Couch
- Disgusted
- Quarrel
- Admire
- Tease
- Instructor
- Fan
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- Cuisine
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- Strange
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- Trash
- Criticize
- Economical
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ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR

1A, 2C, 3B, 4D, 5B, 6A, 7C, 8C, 9C, 10C, 11B, 12C, 13C, 14B

- 1) What is life like for Leonard?**
A. It is hard.
B. It is easy.
C. It is warm.
D. It is full of good food.
- 2) How does the reader know that Leonard is poor?**
I. He finds a wallet.
II. He has no home.
III. He is always hungry.
A. I only
B. I and II
C. II and III
D. I, II, and III
- 3) Why does Leonard think about what he would do with a hundred dollars?**
A. It helps him go to sleep.
B. It takes his mind off things.
C. The police officer asks him to.
D. He knows he will find the money.
- 4) What time of year is it?**
A. spring
B. summer
C. fall
D. winter
- 5) What does Leonard say he would do with a hundred dollars?**
I. get a haircut
II. buy new clothes
III. get a hotel room
A. I only
B. I and II
C. II and III
D. I, II, and III
- 6) Why does Leonard's stomach rumble?**
A. because he is hungry
B. because he is tired
C. because his clothes are dirty
D. because he is homeless
- 7) "He cannot believe what he sees." What is another way to write this sentence?**
A. He thinks what he sees is crazy.
B. He feels what he sees is good luck.
C. He thinks what he sees cannot be true.
D. He thinks what he sees is scary.
- 8) Why does Leonard go to the police station?**
A. because he owes money
B. because he wants a reward
C. because the wallet is not his
D. because he has committed a Crime
- 9) What kind of man does Leonard seem to be?**
A. bad
B. dumb
C. good
D. old
- 10) As used at the end of the story, what does it mean to be honest?**
A. to feel good
B. to want more
C. to be truthful
D. to be hopeful
- 11) How does Leonard seem to feel about what he has done?**
A. angry
B. happy
C. sad
D. unsure
- 12) What does the police officer give Leonard?**
A. advice
B. a handshake
C. money to eat
D. the one hundred dollars
- 13) What kind of man does the police officer seem to be?**
A. angry
B. busy
C. kind
D. mean
- 14) Why does the police officer give Leonard ten dollars?**
A. to surprise Leonard
B. so Leonard feels better about returning the wallet
C. because it is part of his job
D. because he wants to get Leonard off the streets

