

Exercise 2

Directions: Choose the word or phrase that has the same or nearly the same meaning as the underlined word or group of words.

1. The veracity of her story is without doubt.
A. persistence
B. truthfulness
C. poetry
D. horror
2. The drawings were completely identical.
A. twin
B. unclear
C. breathtaking
D. same
3. In our cellar, we accumulate old clothes.
A. affirm
B. donate
C. refurbish
D. collect
4. This legislation will transform the railroad system.
A. improve
B. electrify
C. change
D. sell
5. Candy will gratify the baby.
A. satisfy
B. fatten
C. excite
D. teach
6. The arena was girded with ribbons.
A. protected
B. established
C. decorated
D. encircled
7. How shall we quell the rebellion?
A. begin
B. cushion
C. crush
D. fire
8. His face looked pale and sickly.
A. wan
B. gabled
C. paltry
D. ponderous
9. The father was stern and impersonal with his children.
A. morose
B. gruff
C. opinionated
D. endeared
10. The meaning of the text was inscrutable to laymen.
A. comprehensible
B. loud
C. mysterious
D. enjoyable

11. Let us hoist the banner now.
- A. raise
 - B. lower
 - C. wave
 - D. fold
12. The town took drastic measures to ensure its security.
- A. well-informed
 - B. ill-advised
 - C. haphazard
 - D. extreme
13. The newscaster alluded to the weather forecast.
- A. changed
 - B. complained about
 - C. praised
 - D. referred to
14. the strength of the cord exceeds government standards.
- A. surpasses
 - B. equals
 - C. challenges
 - D. falls short of
15. The austere forest cabin appealed to the pioneers.
- A. simple
 - B. sturdy
 - C. extravagant
 - D. hidden
16. I wish that you would stop beating around the bush.
- A. running in circles
 - B. avoiding the subject
 - C. sweeping the driveway
 - D. repeating the same thing over and over
17. I generally accept Jim's pronouncements with a grain of salt.
- A. some question
 - B. criticism
 - C. pleasure
 - D. relief
18. That explanation is little more than an old wives' tale.
- A. a deliberate falsehood
 - B. a half-truth
 - C. feminist propaganda
 - D. folklore
19. The medicine man shared his tried and true remedy with me.
- A. new and usual
 - B. tested and proven
 - C. experimental
 - D. unorthodox but effective
20. You should not look a gift horse in the mouth.
- A. question authority
 - B. quibble over details
 - C. expose yourself to danger
 - D. be suspicious of good fortune