

TOEFL Vocabulary Exercises

Instructions: Choose the word or phrase to complete each sentence.

1. The _____ rain caused the river to overflow its banks.
(A) abstract
(B) indigenous
(C) hollow
(D) incessant
2. With its _____ engine, the car performed better than we had hoped.
(A) marginalized
(B) rigorous
(C) modified
(D) garner
3. A heavy object will _____ other objects toward it by its gravity.
(A) drain
(B) draw
(C) exploit
(D) colloquial
4. Over the sounds of the storm, she could not hear the _____ sound of footsteps outside her bedroom door.
(A) acclaimed
(B) condemned
(C) eternal
(D) fainter
5. Through his _____, the billionaire will be remembered for many centuries.
(A) binary
(B) orceal
(C) taboo
(D) legacy

6. Several individuals from _____ groups of society protested in front of the government offices today.
(A) encrypted
(B) incessant
(C) marginalized
(D) inalienable
7. Providing an excellent view of the landscape up to 120 miles in all directions, the mountain _____ over the surrounding countryside.
(A) deviates
(B) lies
(C) portrays
(D) towers
8. Some career choices are better suited for individuals with good problem-solving skills and _____ minds.
(A) analytical
(B) beneficial
(C) dependent
(D) epic

Instructions: Choose the word or phrase closest in meaning to the underlined part.

9. The people of that particular village are famous for the goods they create.
(A) depict
(B) impart
(C) adorn
(D) craft
10. He focused his telescope on a small group of stars high in the night sky.
(A) cluster
(B) memory
(C) temperance
(D) colonist

11. It is my great privilege to accept this important award on behalf of my colleague.

- (A) acrobatic
- (B) devastating
- (C) implicit
- (D) prestigious

12. The pot holds enough water for approximately four cups of tea.

- (A) attentively
- (B) respectively
- (C) roughly
- (D) widely

13. With most advertisements, the suggestion is that newer is better.

- (A) conception
- (B) triumph
- (C) implication
- (D) manipulation

14. That is considered a forbidden subject in my family's household.

- (A) taboo
- (B) prestigious
- (C) rigorous
- (D) marginalized

15. Not so long ago, eye surgery of any kind was often a difficult experience for the patient.

- (A) circuit
- (B) mime
- (C) ordeal
- (D) set

Instructions: Write the missing words. Use the words below to fill in the blanks.

recite contend composing
distinguish inability

Does the (16) _____ to see or hear allow some musicians or poets to (17) _____ themselves in their fields? For example, Beethoven was deaf, yet this did not hinder his (18) _____. Homer is another good example. Some scholars (19) _____ that the Greek bard could (20) _____ the episodes of his epic poems vividly because of his blindness.

Instructions: Choose the one word that does not belong.

- 21. craft depict perish compose
- 22. access alter modify refine
- 23. conquest perish triumphant victory
- 24. attentive aware proficient receptive
- 25. explain impart preclude recount