

Chapter **1**

Word Knowledge: Putting Your Vocabulary to the Test

The Word Knowledge subtest on the ASVAB measures your ability to communicate by gauging your vocabulary level. To do well on this subtest, you don't have to be a walking dictionary. However, you *do* need a good grasp on the English language, which means having a solid knowledge of words and their meanings. You also need to be able to determine what words mean based on their context within a sentence.

When you're working through these 250 practice questions, you may encounter words you use every day, words you hear occasionally, and words you've never seen before. When you come across a word you don't know, give it your best guess — sometimes your knowledge of other, similar words will kick in and you'll get it right. (You can use that strategy on test day, too, when you have 8 minutes to answer 16 Word Knowledge questions on the computerized version of the ASVAB or 11 minutes to answer 35 questions on the paper version.)

The Questions You'll Work On

You find three types of questions on the Word Knowledge subtest:

- » **Synonyms:** These questions ask you to find the word closest in meaning to the underlined word.
- » **Sentence context:** Sentence context questions give you a sentence and ask you to find the word that can best replace the underlined word without changing the meaning.
- » **Antonyms:** These questions ask you to select the answer that's most opposite in meaning to the underlined word.

What to Watch Out For

English isn't exactly known for being the easiest language in the world, which means you may have to implement some strategies as you prepare for the Word Knowledge subtest. Keep these tips in mind:

- » When you find a word you don't know, try to figure out its root and see whether that sets off a spark of recognition.
- » Pay attention to context clues. Sometimes the sentence will give you clues about a word's meaning.
- » Remember to read the questions carefully. Some ask for the meaning of the word, and some ask for a word's antonym — the word most opposite in meaning.

Synonyms

1. Accord most nearly means

- (A) agreement.
- (B) theory.
- (C) judgment.
- (D) attempt.

2. Establish most nearly means

- (A) set up.
- (B) foundation.
- (C) give.
- (D) receive.

3. Obtain most nearly means

- (A) hold.
- (B) work.
- (C) get.
- (D) top.

4. Brazen most nearly means

- (A) dim.
- (B) obnoxious.
- (C) timid.
- (D) bold.

5. Vain most nearly means

- (A) vessel.
- (B) useless.
- (C) nice.
- (D) condescending.

6. Fortitude most nearly means

- (A) strength.
- (B) bravado.
- (C) inconsistency.
- (D) difficulty.

7. Plausible most nearly means

- (A) deceptive.
- (B) believable.
- (C) ignorant.
- (D) lagging.

8. Persuade most nearly means

- (A) deter.
- (B) encourage.
- (C) lead.
- (D) convince.

9. Dialogue most nearly means

- (A) leader.
- (B) text.
- (C) conversation.
- (D) soliloquy.

10. Exempt most nearly means

- (A) underprivileged.
- (B) excused.
- (C) untenable.
- (D) taxable.

11. Buttress most nearly means

- (A) support.
- (B) arch.
- (C) matriarch.
- (D) object.

12. Bizarre most nearly means

- (A) strange.
- (B) extreme.
- (C) fierce.
- (D) futuristic.

13. Liabile most nearly means

- (A) typical.
- (B) slander.
- (C) immune.
- (D) responsible.

14. Optimistic most nearly means

- (A) short-sighted.
- (B) preferential.
- (C) hopeful.
- (D) likely.

15. Affect most nearly means

- (A) result.
- (B) change.
- (C) signify.
- (D) define.

16. Labyrinth most nearly means

- (A) system.
- (B) path.
- (C) maze.
- (D) connector.

17. Blatant most nearly means

- (A) subtle.
- (B) obvious.
- (C) unclear.
- (D) noisy.

18. Maneuver most nearly means

- (A) movement.
- (B) achievement.
- (C) reach.
- (D) simulation.

19. Disclose most nearly means

- (A) tell.
- (B) hide.
- (C) shut.
- (D) teach.

20. Quarantine most nearly means

- (A) annotate.
- (B) identify.
- (C) insinuate.
- (D) isolate.

21. Adept most nearly means

- (A) considerate.
- (B) careful.
- (C) thoughtless.
- (D) skilled.

22. Recede most nearly means

- (A) move.
- (B) compel.
- (C) retreat.
- (D) wax.

23. Volatile most nearly means

- (A) changeable.
- (B) confusing.
- (C) sickened.
- (D) broken.

24. Intrepid most nearly means

- (A) nervous.
- (B) clever.
- (C) fearful.
- (D) brave.

25. Wrath most nearly means

- (A) revenge.
- (B) anger.
- (C) expulsion.
- (D) flux.

26. Proliferate most nearly means

- (A) create.
- (B) grow.
- (C) generate.
- (D) decline.

27. Vacate most nearly means

- (A) keep.
- (B) relax.
- (C) abandon.
- (D) inform.

28. Pathetic most nearly means

- (A) pitiful.
- (B) hopeless.
- (C) disgusting.
- (D) terrible.

29. Refuge most nearly means

- (A) entrance.
- (B) chamber.
- (C) dwelling.
- (D) sanctuary.

30. Scour most nearly means

- (A) detour.
- (B) scrub.
- (C) frown.
- (D) petrify.

31. Aversion most nearly means

- (A) opposition.
- (B) advocate.
- (C) dislike.
- (D) animosity.

32. Strife most nearly means

- (A) conflict.
- (B) suffering.
- (C) attack.
- (D) accordance.

33. Nourish most nearly means

- (A) administer.
- (B) entrust.
- (C) sustain.
- (D) proffer.

34. Tread most nearly means

- (A) step on.
- (B) steer.
- (C) try.
- (D) hurry.

35. Console most nearly means

- (A) ascend.
- (B) rejuvenate.
- (C) bolster.
- (D) comfort.

36. Banter most nearly means

- (A) taunt.
- (B) repartee.
- (C) ridicule.
- (D) reproach.

37. Credible most nearly means

- (A) believable.
- (B) secretive.
- (C) annoyed.
- (D) unlikely.

38. Erode most nearly means

- (A) chop.
- (B) deteriorate.
- (C) scrub.
- (D) repair.

39. Generate most nearly means

- (A) consider.
- (B) create.
- (C) boil over.
- (D) take.

40. Mode most nearly means

- (A) resource.
- (B) alone.
- (C) octave.
- (D) way.

41. Foil most nearly means

- (A) wrapping.
- (B) confer.
- (C) aggravate.
- (D) prevent.

42. Chamber most nearly means

- (A) enclosed space.
- (B) passageway.
- (C) trough.
- (D) shelf.

43. Aide most nearly means

- (A) abet.
- (B) teacher.
- (C) creator.
- (D) helper.

44. Stump most nearly means

- (A) confuse.
- (B) chop.
- (C) pound.
- (D) clarify.

45. Insist most nearly means

- (A) continue.
- (B) assert.
- (C) wish.
- (D) demand.

46. Bland most nearly means

- (A) uninteresting.
- (B) tiny.
- (C) dramatic.
- (D) rough.

47. Sentinel most nearly means

- (A) aggressor.
- (B) lookout.
- (C) coward.
- (D) reveler.

48. Repeal most nearly means

- (A) yell.
- (B) hold.
- (C) ignore.
- (D) cancel.

49. Labor most nearly means

- (A) think.
- (B) illuminate.
- (C) market.
- (D) work.

50. Aberration most nearly means

- (A) anomaly.
- (B) commonplace.
- (C) disgusting.
- (D) revered.

51. Winsome most nearly means

- (A) hardy.
- (B) difficult.
- (C) windy.
- (D) charming.

52. Initial most nearly means

- (A) first.
- (B) exception.
- (C) new.
- (D) tragic.

53. Rabid most nearly means

- (A) generous.
- (B) sickly.
- (C) fanatical.
- (D) deepen.

54. Mobile most nearly means

- (A) movable.
- (B) fixed.
- (C) cellular.
- (D) turning.

55. Solicit most nearly means

- (A) decry.
- (B) evoke.
- (C) drag.
- (D) request.

56. Fallacy most nearly means

- (A) misnomer.
- (B) misconception.
- (C) truth.
- (D) ersatz.

57. External most nearly means

- (A) during the night.
- (B) after the fact.
- (C) outer surface.
- (D) transcendental.

58. Vociferous most nearly means

- (A) noisome.
- (B) vehement.
- (C) plant-like.
- (D) strong.

59. Convert most nearly means

- (A) change.
- (B) prevail.
- (C) belie.
- (D) track.

60. Consider most nearly means

- (A) tarry.
- (B) dawdle.
- (C) defy.
- (D) think.

61. Prompt most nearly means

- (A) arrogant.
- (B) slow.
- (C) fast.
- (D) bright.

62. Turpitude most nearly means

- (A) depravity.
- (B) strength.
- (C) justice.
- (D) piousness.

63. Makeshift most nearly means

- (A) permanent.
- (B) adversarial.
- (C) substitute.
- (D) difficult.

64. Comprise most nearly means

- (A) create.
- (B) is composed of.
- (C) track.
- (D) herald.

65. Spurious most nearly means

- (A) prickly.
- (B) dangerous.
- (C) nonsense.
- (D) bogus.

- 66.** Expanse most nearly means
(A) cost.
(B) growth.
(C) area.
(D) beat.
- 67.** Fearsome most nearly means
(A) menacing.
(B) calming.
(C) noxious.
(D) teary-eyed.
- 68.** Sophomoric most nearly means
(A) afraid.
(B) pretentious.
(C) emotional.
(D) defiant.
- 69.** Exasperate most nearly means
(A) infer.
(B) confuse.
(C) drag out.
(D) infuriate.
- 70.** Scarcity most nearly means
(A) majority.
(B) shortage.
(C) surplus.
(D) abundance.
- 71.** Resist most nearly means
(A) withstand.
(B) hold.
(C) divide.
(D) conduct.
- 72.** Ersatz most nearly means
(A) fake.
(B) genuine.
(C) authentic.
(D) green.
- 73.** Portend most nearly means
(A) surprise.
(B) contrast.
(C) vicissitude.
(D) be a warning.
- 74.** Lucid most nearly means
(A) relaxed.
(B) incoherent.
(C) understandable.
(D) confused.
- 75.** Ostracized most nearly means
(A) brought in.
(B) excluded.
(C) parted.
(D) captivated.
- 76.** Allure most nearly means
(A) tempt.
(B) trick.
(C) tease.
(D) sneak.
- 77.** Gleeful most nearly means
(A) delirious.
(B) joyful.
(C) displeased.
(D) derisive.
- 78.** Tranquilize most nearly means
(A) sedate.
(B) trick.
(C) deride.
(D) overdose.
- 79.** Oppose most nearly means
(A) irk.
(B) cooperate.
(C) resist.
(D) argue.

80. Mores most nearly means

- (A) customs.
- (B) types.
- (C) anomalies.
- (D) data.

81. Chap most nearly means

- (A) tangle.
- (B) expose.
- (C) irate.
- (D) become chafed.

82. Overbearing most nearly means

- (A) overwhelming.
- (B) bossy.
- (C) grouchy.
- (D) tough.

83. Equity most nearly means

- (A) fairness.
- (B) devaluation.
- (C) privacy.
- (D) earnings.

84. Subtle most nearly means

- (A) understated.
- (B) conspicuous.
- (C) suggestive.
- (D) harsh.

85. Pecuniary most nearly means

- (A) strange.
- (B) out of place.
- (C) economic.
- (D) disjointed.

86. Temporary most nearly means

- (A) permanent.
- (B) impermanent.
- (C) drafted.
- (D) sticky.

87. Insightful most nearly means

- (A) blind.
- (B) ignorant.
- (C) dull.
- (D) perceptive.

88. Superficial most nearly means

- (A) without depth.
- (B) thorough.
- (C) genuine.
- (D) sensible.

89. Render most nearly means

- (A) fail.
- (B) win.
- (C) deliver.
- (D) hold.

90. Constant most nearly means

- (A) intermittent.
- (B) unchanging.
- (C) dreadful.
- (D) periodic.

91. Commission most nearly means

- (A) delegation.
- (B) force.
- (C) recreation.
- (D) assignor.

92. Venture most nearly means

- (A) cower.
- (B) inaction.
- (C) endeavor.
- (D) persevere.

93. Range most nearly means

- (A) part.
- (B) end.
- (C) movement.
- (D) vary.

- 94.** Scheme most nearly means
(A) plan.
(B) schedule.
(C) suggestion.
(D) theory.
- 95.** Plea most nearly means
(A) demand.
(B) answer.
(C) request.
(D) offer.
- 96.** Stake most nearly means
(A) meat.
(B) post.
(C) steal.
(D) embellish.
- 97.** Attribute most nearly means
(A) guilt.
(B) characteristic.
(C) thing.
(D) roast.
- 98.** Awesome most nearly means
(A) extreme.
(B) radical.
(C) impressive.
(D) tricky.
- 99.** Provoke most nearly means
(A) ignore.
(B) curtail.
(C) emulate.
(D) annoy.
- 100.** Cite most nearly means
(A) earmark.
(B) quote.
(C) target.
(D) place.

Synonyms in Sentences

- 101.** Mrs. Jenkins turned and addressed the class.
(A) lectured
(B) divided
(C) embarrassed
(D) interrogated
- 102.** Shelly wanted to analyze the results from the tests on her own.
(A) combine
(B) determine
(C) synthesize
(D) examine
- 103.** The cacophony was almost unbearable for the adults, but the baby slept through it.
(A) silence
(B) music
(C) racket
(D) hissing
- 104.** A good press release needs to include quotes from industry professionals.
(A) place
(B) contain
(C) share
(D) subordinate
- 105.** The advertising team took the concept to the company president, who gave her approval.
(A) idea
(B) create
(C) storyboard
(D) drawing
- 106.** Designing a new solution can be difficult, but it's usually worth the effort.
(A) words
(B) answer
(C) chart
(D) breach

- 107.** The pearls on the strand seemed to glitter in the sunlight.
- (A) satchel
 - (B) bucket
 - (C) hair
 - (D) thread
- 108.** Renee put together a coherent argument that convinced the entire jury.
- (A) logical
 - (B) ordinary
 - (C) jumbled
 - (D) confusing
- 109.** Jackie made her selection based on the options offered on the cafeteria menu.
- (A) position
 - (B) choice
 - (C) population
 - (D) semantic
- 110.** The photos the squad submitted didn't match their commander's narrative.
- (A) confession
 - (B) ilk
 - (C) imposture
 - (D) commentary
- 111.** Nothing the woman said was relevant to the incident police were investigating.
- (A) pertinent
 - (B) acceptable
 - (C) apt
 - (D) timed
- 112.** The boys went to the rally together.
- (A) restaurant
 - (B) store
 - (C) activation
 - (D) assembly
- 113.** The generals followed a divide and conquer strategy.
- (A) separate
 - (B) tool
 - (C) classify
 - (D) fight
- 114.** The meteor's velocity dropped after it entered the atmosphere.
- (A) temperature
 - (B) speed
 - (C) resistance
 - (D) girth
- 115.** It was always hard to differentiate among the triplets.
- (A) generalize
 - (B) relate
 - (C) change
 - (D) distinguish
- 116.** The man pulled the sleeping bag over his head when he felt the draft.
- (A) drawing
 - (B) current
 - (C) text
 - (D) drive
- 117.** If the president takes the time to call you, he probably has something significant to say.
- (A) distracting
 - (B) obvious
 - (C) important
 - (D) loud
- 118.** She told me not to put so much emphasis on the last syllable.
- (A) stress
 - (B) weakness
 - (C) focus
 - (D) stroke

- 119.** Cherise made more than one error that ultimately led to her poor grade.
- (A) correction
 - (B) perfection
 - (C) truth
 - (D) mistake
- 120.** The excerpt detailed what it was like growing up in Germany on an American military base.
- (A) passage
 - (B) pieces
 - (C) exception
 - (D) entirety
- 121.** Preheat the oven before you combine the ingredients.
- (A) cook
 - (B) bond
 - (C) mix
 - (D) dissolve
- 122.** The kids were extremely resourceful when the teacher asked them to find solutions.
- (A) prompt
 - (B) skillful
 - (C) inept
 - (D) aspiring
- 123.** Julia proceeded to enumerate all the reasons she wanted to join the Army instead of the Air Force.
- (A) acquiesce
 - (B) concede
 - (C) tell
 - (D) itemize
- 124.** The doctor determined the underlying cause of the man's symptoms.
- (A) foundational
 - (B) critical
 - (C) necessary
 - (D) transient
- 125.** You can refer to the chart for the latest statistics.
- (A) appearance
 - (B) data
 - (C) finish
 - (D) ideas
- 126.** Many people find it difficult to assimilate in a new culture.
- (A) unlearn
 - (B) misinterpret
 - (C) conform
 - (D) correspond
- 127.** It is crucial that you understand the directions before you begin.
- (A) dire
 - (B) superior
 - (C) essential
 - (D) significant
- 128.** New laws come about with the emergence of new nations.
- (A) materialization
 - (B) classification
 - (C) opening
 - (D) stoppage
- 129.** Psychologists are attempting to understand the genesis of human instincts and how they have evolved.
- (A) finality
 - (B) beginning
 - (C) explanation
 - (D) causation
- 130.** Maher decided to have a simple breakfast comprising only oatmeal.
- (A) small
 - (B) delicious
 - (C) foolish
 - (D) uncomplicated

- 131.** Ulices valued Marta's counsel, so he did what she told him to do.
- (A) negligence
 - (B) foresight
 - (C) advice
 - (D) reprimand
- 132.** The investigators found that Jimmy was able to corroborate Justin's story.
- (A) eviscerate
 - (B) establish
 - (C) authenticate
 - (D) disprove
- 133.** Katie told Lilly she could achieve results if she worked a half hour every day.
- (A) obtain
 - (B) negotiate
 - (C) perform
 - (D) stop
- 134.** Doug told Trenton he'd reimburse him for the damage.
- (A) penalize
 - (B) compensate
 - (C) collect
 - (D) convert
- 135.** In a caste system, it's rare for people to move from one milieu to another.
- (A) condition
 - (B) element
 - (C) environment
 - (D) ambience
- 136.** Mallory said she would prefer someone with egalitarian beliefs in the Oval Office.
- (A) unbiased
 - (B) dispassionate
 - (C) distinctive
 - (D) nondiscriminatory
- 137.** Ty followed the narrow river to its end.
- (A) thin
 - (B) wide
 - (C) slow
 - (D) bubbling
- 138.** Yoli gathered her meager belongings and left.
- (A) insufficient
 - (B) many
 - (C) adequate
 - (D) wealthy
- 139.** Forty-three people had adverse reactions to the medication.
- (A) opposite
 - (B) auspicious
 - (C) unfavorable
 - (D) dignified
- 140.** For many parents, saying, "We'll see" is tantamount to saying, "No."
- (A) proportionate
 - (B) oppositional
 - (C) paramount
 - (D) equivalent
- 141.** The military is always attempting to retain good service members.
- (A) teach
 - (B) keep
 - (C) discover
 - (D) pay
- 142.** Please convey my gratitude to everyone who brought gifts.
- (A) release
 - (B) deny
 - (C) carry
 - (D) communicate

- 143.** Fani told her dad that he should approximate the time.
(A) believe
(B) estimate
(C) replicate
(D) change
- 144.** The colonel asked the contractor to submit his proposal.
(A) credentials
(B) plan
(C) refusal
(D) demands
- 145.** Employers are not supposed to have a bias against elderly job applicants.
(A) impression
(B) influence
(C) prejudice
(D) investigation
- 146.** Brandon watched the creature slither away.
(A) slide
(B) wobble
(C) move
(D) lag
- 147.** Although Penny said it was a moot point, Daniel didn't want to argue.
(A) debatable
(B) useful
(C) obvious
(D) indisputable
- 148.** Everything the instructor covered was irrelevant to the test.
(A) applicable
(B) unrelated
(C) pertinent
(D) evidentiary
- 149.** The editor made six amendments to the story before approving it for publication.
(A) changes
(B) retentions
(C) corrections
(D) conditions
- 150.** The candidate handled the insults with equanimity.
(A) nervousness
(B) aplomb
(C) confusion
(D) brashness
- 151.** When the kids weren't fighting, Mom couldn't help but enjoy the accord.
(A) peace
(B) sound
(C) discussion
(D) freedom
- 152.** Your lawyer will advocate for you in court.
(A) discuss
(B) argue
(C) question
(D) cry
- 153.** The training teaches you what to do when disaster strikes.
(A) catastrophe
(B) setback
(C) danger
(D) difficulty
- 154.** "I don't have any money, but maybe we could barter," Rob said.
(A) joke
(B) tease
(C) go
(D) trade

- 155.** The archaeologists used a key to decipher the ancient text.
- (A) unlock
 - (B) decode
 - (C) obscure
 - (D) obfuscate
- 156.** Micki is an ardent student of language, and she's always ready to learn something new.
- (A) angry
 - (B) cheerful
 - (C) enthusiastic
 - (D) apathetic
- 157.** All the students admired their teacher.
- (A) respected
 - (B) feared
 - (C) despised
 - (D) liked
- 158.** All Raven could see was a mile of desolate desert stretching out before him.
- (A) apologetic
 - (B) plain
 - (C) sandy
 - (D) deserted
- 159.** Jon is a bit eccentric, but that's never stopped him from fitting in.
- (A) strange
 - (B) fanatical
 - (C) boorish
 - (D) creative
- 160.** Most people know the article is satire, but those who don't come up with hilarious responses.
- (A) parody
 - (B) factual
 - (C) complimentary
 - (D) odd
- 161.** Three people made the same suggestion.
- (A) proposition
 - (B) hint
 - (C) definition
 - (D) alliance
- 162.** Jackson was incredibly conscientious, which made him popular among his superior officers.
- (A) inattentive
 - (B) careful
 - (C) friendly
 - (D) dapper
- 163.** There's no ambiguity; the First Amendment protects free speech.
- (A) failure
 - (B) uncertainty
 - (C) alternative
 - (D) opacity
- 164.** I tell you this with the caveat that you'll keep it a secret.
- (A) threat
 - (B) apparition
 - (C) probability
 - (D) condition
- 165.** There has been a dramatic decrease in homelessness.
- (A) significant
 - (B) moderate
 - (C) unsettling
 - (D) dangerous
- 166.** Tana never had reason to doubt JoAnn's integrity.
- (A) turpitude
 - (B) tenacity
 - (C) honesty
 - (D) sweetness

- 167.** They haven't been able to buy anything modern since the embargo.
(A) trade ban
(B) disagreement
(C) war
(D) blockade
- 168.** The playground bully mocked the smaller kids every day.
(A) scared
(B) teased
(C) terrorized
(D) punched
- 169.** You must give your testimony so the court can hear your side of the story.
(A) consultation
(B) recording
(C) statement
(D) attorney
- 170.** You'll get used to military jargon by the time you graduate Basic Combat Training.
(A) language
(B) photography
(C) spotlight
(D) exercise
- 171.** The hero was always ensuring that justice was served.
(A) judge
(B) capriciousness
(C) fairness
(D) honesty
- 172.** Kathy and Bonnie walked down the broad staircase together.
(A) narrow
(B) rickety
(C) dangerous
(D) wide
- 173.** As the slowest player, she was often the object of her teammates' scorn.
(A) anger
(B) teasing
(C) contempt
(D) laughter
- 174.** David knew hiring Cheryl would prove advantageous to the company.
(A) thrilling
(B) ideal
(C) powerful
(D) beneficial
- 175.** Heather put her climbing hook into the crevice.
(A) door
(B) narrow
(C) container
(D) crack
- 176.** Jamie was an enigma, and his brother could never figure out why he was friendly one minute and confrontational the next.
(A) mystery
(B) conundrum
(C) bipolar
(D) elusive
- 177.** Only the most gullible people believe that nonsense.
(A) feeble
(B) credulous
(C) confused
(D) difficult
- 178.** "We can bring you as long as you promise not to be a hindrance," Jesse told the girl.
(A) interface
(B) impediment
(C) enigma
(D) traitor

- 179.** Tim was fortunate enough to have a gift for woodworking.
- (A) lucky
 - (B) happy
 - (C) comforted
 - (D) strained
- 180.** The general was a formidable man.
- (A) meticulous
 - (B) intimidating
 - (C) mean
 - (D) deadly
- 181.** Tina was anxious about the outcome of the trial.
- (A) calm
 - (B) content
 - (C) transfixed
 - (D) worried
- 182.** Nothing could deter Sadie from her goal of becoming a psychologist.
- (A) discourage
 - (B) flip
 - (C) admonish
 - (D) persuade
- 183.** Jill removed the obstruction so Traci and Donna could get on the stage.
- (A) hazard
 - (B) barrier
 - (C) cone
 - (D) danger
- 184.** The puppy ate with zeal.
- (A) sluggishness
 - (B) hunger
 - (C) lethargy
 - (D) enthusiasm
- 185.** You must be careful not to alienate your supporters.
- (A) evacuate
 - (B) evict
 - (C) estrange
 - (D) confuse
- 186.** The commander told the first sergeant to reprimand the soldiers.
- (A) fire
 - (B) scold
 - (C) teach
 - (D) imprison
- 187.** Pili never worried about trivial details.
- (A) unimportant
 - (B) dangerous
 - (C) large
 - (D) corresponding
- 188.** Simon could distinguish Spanish from English at an early age.
- (A) put out
 - (B) speak
 - (C) understand
 - (D) differentiate
- 189.** Paloma is adept at winning over strangers.
- (A) poor
 - (B) skilled
 - (C) invigorated
 - (D) encouraging
- 190.** A strident voice interrupted the rally to demand answers about the candidate's tax returns.
- (A) hushed
 - (B) strained
 - (C) loud
 - (D) hoarse

- 191.** Beto could no longer abide the homeowners' association's "No Parking" rules.
(A) tolerate
(B) acknowledge
(C) read
(D) extend
- 192.** The antique vase was authentic.
(A) fake
(B) replicated
(C) disputed
(D) genuine
- 193.** Andrew was prepared to face the consequences of supporting a losing candidate.
(A) concerns
(B) results
(C) punishments
(D) orders
- 194.** Jesse's speech was concise.
(A) lengthy
(B) succinct
(C) expressive
(D) sharp
- 195.** Shanna couldn't shake her trepidation as she walked down the narrow stairs.
(A) disquiet
(B) tremors
(C) trestle
(D) umbrage
- 196.** Krista supplemented her income by taking a job at the local paper.
(A) drained
(B) increased
(C) tracked
(D) used
- 197.** "The onus is on you," Matt said to the prosecutor.
(A) idea
(B) consequences
(C) responsibility
(D) assignation
- 198.** The lavish décor made the boys feel out of place.
(A) modern
(B) frugal
(C) opulent
(D) disgusting
- 199.** I pledge allegiance to the flag.
(A) life
(B) subordination
(C) loyalty
(D) individuality
- 200.** The child had a voracious appetite for sweets.
(A) careful
(B) insatiable
(C) dangerous
(D) satisfactory

Antonyms

- 201.** The word most opposite in meaning to construct is
(A) fabricate.
(B) raise.
(C) destroy.
(D) organize.
- 202.** The word most opposite in meaning to deficiency is
(A) surplus.
(B) fault.
(C) paucity.
(D) shortage.

- 203.** The word most opposite in meaning to vilify is
(A) slander.
(B) traduce.
(C) approve.
(D) serve.
- 204.** The word most opposite in meaning to barren is
(A) infecund.
(B) fruitful.
(C) fallow.
(D) parched.
- 205.** The word most opposite in meaning to fascinate is
(A) tantalize.
(B) bore.
(C) transport.
(D) charm.
- 206.** The word most opposite in meaning to dissect is
(A) slice.
(B) contribute.
(C) combine.
(D) bring.
- 207.** The word most opposite in meaning to quantify is
(A) appraise.
(B) measure.
(C) guess.
(D) rank.
- 208.** The word most opposite in meaning to vacant is
(A) unengaged.
(B) empty.
(C) overflowing.
(D) taken.
- 209.** The word most opposite in meaning to abdicate is
(A) keep.
(B) exercise.
(C) relinquish.
(D) surrender.
- 210.** The word most opposite in meaning to delay is
(A) rescind.
(B) problem.
(C) rush.
(D) stop.
- 211.** The word most opposite in meaning to sanction is
(A) deny.
(B) allow.
(C) confirm.
(D) recommend.
- 212.** The word most opposite in meaning to worthy is
(A) valueless.
(B) admirable.
(C) horrible.
(D) exemplary.
- 213.** The word most opposite in meaning to energetic is
(A) brisk.
(B) lazy.
(C) spirited.
(D) vivacious.
- 214.** The word most opposite in meaning to pinnacle is
(A) obelisk.
(B) apex.
(C) pyramid.
(D) bottom.

- 215.** The word most opposite in meaning to approve is
(A) esteem.
(B) condemn.
(C) respect.
(D) admire.
- 216.** The word most opposite in meaning to confidence is
(A) doubt.
(B) impudence.
(C) morale.
(D) tenacity.
- 217.** The word most opposite in meaning to ungainly is
(A) adroit.
(B) uncouth.
(C) ponderous.
(D) blundering.
- 218.** The word most opposite in meaning to twirl is
(A) twist.
(B) revolve.
(C) gyrate.
(D) straighten.
- 219.** The word most opposite in meaning to strife is
(A) warfare.
(B) animosity.
(C) accord.
(D) dispute.
- 220.** The word most opposite in meaning to revolt is
(A) rebel.
(B) displease.
(C) mutiny.
(D) obey.
- 221.** The word most opposite in meaning to align is
(A) adjust.
(B) disorganize.
(C) range.
(D) order.
- 222.** The word most opposite in meaning to furor is
(A) calm.
(B) outcry.
(C) agitation.
(D) calamity.
- 223.** The word most opposite in meaning to bewilder is
(A) mystify.
(B) enlighten.
(C) muddle.
(D) domesticate.
- 224.** The word most opposite in meaning to detriment is
(A) liability.
(B) prejudice.
(C) handicap.
(D) advantage.
- 225.** The word most opposite in meaning to miniature is
(A) diminutive.
(B) large.
(C) reduced.
(D) miniscule.
- 226.** The word most opposite in meaning to depreciate is
(A) downgrade.
(B) diminish.
(C) abate.
(D) enlarge.

- 227.** The word most opposite in meaning to clique is
(A) barrage.
(B) cabal.
(C) individual.
(D) crew.
- 228.** The word most opposite in meaning to dejected is
(A) elated.
(B) crestfallen.
(C) doleful.
(D) abject.
- 229.** The word most opposite in meaning to cowardice is
(A) weakness.
(B) mettle.
(C) timidity.
(D) diffidence.
- 230.** The word most opposite in meaning to mend is
(A) rejuvenate.
(B) recondition.
(C) amend.
(D) destroy.
- 231.** The word most opposite in meaning to peal is
(A) blast.
(B) eeriness.
(C) quiet.
(D) clamor.
- 232.** The word most opposite in meaning to cognizance is
(A) jurisdiction.
(B) bearing.
(C) ignorance.
(D) thoughtlessness.
- 233.** The word most opposite in meaning to tact is
(A) coarseness.
(B) rhythm.
(C) felicity.
(D) style.
- 234.** The word most opposite in meaning to criticize is
(A) approve.
(B) censure.
(C) chide.
(D) blame.
- 235.** The word most opposite in meaning to germane is
(A) apropos.
(B) pertinent.
(C) irrelevant.
(D) cognate.
- 236.** The word most opposite in meaning to renowned is
(A) acclaimed.
(B) distinguished.
(C) noted.
(D) common.
- 237.** The word most opposite in meaning to fluke is
(A) incident.
(B) plan.
(C) fortuitous.
(D) break.
- 238.** The word most opposite in meaning to incongruous is
(A) consistent.
(B) discordant.
(C) irregular.
(D) incoherent.

- 239.** The word most opposite in meaning to bulky is
(A) airy.
(B) unwieldy.
(C) awkward.
(D) substantial.
- 240.** The word most opposite in meaning to drench is
(A) submerge.
(B) teem.
(C) dehydrate.
(D) cover.
- 241.** The word most opposite in meaning to stubborn is
(A) intractable.
(B) flexible.
(C) adamant.
(D) persistent.
- 242.** The word most opposite in meaning to adolescence is
(A) youth.
(B) juvenility.
(C) boyhood.
(D) adulthood.
- 243.** The word most opposite in meaning to ordinary is
(A) abnormal.
(B) abysmal.
(C) general.
(D) natural.
- 244.** The word most opposite in meaning to lucrative is
(A) fruitful.
(B) lucid.
(C) remunerative.
(D) unprofitable.
- 245.** The word most opposite in meaning to impregnable is
(A) fortified.
(B) questionable.
(C) invincible.
(D) breakable.
- 246.** The word most opposite in meaning to introduction is
(A) induction.
(B) conclusion.
(C) preliminary.
(D) inauguration.
- 247.** The word most opposite in meaning to apathy is
(A) indifference.
(B) lethargy.
(C) interest.
(D) lassitude.
- 248.** The word most opposite in meaning to enduring is
(A) temporary.
(B) permanent.
(C) abiding.
(D) continual.
- 249.** The word most opposite in meaning to ersatz is
(A) counterfeit.
(B) synthetic.
(C) genuine.
(D) bogus.
- 250.** The word most opposite in meaning to ravenous is
(A) satisfied.
(B) greedy.
(C) insatiable.
(D) voracious.

