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Lesson 14

EXERCISE 2 *Context Clues* 

Directions. Scan the definitions in Column A. Then, think about how the boldface words are used in the sentences in Column B. To complete the exercise, match each definition in Column A with the correct Vocabulary Word from Column B. Write the letter of your choice on the line provided. Finally, write the Vocabulary Word on the line before the definition.

COLUMN A

COLUMN B

_____ 11. word: _____

n. the act of accepting; a condition of being accepted; approval; belief

_____ 12. word: _____

v. to cause to feel sorrow; to mourn

_____ 13. word: _____

v. to enter and settle in a new country

_____ 14. word: _____

n. degree of strength, force, or feeling; extreme brightness or concentration

_____ 15. word: _____

n. an overstatement; the act of making something seem greater than it is

_____ 16. word: _____

n. a joyful celebration; gladness

_____ 17. word: _____

v. to prosper; to succeed; to flourish; to grow vigorously

_____ 18. word: _____

v. to follow up or pursue something to a conclusion; to carry on; to take legal action against

_____ 19. word: _____

n. a special advantage or benefit granted to a person or group; a basic legal right; *v.* to grant a privilege to

_____ 20. word: _____

v. to flow or move in a path that returns to the starting point; to move about freely; to spread widely

(A) The **intensity** of the celebration of Mardi Gras is exceptional in New Orleans. No other U.S. city celebrates with such enthusiasm.

(B) Mardi Gras is a time when originality **thrives**, when people allow their imaginations to flourish.

(C) Many people want to pack up and **immigrate** to New Orleans during Mardi Gras. Others feel just the opposite. They wouldn't want to move to the home of such a wild celebration.

(D) True sons and daughters of New Orleans **grieve** if they have to be away from the city during this period of celebration. They ache for what they are missing.

(E) It is not an **exaggeration** to say that some residents of New Orleans live for Mardi Gras.

(F) During the summer, as ceiling fans **circulate** the air, moving it around beautiful rooms with tall ceilings, planners prepare for the next year's Mardi Gras.

(G) New Orleans citizens consider it a **privilege** to participate in a Mardi Gras parade.


(H) Mardi Gras is one big party that lasts for weeks. It has met with **acceptance** because it precedes an important religious occasion.

(I) All the **jubilation**, the energetic partying, is part of the preparation for Lent and Easter.

(J) Sometimes a few people get carried away during Mardi Gras and are taken to jail and even **prosecuted**. Generally, however, it is not necessary to bring legal action against these overzealous partygoers.

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EXERCISE 3

Like Meanings and Opposite Meanings 

Directions. For each item below, circle the letter of the choice that means the same, or about the same, as the boldface word.

21. a wild exaggeration

- (A) explanation
- (B) guess
- (C) place
- (D) overstatement

22. to immigrate west

- (A) drive
- (B) fly
- (C) come to
- (D) move away from

23. the intensity of his happiness

- (A) discussion
- (B) increase
- (C) results
- (D) power

24. a position of privilege

- (A) excitement
- (B) agreement
- (C) honor
- (D) willingness

25. to prosecute your studies

- (A) seek assistance with
- (B) be concerned about
- (C) begin
- (D) continue

Directions. For each item below, circle the letter of the choice that means the opposite, or about the opposite, of the boldface word.

26. a sense of acceptance

- (A) confusion
- (B) understanding
- (C) disfavor
- (D) welcoming

27. to circulate in the room

- (A) move around
- (B) stand still
- (C) draw
- (D) dance

28. to grieve for three months

- (A) rejoice
- (B) mourn
- (C) run away
- (D) remain

29. a moment of jubilation

- (A) forgiveness
- (B) cooperation
- (C) rejoicing
- (D) sorrow

30. to thrive in sandy soil

- (A) live
- (B) plant
- (C) die
- (D) sink