

EXERCISE 2 *Context Clues*

Lesson 15 *gth*

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. moisture; dampness; the amount of moisture in the air

- _____ 12. word: _____
v. to devote to a sacred or special purpose; to inscribe a work of art to someone out of affection or respect

- _____ 13. word: _____
n. a souvenir; a keepsake; anything kept or given to remind one of the past

- _____ 14. word: _____
v. to remove from office or high position; to testify or state under oath but out of court.

- _____ 15. word: _____
v. to hold back from action; to control; to limit or restrict

- _____ 16. word: _____
v. to cut apart; to analyze closely

- _____ 17. word: _____
n. a violent or noisy commotion of a crowd; a disorderly disturbance; a disturbance of mind or feeling

- _____ 18. word: _____
v. to distribute or administer; to do without; to do away with something

- _____ 19. word: _____
n. a harbor or port; a place of safe shelter

- _____ 20. word: _____
n. a strong effort; the act of using

- (A) Eventually the family settled in Houston, where the heat and **humidity** reminded them of the muggy climate of Vietnam.

- (B) Sometimes the noise and commotion of the city was disturbing, especially the **tumult** of the traffic.

- (C) However, after the hard trip at sea and the months in the refugee camp, the city seemed like a safe **haven**.

- (D) Nguyen Truong was pleased that they had escaped before the leader of the village tried to force him to **depose**, or swear under oath, that his neighbors had been disloyal.

- (E) The family's **mementos** were very dear to them. The keepsakes reminded them of their old home far away.

- (F) Sometimes he had to **restrain** himself from weeping. He held back his tears because he didn't want to upset his grandchildren.

- (G) He felt especially sad on Tet, the Vietnamese New Year, when the Vietnamese people traditionally **dedicate** themselves to remembering their past.

- (H) During the New Year celebration, neighbors made wonderful treats for one another and **dispensed**, or handed out, gifts of money to the children of the community.

- (I) Preparation for Tet required hours of hard work, but no one minded the **exertion**. It was an opportunity to share time with family.

- (J) During New Year celebrations, the family members paused to **dissect** their emotions. They found themselves analyzing and evaluating their old lives and their new ones.

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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. very low **humidity**

- (A) moisture content
- (B) heat index
- (C) percentages
- (D) score

22. in a quiet **haven**

- (A) hospital
- (B) palace
- (C) shelter
- (D) heritage

23. a small **memento**

- (A) loss
- (B) ghost
- (C) memory
- (D) keepsake

24. to **dedicate** some money

- (A) save secretly
- (B) borrow
- (C) write
- (D) set aside

25. to **dissect** his motives

- (A) believe
- (B) analyze
- (C) ignore
- (D) understand

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

26. to **restrain** strong emotion

- (A) train
- (B) let go
- (C) feel deeply
- (D) struggle with

29. a period of **exertion**

- (A) work
- (B) rest
- (C) time
- (D) loss

27. the distant **tumult**

- (A) memories
- (B) friends
- (C) calm
- (D) noise

30. to **dispense** with the idea

- (A) eliminate
- (B) forget
- (C) share
- (D) keep

28. to **depose** the king

- (A) crown
- (B) get rid of
- (C) argue against
- (D) remember