

## Middle School Vocabulary Diagnostic

**Note:** You will receive one point for each correct answer. You will lose one quarter of a point for each incorrect answer. You will not receive or lose points for questions that are not answered. If you guess, try guessing only when you can eliminate one or more answer choices as wrong.

Each of the following questions consists of one word followed by five words or phrases. You are to select the one word or phrase whose meaning is closest to the word in capital letters.

Q.1) **ARTIFICE:**

- A.  honesty
- B.  trickery
- C.  candor
- D.  inability
- E.  openness

Q.2) **INTRODUCTORY:**

- A.  last
- B.  final
- C.  concluding
- D.  eventual
- E.  preliminary

Q.3) **LICIT:**

- A.  lawful
- B.  illicit
- C.  corrupt
- D.  criminal
- E.  prohibited

Q.4) **CONFIDENT:**

- A.  assured
- B.  uncertain
- C.  diffident
- D.  shy
- E.  mousy

Q.5) **MENACE:**

- A.  assist
- B.  guard
- C.  threat
- D.  hostage
- E.  aid

Q.6) **CONNOTE:**

- A.  denote
- B.  allot
- C.  signify
- D.  bountiful
- E.  benign

Q.7) **AUGURY:**

- A.  impetuous
- B.  cell
- C.  fleapit
- D.  omen
- E.  hovel

Q.8) **KINSFOLK:**

- A.  relatives
- B.  strangers
- C.  crowd
- D.  students
- E.  employees

Q.9) **MOTIVE:**

- A.  effect
- B.  product
- C.  anesthetic
- D.  purpose
- E.  deterrent

Q.10) **CONDONE:**

- A.  condemn
- B.  censure
- C.  forbid
- D.  accuse
- E.  forgive

Q.11) **OMISSION:**

- A.  inclusion
- B.  addition
- C.  act
- D.  aim
- E.  exclusion

Q.12) **PARTIBLE:**

- A.  divisible
- B.  aligning
- C.  decisive
- D.  cementing
- E.  inseparable

Q.13) **PERILOUS:**

- A.  safe
- B.  dangerous
- C.  harmless
- D.  secure
- E.  innocent

Q.14) **AVID:**

- A.  indifferent
- B.  apathetic
- C.  generous
- D.  eager
- E.  lukewarm

Q.15) **PLACATE:**

- A.  bother
- B.  soothe
- C.  chafe
- D.  annoy
- E.  agitate

The following questions ask you to find relationships between words. For each question, select the answer choice that best completes the meaning of the sentence.

Q.16) **Pack is to submarines as nest is to**

- A.  pens
- B.  vipers
- C.  colts
- D.  coins
- E.  tourists

Q.17) **Straight is to strait as**

- A.  ear is to hearing
- B.  third is to second
- C.  bread is to breed
- D.  love is to like
- E.  vain is to vein

Q.18) **Lenient is to strict as**

- A.  love is to affection
- B.  mutual is to common
- C.  idle is to lazy
- D.  omission is to inclusion
- E.  ask is to query

Q.19) **Owls is to shriek as oxen is to**

- A.  tweet
- B.  low
- C.  hoot
- D.  buzz
- E.  swim

Q.20) **Oscillate is to stabilize as**

- A.  ample is to enough
- B.  safety is to security
- C.  oppose is to support
- D.  abode is to home
- E.  greed is to avarice

Q.21) **Schools is to whales as pack is to**

- A.  hawks
- B.  beavers
- C.  rats
- D.  hounds
- E.  wolves

Q.22) **Verses is to versus as**

- A.  sky is to gem
- B.  glass is to juice
- C.  shirt is to pant
- D.  secret is to unknown
- E.  waist is to waste

Q.23) **Write is to wrote as bring is to**

- A.  buy
- B.  bought
- C.  bringing
- D.  brought
- E.  get

Q.24) Ravens is to croak as pigs is to

- A.  grunt
- B.  army
- C.  sing
- D.  lamb
- E.  bellow

Q.25) Compose is to disperse as

- A.  freedom is to liberty
- B.  defend is to protect
- C.  wealth is to riches
- D.  common is to rare
- E.  praise is to command

Q.26) Herd is to zebras as flock is to

- A.  horses
- B.  falcon
- C.  experts
- D.  lambs
- E.  crows

Q.27) False is to falsehood as

- A.  brave is to cowardice
- B.  frail is to frailing
- C.  high is to higher
- D.  urgent is to urgently
- E.  humble is to humility

Q.28) Sane is to insane as

- A.  nuptial is to marriage
- B.  necessity is to requirement
- C.  tiny is to small
- D.  secular is to religious
- E.  depend is to rely

Q.29) Which is to witch as

- A.  yoke is to yolk
- B.  music is to singer
- C.  war is to peace
- D.  warrior is to courage
- E.  pacific is to ocean

Q.30) Armada is to warships as dray is to

- A.  calms
- B.  beavers
- C.  ants
- D.  grapes
- E.  squirrels

<b>Answer Key</b>
Q.1) trickery
Q.2) preliminary
Q.3) lawful
Q.4) assured
Q.5) threat
Q.6) signify
Q.7) omen
Q.8) relatives
Q.9) purpose
Q.10) forgive
Q.11) exclusion
Q.12) divisible
Q.13) dangerous
Q.14) eager
Q.15) soothe
Q.16) vipers
Q.17) vain is to vein
Q.18) omission is to inclusion
Q.19) low
Q.20) oppose is to support
Q.21) wolves
Q.22) waist is to waste
Q.23) brought
Q.24) grunt
Q.25) common is to rare
Q.26) lambs
Q.27) humble is to humility
Q.28) secular is to religious
Q.29) yoke is to yolk
Q.30) squirrels