

"Numbers of black rhino on the rise"

## LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Conservationists have (1) \_\_\_\_ cause for celebration over a rise in the numbers of the African black rhino. The numbers of the animals in the (2) \_\_\_\_ have risen by several hundred. The rhinos had been (3) \_\_\_\_ to a level of near extinction, but efforts to protect them have paid dividends. Black rhinos are still endangered and are (4) \_\_\_\_ risk of extinction, but conservationists are hopeful their numbers will continue to (5) \_\_\_\_\_. The International Union for Conservation of Nature reported that there were 4,845 black rhinos in Africa in 2012. This number rose to around 5,630 in 2018, an increase of 2.5 per cent per year over the six years. The Union said the numbers (6) \_\_\_\_ well for saving the species.

A lot of (7) \_\_\_\_ has been put into saving the black rhino. These include relocating the beasts into areas (8) \_\_\_\_ frequented by poachers, ensuring a better male-to-female ratio to aid reproductive success, and stronger legislation to protect the species. The Union said: "The continued slow recovery is a testament (9) \_\_\_\_ the immense efforts made in the countries and a (10) \_\_\_\_ reminder that conservation works." It added: "There is no room for complacency (11) \_\_\_\_ poaching and illegal trade remain acute threats. It is essential that the ongoing anti-poaching measures and intensive, proactive population management continue, with support from national and international (12) \_\_\_\_\_."

**Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.**

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| 1.  | (a) quit     | (b) quiet    | (c) quilt   | (d) quite       |
| 2.  | (a) tame     | (b) wild     | (c) outside | (d) zoo         |
| 3.  | (a) pitched  | (b) perched  | (c) parched | (d) poached     |
| 4.  | (a) in       | (b) at       | (c) on      | (d) as          |
| 5.  | (a) growth   | (b) grow     | (c) grown   | (d) growl       |
| 6.  | (a) bide     | (b) bade     | (c) bode    | (d) bid         |
| 7.  | (a) effect   | (b) affront  | (c) effort  | (d) affect      |
| 8.  | (a) smaller  | (b) fewer    | (c) less    | (d) no          |
| 9.  | (a) in       | (b) up       | (c) on      | (d) to          |
| 10. | (a) powered  | (b) powder   | (c) powers  | (d) powerful    |
| 11. | (a) as       | (b) is       | (c) was     | (d) has         |
| 12. | (a) reactors | (b) realtors | (c) actors  | (d) auctioneers |

# GAP FILL

From

Numbers of  
"Italy mayors scold people not following lockdown"

Mayors across Italy are taking (1) \_\_\_\_\_ action to make sure people follow lockdown rules. The (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of Italy is under lockdown. It is one of the countries worst affected by the COVID-19 coronavirus. The country has reported over 80,000 (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of infections. There have also been 8,215 deaths, the (4) \_\_\_\_\_ of any country in the world. The whole country is under lockdown but not everyone is following the (5) \_\_\_\_\_. There are many videos online of mayors going into the streets to (6) \_\_\_\_\_ people to stay at home. Over 100,000 people in Italy have been (7) \_\_\_\_\_ for being on the streets without a good reason. Three-quarters of the world is in lockdown as countries try to (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the virus.

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Some mayors in Italy are (9) \_\_\_\_\_ angry messages on social media. The mayor of one town said he was (10) \_\_\_\_\_ of people walking their dogs many times a day. He posted a video saying: "Where are you going with these incontinent dogs? You need to (11) \_\_\_\_\_ home. People are dying. Don't you get it? You are irresponsible (12) \_\_\_\_\_, colossal idiots." The president of Lombardy, Italy's worst affected (13) \_\_\_\_\_, said: "Too many people are still out and about." Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte said: "Everyone's efforts are needed as the (14) \_\_\_\_\_ of the social and economic fabric of our country is at (15) \_\_\_\_\_." Italians have also started a worldwide trend of singing from their balcony to (16) \_\_\_\_\_ people up.

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22. Hybrids have one more \_\_\_ per plant than the other varieties.  
 (A) corns (B) ear of corn (C) corn ears (D) corn's ears
23. \_\_\_ trees is a custom that many people engage in to celebrate Arbor day.  
 (A) The plant (B) Plant (C) Planting (D) To planting
24. \_\_\_ migrate long distances is well documented.  
 (A) That it is birds (B) That birds (C) Birds that (D) it is that birds
25. At Woolworth's first five-and-ten-cent store, \_\_\_ more than a dime.  
 (A) neither items cost (B) items not cost  
 (C) items non costing (D) no item cost
26. \_\_\_ fuel that is used today is a chemical form of solar energy.  
 (A) Most of (B) The most (C) Most (D) Almost the
27. \_\_\_ is cheaper for students who maintain aB average because they are a better risk than average or below-average students.  
 (A) Automobile's insurance (B) Insurance of automobiles  
 (C) Automobile insurance (D) Insurance automobile
28. The Canterbury Tales, written about 1386, is as alive and \_\_\_ today as it was nearly 600 years ago.  
 (A) appealed (B) appeal (C) appealing (D) the appeal of
29. Oil paints are \_\_\_ they have become the most popular painter's colors.  
 (A) so versatile and durable that (B) so versatile and durable than  
 (C) such versatile and durable as (D) such versatile and durable
30. Although we often use "speed" and "velocity" interchangeably, in a technical sense, "speed" is not always \_\_\_ "velocity".  
 (A) alike (B) the same as (C) similar (D) as

**Test 2. Choose the correct answer.**

1. Although they are smaller, chipmunks are \_\_\_ most other ground squirrels.  
 (A) like to (B) like as (C) like (D) alike
2. After the purchase of the Louisiana Territory, the United States had \_\_\_ it had previously owned.  
 (A) twice more land than (B) two times more lad as  
 (C) twice as much land as (D) two times much land than
3. In the Great Smoky Mountains, one can see \_\_\_ 150 different kinds of trees.

- (A) more than (B) as much as (C) up as (D) as many to
4. It has been estimated that \_\_\_ one hundred thousand men participated in the gold rush of 1898.  
 (A) approximate (B) until (C) as many as (D) more
5. \_\_\_ apples are grown in Washington State.  
 (A) Best (B) The most good (C) The best (D) The better
6. It is generally true that the lower the stock market falls, \_\_\_.  
 (A) higher the price of gold rises (B) the price of gold rises high  
 (C) the higher the price of gold rises (D) rises high the price of gold
7. \_\_\_ in the cultivation of a forest, trees need more careful planning than any other crop does.  
 (A) Because the time and area involved  
 (B) For the time and area involving  
 (C) Because of the time and area involved  
 (D) As a cause of the time and area involved
8. Amniocentesis can be used not only to diagnose fetal disorders \_\_\_ the sex of the unborn child with 95 percent accuracy.  
 (A) but determining (B) but also determining  
 (C) but to determine (D) but also to determine
9. Bacterial spores germinate and sprout \_\_\_ favorable conditions of temperature and food supply.  
 (A) when encountering of (B) when they encounter  
 (C) when they will encounter (D) when the encounter of
10. Recently, there have been several outbreaks of disease like legionnaire's syndrome, and doctors don't know \_\_\_.  
 (A) what is the cause (B) the cause is what  
 (C) is what the cause (D) what the cause is
11. Not until the Triassic Period \_\_\_.  
 (A) the first primitive mammals did develop  
 (B) did the first primitive mammals develop  
 (C) did develop the first primitive mammals  
 (D) the first primitive mammals develop
12. Penguins, the post highly specialized of all aquatic birds, may live \_\_\_ twenty years.  
 (A) before (B) since (C) for (D) from
13. \_\_\_ the Gulf Stream is warmer than the ocean water surrounding it.

(A) Wholly (B) Whole (C) As a whole (D) A whole as

14. Of all the cities in Texas, \_\_ .  
(A) that San Antonio is probably the most picturesque  
(B) San Antonio is probably the most picturesque  
(C) probably San Antonio the most picturesque  
(D) the most picturesque probably that San Antonio
15. Most beekeepers have observed \_\_ at the approach of a thunderstorm.  
(A) enraging the bees (B) that bees become enraged  
(C) that bees enraging (D) become enraged the bees
16. The first transistor was basically a small chip made of germanium onto one surface of which two pointed wire contacts \_\_ side by side.  
(A) are made (B) made (C) were made (D) making
17. Iron \_\_ for weapons and tools in the Bronze Age following the Stone Age.  
(A) is generally used (B) generally used  
(C) was generally used (D) used generally
18. Groups of tissues, each with its own function, \_\_ in the human body.  
(A) it makes up the organs (B) make up the organs  
(C) they make up the organs (D) makes up the organs
19. Cupid, one of the ancient Roman gods, \_\_ .  
(A) were a little winged child  
(B) representing as a little winged child  
(C) was represented as a little winged child  
(D) a little winged child
20. In a suspension bridge \_\_ that carry one or more flexible cables firmly attached at each end.  
(A) there are two towers on it (B) there are two towers  
(C) two towers there are (D) towers there are two
21. A college bookstore that sells used textbooks stocks \_\_ along with the new ones on the shelf under the course title.  
(A) its (B) their (C) a (D) them
22. The television programs we allow \_\_ to watch influence their learning.  
(A) a children (B) our children (C) our child (D) their children

**Exercise 5.** Complete the sentences or dialogues with idioms from the list. Change the verb to the correct tense when necessary.

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| 1. <i>watch out</i>  | 6. <i>pick out</i>   |
| 2. <i>look after</i> | 7. <i>keep on</i>    |
| 3. <i>put off</i>    | 8. <i>try out</i>    |
| 4. <i>count on</i>   | 9. <i>look into</i>  |
| 5. <i>run into</i>   | 10. <i>talk over</i> |

1. I \_\_\_ Caroline in the coffee shop.
2. \_\_\_ for snakes!
3. A: Who \_\_\_ that tie for you?  
B: No one. I chose it myself.
4. A: What are you going to do about your tropical fish while you're out of town?  
B: I've asked my sister to \_\_\_ them for me.
5. A: Should we stop and spend the night at this motel?  
B: No, let's \_\_\_ driving for a few more miles.
6. The police are \_\_\_ the crime.
7. The couple had to \_\_\_ the wedding because the bride was sick.
8. I wish I'd \_\_\_ this calculator before I bought it. It doesn't seem to be working.
9. I'm not sure if this is a suitable topic for a research paper. I need to \_\_\_ it \_\_\_ with my teacher before I start writing.
10. Can you \_\_\_ the students?

**Exercise 6.** Complete the sentences or dialogues with idioms from the list. Change the verb to the correct tense when necessary.

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| 1. <i>care for</i>    | 6. <i>count on</i>   |
| 2. <i>find out</i>    | 7. <i>look after</i> |
| 3. <i>hold up</i>     | 8. <i>call on</i>    |
| 4. <i>bring up</i>    | 9. <i>figure out</i> |
| 5. <i>drop out of</i> | 10. <i>check out</i> |

1. They \_\_\_ their children to be honest.