

• Reading Comprehension 2 Level 3

Directions: Read the passage. Then answer the questions below.

Passage

There are many kinds of boats.

One kind of boat is called a sailboat. A sailboat uses the wind to move. Wind makes a sailboat move in the water. The wind pushes the sailboat. Wind fills the sails. The sailboat moves when the wind blows.

One kind of boat is called a motorboat. A motorboat uses a motor to move. The motor gives power to the boat. The motorboat moves when the motor is running. The motorboat makes a loud noise.

One kind of boat is called a rowboat. A rowboat needs people to move it. People make a rowboat move in the water. People use oars to move a rowboat. Oars are long and flat. Oars go into the water. A rowboat moves when people use the oars.

As you can see, there are many kinds of boats.

Questions

- 1) Which boat uses the wind to move?
 - A. a sailboat
 - B. a rowboat
 - C. a motorboat

- 2) Which boat makes a loud noise?
 - A. a sailboat
 - B. a motorboat
 - C. a rowboat

- 3) What is used to move a rowboat?
 - A. wind
 - B. a motor
 - C. oars

- 4) According to the passage, oars are
 - A. short and fat
 - B. long and flat
 - C. big and heavy

- 5) This passage is mainly about
- A. different kinds of boats
 - B. where to use a rowboat
 - C. how to make a boat
- 6) Which boat(s) can still move if there is no wind?
- I. a motorboat
 - II. a rowboat
 - III. a sailboat
- A. I only
 - B. I and II only
 - C. I, II, and III
- 7) Tom doesn't like loud noises. Which boat(s) does he probably like to ride in?
- I. a sailboat
 - II. a rowboat
 - III. a motorboat
- A. I only
 - B. I and II only
 - C. I, II, and III
- 8) What would be the best title for this passage?
- A. Boats that Make Noise
 - B. The Sailboat and the Motorboat
 - C. Three Kinds of Boats

• Reading Comprehension 3 Level 4

Directions: Read the passage. Then answer the questions below.

Most human beings are awake during the day and sleep all night. Owls live the opposite way. Owls are **nocturnal**. This means that they sleep all day and stay awake at night. Because owls are nocturnal, this means they must eat at night. But finding food in the dark is difficult. To help them, they have special eyes and ears.

Owls have very large eyes. These eyes absorb more light than normal. Since there is little light during the night, it is helpful to be able to absorb more of it. This helps owls find food in the dark.

Owls also have very good hearing. Even when owls are in the trees, they can hear small animals moving in the grass below. This helps owls catch their **prey** even when it is very dark.

Like owls, mice are also nocturnal animals. Mice have an excellent sense of smell. This helps them find food in the dark.

Being nocturnal helps mice to hide from the many different animals that want to eat them. Most of the birds, snakes, and lizards that like to eat mice sleep at night—except, of course, owls!

Questions

- 1) In paragraph 1, we learn that "Owls are nocturnal." The word *diurnal* is the opposite of the word **nocturnal**. Using information in the passage as a guide, we can understand that an animal that is *diurnal*
 - A. sleeps at night and is awake during the day
 - B. hunts during the day and is awake at night
 - C. sleeps every other night and is awake during the day
 - D. hunts during the day and night

- 2) Based on information in paragraph 2, it can be understood that an animal with small eyes
 - A. must be diurnal
 - B. has trouble seeing in the dark
 - C. can see very well at night
 - D. is likely to be eaten by an owl

- 3) According to the passage, owls can find food in the dark using their sense of
 - I. sight
 - II. sound
 - III. smell
 - A. I only
 - B. I and II only
 - C. II and III only
 - D. I, II, and III

- 4) In paragraph 3 the author writes, "This helps owls catch their prey even when it is very dark." Based on its use in the passage, we can understand that **prey** is
- A. a noise that an animal makes during the night
 - B. a small animal such as a pet dog or cat
 - C. an animal that is hunted by other animals
 - D. an animals that hunts other animals
- 5) Based on information in the final paragraph, it can be understood that mice sleep during the day in order to
- A. find food that other animals can not
 - B. keep themselves safe
 - C. store energy for night time activities
 - D. release stress
- 6) Based on information in the final paragraph, it can be understood that
- A. owls hunt mice
 - B. mice can hide from owls
 - C. mice and owls both hide from birds, snakes, and lizards
 - D. birds and snakes often hunt lizards
- 7) If added to the end of this passage, which of the following conclusions would fit best?
- A. The owl is a nocturnal animal. This means it is active at night. The owl's excellent sense of sight and sound enable it to find food in the dark.
 - B. Mice are nocturnal animals. This means they are active at night. Similar to the owl, mice use their excellent sense of smell to find food in the dark.
 - C. Both mice and owls are nocturnal. This means they are active at night. Because these animals are active at night, they must sleep during the day. This makes them especially vulnerable to attack from diurnal animals.
 - D. Some animals are nocturnal. This means they are active at night. The owl and the mouse are good examples of nocturnal animals that use their senses to find food in the dark.

1. Her husband is ill in _____ hospital, so she has to stay at _____ home to look after _____ children instead of going to work.
A) _ / _ / _ C) the / the / the
B) _ / the / the D) _ / _ / the
2. Because _____ sun was so strong, they decided to sleep during _____ day and travel by _____ night.
A) the / the / _ C) the / the / the
B) the / _ / _ D) _ / _ / _
3. Here is a picture of _____ village where I was born. It is about ten minutes by _____ car from Wellington, _____ big town.
A) the / _ / a B) the / the / _
B) _ / the / _ D) the / _ / _
4. The two kinds of _____ dog that I detest most are _____ snow dogs and _____ lap dogs.
A) the / _ / _ C) _ / _ / _
B) _ / the / the D) the / _ / _
5. Do you think that I could ever learn to speak _____ Japanese _____ way _____ Japanese speak it?
A) _ / the / the C) _ / _ / _
B) the / the / the D) _ / the / _
6. This is _____ toughest steak I have eaten. It is _____ last time I eat in this restaurant.
A) _ / _ C) _ / the B) the / _ D) the / the
7. I would like _____ there yesterday.
A) being C) to have been
B) having to be D) to be
8. I can't find my sister. Do you know _____?
A) where is she B) where she is
C) somewhere she is D) is she anywhere
9. Mr. Green has a _____ vacation.
A) two weeks B) two-week's
C) two weeks' D) two-week
10. Have you heard _____ weather forecast?
A) yesterday B) tomorrow's C) for today's D) next week
11. She ran in a _____ race.
A) ten kilometer B) ten-kilometer
C) ten kilometer's D) ten-kilometers
12. _____ weather will be great.
A) Tomorrow B) Yesterday's C) Yesterday D) Tomorrow's
13. I wish my car _____ make so much noise.
A) won't B) can't C) didn't D) doesn't
14. "Are you leaving, Sam?" asked Mabel. She asked Sam if he _____.
A) is leaving B) leaves C) was leaving D) would leave
15. Alice said that _____.
A) I'm at my office B) she was at her office
C) I'm at her office D) you have been at your office
16. Jack _____ to Tom.
A) says that he had spoken B) said that he had spoken
C) say that he speaks D) had spoken that he will say
17. "How have you been, Mona?" asked Fred. He asked Mona how _____.
A) she was B) she had been
C) was she D) had she been
18. He hoped that they _____ that question.
A) don't ask B) will ask C) would ask D) can't ask
19. The new system is more productive and _____.
A) cheap B) less dangerously
C) less expensive D) costing less
20. It was foolish _____ your advice.
A) to be forgotten B) for her forgetting
C) of her to forget D) to listen
21. She gave me a very nice book _____.
A) reading B) read C) to read D) will read
22. He can climb trees _____ a monkey.
A) as though B) like C) as D) as if
23. _____ poverty in the world.
A) There are always B) It has always
C) It has always been D) There has always been
24. _____ the children for me while I'm out.
A) Look after B) Take care C) Look at D) Care
25. Robert seems _____ ready.
A) it is B) to be C) being D) of being
26. He was working at the office when the telegram _____.
A) was arriving B) has arrived C) arrived D) arrives
27. This is the first time I _____ tennis this month.
A) play B) have played C) was playing D) played
28. Tom _____ carefully when he had the accident.
A) hadn't been driving B) had been
C) drives D) driving very
29. The Browns family _____ about moving for several months.
A) thinking B) had been thinking
C) been thinking D) are thinking
30. We _____ for only a few minutes before you came.
A) will wait B) have to wait
C) have been waiting D) had been waiting
31. Julia _____ our visit.
A) hadn't been expecting B) was very surprised
C) hadn't been to expect D) had expected for
32. Tom: Have you seen that film?
Bob: Yes, I have.
Tom: When?
Bob: I _____ it a week ago.
A) would see B) had seen C) saw D) have seen
33. He _____ the rent last Friday.
A) pays B) has paid C) was paying D) paid
34. Has Nick finished his work yet? Yes, he _____ half an hour ago.
A) has finished B) had finished C) was finishing D) finished
35. At eight o'clock last night I _____ a book.
A) was reading B) have read C) read D) am reading
36. They would have gone home if we _____ here.
A) aren't B) won't be C) hadn't been D) are
37. If Bruce had been careful, he _____ had an accident.
A) has B) have C) wouldn't D) wouldn't have
38. Wilma _____ called if she had forgotten her keys.
A) had B) was C) would D) would have
39. If they _____ harder, they would succeed.
A) could try B) try C) tried D) had tried
40. If Bruce _____ to a small country, his vacation would have been better.
A) went B) have gone C) has gone D) had gone
41. If I _____ a politician, I would never tell lies.
A) was B) were C) am D) cooked
42. _____ been made?
A) Have the arrangements B) When the invitations
C) The urgent steps D) A good salary was
43. "The letter _____ last week", Lola said.
A) is sent B) was sent C) will be sent D) sent
44. When the door _____ Frank was very surprised.
A) opens B) is opened C) was opened D) shuts
45. I'm teaching _____ to speak English.
A) himself B) yourself C) us D) myself
46. The work had _____ under extremely difficult conditions.
A) for them B) completed C) to be done D) slightly
47. Traffic was bad because the highway _____ repaired.
A) will be B) was being C) is D) being
48. _____ mountains that we climbed were high.
A) All B) All of C) Of the D) All of the
49. Do you know the man _____ lives across the street?
A) which B) there C) who D) what

Complete the dialogues with the correct answer

17. A: Mary is out now.
B: _____.
A: Not far away.
- A) What did she study? B) Where does she come?
C) Where has she gone? D) Where are the girls?
E) Where is he from?
18. A: What do you usually do at your school yard?
B: _____.
A: What kinds of them do you prefer?
B: _____.
A) We buy vegetables/potatoes and carrot
B) We sell vegetables/apples and cherries
C) We grow fruit/wheat and cotton
D) We plant trees/milk and pudding
E) We plant flowers/roses and tulips
19. A: The new film is splendid.
B: _____.
A) He is wonderful, of course B) Not exactly so
C) He is well D) Of course she is
E) It's cold
20. A: Let's go for a walk.
B: _____.
A: Where can we go?
B: _____.
A) I can't / To the park
B) Thank you / At 5 o'clock
C) Certainly / Tomorrow
D) Agreed / As far as the bridge
E) Of course / With our friends
21. - Where did you see The New Year in?
- _____.
- Really?
A) Fishing in the river next week.
B) I prefer to go there by train.
C) As usual in the open air.
D) It's hard to say.
E) My friend and I will get to our place.
22. A: My brother thinks that English isn't easy.
B: Why does he think so?
A: _____.
A) He learnt either English or French
B) Because it was too difficult for them
C) He has no time
D) Because he has to work very hard
E) Because it is one of the easiest languages
23. - How did you ____ your stay in Nigeria?
- Oh, very much.
A) prefer B) join
C) observe D) enjoy
E) offer
24. - Oh, it's raining heavily.
- _____.
- Let's hide somewhere.
A) I think it's 20 degrees above zero.
B) Cold weather has set in.
C) Oh, yes, it's raining cats and dogs.
D) The sky is so overcast.
E) It looks like to rain.
25. - _____.
- Yes, I went to The National Film Theatre last week and saw a Japanese film.
- _____.
- Yes, I liked it but of course I didn't understand a word.
A) Did you go anywhere last week? / Did you like
B) What did you do last week? / Have you already seen any of them?
C) Have you seen any good films lately? / Did you like it?
D) What time is it? / Surely.
E) Where were you yesterday? / Very good.
26. - _____.
- Are you going by bus?
- _____.
- I'd love to.
A) Have you ever been to Bath? / Yes let's go
B) We went to Bath last Sunday / We hired a car
C) Could you go to Bath with us, please? / No, we went in Tom's car
D) We are going to Bath on Monday with Tom / No, we are going in Tom's car. Would you like to come?
E) We have visited Bath lately / Yes, we are
27. A: Who will you go to the country with?
B: _____.
A: What about your children?
B: _____.
A) I'll go with my children. / They like sea
B) My sister will join me. / He is at home.
C) I've just come. / They prefer to go with me.
D) I'll go alone. / They are away.
E) Nobody wants to. / She went there.
28. - She goes in for sports. She is a very good swimmer and very pretty at that.
- _____.
A) Yesterday I saw them at the swimming-pool
B) Her mother is not in
C) She is out
D) She is the very girl we need
E) Her friend doesn't study well
29. - I say, Nick, let us go to the park?
- _____. Only I must finish my work first. Can you wait a little?
- _____.
A) Let's / Yes, you can
B) All right / Certainly
C) Of course / Yes, please
D) O.K. / I've got a lot to do
E) Certainly / Yes, he can
30. Kate: Have you just shot a new film?
Jane: _____.
Kate: Are you going to shoot another?
Jane: _____.
A) No, we haven't / I think so
B) It's a pity / I'm sorry
C) Yes, we have / Yes, next year
D) Yes, of course / I'm sorry
E) The same to you / Sorry, I'm late
31. Mary: Did you pass your exam?
Ann: _____.
Mary: Was it difficult?
Ann: _____.
A) No, I haven't / I don't know
B) Yes, I did / I don't think it was
C) Of course, it was / I'm sorry
D) It's a pity / Nice to see you
E) How do you do / The same to you

COMPARATIVES & SUPERLATIVES

1. Switzerland is — than Britain.
 - A) as small
 - B) smallest
 - C) more small
 - D) smaller

2. Motor racing is one of the — sports in the world.
 - A) most expensive
 - B) more expensive
 - C) expensivest
 - D) as expensive

3. Geneva is — than Nice.
 - A) more expensive
 - B) expensive
 - C) the most expensive
 - D) the expensive

4. Teenagers today like wearing casual clothes so leather shoes aren't — trainers.
 - A) as fashionable than
 - B) as fashionable as
 - C) more fashionable as
 - D) fashionable

5. This bag isn't — it looks.
 - A) as lightly as
 - B) brighter
 - C) as light as
 - D) the lightest

6. Mozart plays the piano — than his father.
 - A) very good
 - B) better
 - C) the best
 - D) well

7. Lisa works faster than Tony, so Tony does — work.
 - A) little
 - B) less
 - C) few
 - D) much

8. A spider is — than a bird.
 - A) smaller
 - B) smallest
 - C) the smallest
 - D) small

9. A bicycle is — than a car.
 - A) slowly
 - B) fast
 - C) slower
 - D) more slowly

10. The Boeing 747 is — noisier than Concorde.
 - A) less
 - B) much
 - C) most
 - D) least

11. It was a very — journey.
 - A) interesting
 - B) more interested
 - C) interested
 - D) interest

12. He is — than David.
 - A) more quickly
 - B) slowly
 - C) well
 - D) taller

13. He came last because he can't run — the others.
 - A) faster
 - B) as fast as
 - C) the fastest
 - D) badly

14. Kate is — than any other girls in the class.
 - A) as pretty
 - B) not pretty
 - C) prettier
 - D) the prettiest

INDEFINITE PRONOUNS

1. Listen, there is —— at the door.
A) somebody
B) anything
C) everybody
D) nothing
2. Is —— ready? Yes, we are all here.
A) nobody
B) something
C) somewhere
D) everybody
3. Do you know —— good to eat at?
A) anywhere
B) anybody
C) everything
D) everybody
4. I see —— on the screen, but I can't tell what it is.
A) anywhere
B) everybody
C) something
D) nothing
5. Has —— seen my dictionary?
A) anyone
B) everything
C) nowhere
D) something
6. I believe —— can cook like my mom, she is the best.
A) nothing
B) anything
C) somewhere
D) no one
7. I am so bored in my class, —— ever talks to me.
A) anything
B) nobody
C) somewhere
D) everybody
8. Have you bought —— that I asked for.
A) anywhere
B) nobody
C) everything
D) somewhere
9. The bag was completely empty. There was —— in it.
A) nothing
B) somewhere
C) anybody
D) something
10. I need —— to spend the night tonight.
A) anybody
B) somewhere
C) everywhere
D) nothing
11. I cannot find my wallet; —— must have taken it.
A) anybody
B) somewhere
C) someone
D) nothing
12. —— can drive like you, you are the best.
A) Anybody
B) No one
C) Everywhere
D) Nothing
13. I have —— to do, I am so bored nowadays.
A) anybody
B) somewhere
C) everywhere
D) nothing
14. I have looked ——, but I cannot find my pen.
A) anybody
B) somewhere
C) everywhere
D) nothing



● Same Sound 5

Directions: Find the word that has the same sound as the underlined letter or letters in the first word.

Board sounds like **tore**.



Example:

<u>BOARD</u> :	A. boat <input checked="" type="radio"/> B. tore C. scared D. card
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1)

<u>LIGHT</u> :	A. get B. sit C. pick D. time
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6)

<u>BASIC</u> :	A. plastic B. damage C. radio D. rat
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2)

<u>BOUGHT</u> :	A. hot B. note C. broke D. boat
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7)

<u>IDEA</u> :	A. sit B. pie C. pill D. fit
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3)

<u>THINK</u> :	A. three B. there C. these D. they
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8)

<u>OTHER</u> :	A. mop B. grow C. mouth D. bug
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4)

<u>TIE</u> :	A. buy B. sit C. pot D. see
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9)

<u>ROAST</u> :	A. go B. box C. cow D. shoe
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5)

<u>RUST</u> :	A. rude B. move C. cute D. done
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10)

<u>LAUGH</u> :	A. staff B. taught C. ground D. shout
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● Same Sound 4

Directions: Find the word that has the same sound as the underlined letter or letters in the first word.

Board sounds like **tore**.



Example:

<u>BOARD</u> :	A. boat <input checked="" type="radio"/> B. tore C. scared D. card
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1)

<u>TROUBLE</u> :	A. put B. out C. mud D. cold
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6)

<u>DAUGHTER</u> :	A. coffee B. pound C. prove D. laugh
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2)

<u>NOSE</u> :	A. stop B. pass C. maps D. cheese
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7)

<u>TALKED</u> :	A. play <u>ed</u> B. need <u>ed</u> C. finish <u>ed</u> D. listen <u>ed</u>
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3)

<u>LITTLE</u> :	A. written B. middle C. eaten D. cripple
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8)

<u>ROUND</u> :	A. now B. ball C. show D. although
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4)

<u>DOES</u> :	A. fuss B. buzz C. rust D. crush
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9)

<u>DIRT</u> :	A. work B. clear C. steer D. part
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5)

<u>PEOPLE</u> :	A. eat B. cat C. pot D. pen
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10)

<u>WATCH</u> :	A. crash B. attack C. wash D. patch
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● **Sentence Completion 8** *(low-intermediate level)*

Directions: Choose the best word(s) to complete each sentence.

1. Evan owns a _____. He likes to go sailing in the ocean.
A. truck
B. boat
C. plane
D. bicycle
2. Since I ate such a large _____, I will probably _____ dinner.
A. breakfast ... order
B. lunch ... skip
C. meal ... prepare
D. doughnut ... fry
3. I like orange juice. I _____ apple juice too.
A. dislike
B. like
C. hate
D. avoid
4. Paul doesn't sleep well at night, so he is always _____ during the day.
A. excited
B. lonely
C. tired
D. energetic
5. The shirt costs thirty dollars, but Jaime only has _____.
A. twenty-five
B. thirty
C. thirty-five
D. forty
6. Mr. Wu is _____. He came to live in the United States from a different country.
A. a father
B. a businessman
C. an immigrant
D. a doctor
7. The new dress is elegant and _____.
A. ugly
B. dirty
C. messy
D. beautiful
8. I won first place at the chess tournament. I _____ all of my _____.
A. lost ... matches
B. moved ... pieces
C. saw ... enemies
D. defeated ... opponents
9. Kelly works in a _____. She helps build cars.
A. bakery
B. hospital
C. railroad
D. factory
10. In _____, the weather gets warmer and the trees grow leaves again.
A. winter
B. spring
C. summer
D. fall



● **Sentence Completion 9** *(low-intermediate level)*

Directions: Choose the best word(s) to complete each sentence.

1. Tristan thinks biology is boring, but math is _____.
A. difficult
B. interesting
C. dull
D. easy
2. Corey is trying to find a _____. He must work to be able to pay his bills.
A. job
B. college
C. secret
D. check
3. The book is long but _____.
A. fascinating
B. boring
C. slow
D. terrible
4. Unlike my short brother, I am _____.
A. kind
B. polite
C. tall
D. athletic
5. My favorite holiday is _____ because I love to receive _____.
A. Christmas ... presents
B. Thanksgiving ... candy
C. New Year's Eve ... cookies
D. Halloween ... money
6. The bracelet costs too much money. I cannot _____ it.
A. afford
B. wear
C. steal
D. receive
7. Rather than give your old clothes away, you should try to _____ them.
A. sell
B. buy
C. make
D. wash
8. Soccer is exciting, _____ tennis is boring.
A. and
B. so
C. or
D. but
9. Lemons are _____. They are not sweet.
A. delicious
B. terrible
C. sour
D. bland
10. _____ are similar to _____. They are both shapes.
A. dogs ... cats
B. men ... women
C. squares ... circles
D. hands ... feet