

"World Food Programme wins Nobel Peace Prize"

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The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) is the (1) _____ of the 2020 Nobel Peace Prize. It was (2) _____ the prize by the Nobel Committee in Norway on Friday. The Nobel judges spoke about why they gave the award to the WFP. They said the WFP got the award, "for its (3) _____ to combat hunger" and "for its contribution to bettering conditions for peace in conflict-affected (4) _____". They said another reason was that the WFP acted, "as a driving force to (5) _____ the use of hunger as a weapon of war and conflict". The WFP tweeted: "We are (6) _____ humbled to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. This is an (7) _____ recognition of the dedication of the WFP family, working to end hunger every day in 80-(8) _____ countries."

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The World Food Programme is the (9) _____ humanitarian organization in the world. Last year, it gave help to more than 97 million people in 88 countries. Its workers and (10) _____ often work in extremely dangerous (11) _____. These can be in remote, hard-to-(12) _____ areas of the world. Over two-thirds of its work is in conflict-(13) _____ countries. People in war zones are three times more likely to be undernourished than those in countries without conflict. The COVID-19 (14) _____ has added to global food insecurity. The WFP said: "There will likely be 265 million (15) _____ people within a year." The UN Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres, called the WFP "the world's first responder on the frontlines of food (16) _____".

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"A zeptosecond - the shortest unit of time ever measured"

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In today's world, many things are getting (1) _____ and shorter. Scientists have just measured something incredibly short. They recorded the (2) _____ unit of time ever measured. It is called a zeptosecond. This is a tiny, tiny, tiny (3) _____ of one second. It is a trillionth of a billionth of a second. This is a decimal (4) _____ followed by 20 zeros and then a 1. The scientists study atomic (5) _____ at the Goethe University in Germany. They used special high-tech equipment to measure how long it (6) _____ a photon to cross a hydrogen molecule. The scientists said it took 247 zeptoseconds for this to happen. This is too (7) _____ for the human eye to see, and the time it takes is too fast for humans to (8) _____.

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In 1999, Ahmed Zewail, an Egyptian chemist won the Nobel Prize in Chemistry for measuring the speed at which molecules change their (9) _____. He found that one femtosecond equals 0.000000000000001 seconds. This is a (10) _____ point followed by 14 zeros and then a 1, or a millionth of a billionth of one second. The zeptosecond measures things in (11) _____ of the speed of light. It is difficult for the human (12) _____ to understand these measurements. One millisecond is a thousandth of one second. This is the (13) _____ for a neuron in the human brain to (14) _____. One nanosecond is one billionth of one second. The (15) _____ unit of time it may be possible to measure is one Planck. This is a decimal point (16) _____ by 44 zeros and a 1.

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Complete the sentences using the correct form of the present tense.

1. You can't see Jimmy now. He _____ a bath. **(HAVE)**
2. He _____ to the theatre. **(NEVER GO)**
3. Anne _____ all her clothes herself. At the moment she _____ a dress for a fancy dress party **(MAKE, MAKE)**.
4. He usually _____ coffee for breakfast, but today he _____ tea **(HAVE, HAVE)**.
5. I can't go home now because it _____ , and I _____ an umbrella. **(RAIN, NOT HAVE)**.
6. In Britain women normally _____ hats. **(NOT WEAR)**
7. The sun _____ in the east and _____ in the west **(RISE, SET)**
8. Who _____ that terrible noise outside? – It's Dad. He _____ the lawn. **(MAKE, MOW)**
9. I _____ this weekend near the coast. I _____ there nearly every weekend. **(SPEND, GO)**
10. She _____ thirty cigarettes a day but at the moment she _____ to stop. **(SMOKE, TRY)**
11. We _____ breakfast together every Sunday morning. **(HAVE)**
12. What's that smell. – It's in the kitchen. Something _____. **(BURN)**
13. Who _____ to on the phone? – It's my friend Carry. **(YOU SPEAK)**
14. I _____ overtime this month because I _____ up some money to buy a new car . **(WORK, SAVE)**
15. The moon _____ around the earth **(GO)**
16. She usually _____ languages very quickly, but she _____ problems with Chinese **(LEARN, HAVE)**.
17. _____ TV every evening ? **(YOU WATCH)**
18. He always _____ his bills on time. **(PAY)**
19. How long _____ you to get to the office? – It _____ me about half an hour **(IT TAKE, TAKE)**
20. The plane that _____ Heathrow at 9.15 is on schedule. **(LEAVE)**

Complete the sentences with one of the prepositions from the box.

AFTER - AT - BETWEEN - BY - FOR - FROM - IN - OF - ON - SINCE - TO - WITH

1. I have to be at home _____ midnight _____ the latest.
2. He left a few days ago and we haven't heard from him _____ then.
3. The famous poet was born _____ the 12th of May _____ 1867.
4. Turn right _____ the first traffic lights, then turn left.
5. William of Normandy conquered Britain _____ 1066.
6. They live _____ the end of the street.
7. Judy has lost weight because she always goes to fitness classes _____ work.
8. We'll meet the day _____ tomorrow.
9. I saw the information _____ the internet.
10. Please handle these new porcelain plates _____ care.
11. The dog was run over _____ a car.
12. The shops are open _____ 9 to 5 today.
13. The town lies halfway _____ Rome and Naples.
14. They had to send _____ the doctor because his condition was getting worse.
15. The young boy was raised _____ his stepfather.
16. I didn't feel safe when I was walking home _____ the disco.
17. The valuable painting dates back _____ the 12th century.
18. Maria often travels abroad. It's part _____ her job.
19. I arranged to meet my friend _____ the corner of James and Bond Street.
20. The teacher was very pleased _____ what we had done.
21. Jane had to hurry in order to arrive at the meeting _____ time.
22. We usually go to school _____ bus.
23. We moved _____ the north side of London a few years ago.
24. The village is not _____ the map. It must be very small.
25. It was a very long voyage. We were _____ sea for over four weeks.

Choose the correct word or phrase for each blank.

1. Have you read the list of _____ that are in this food product? (**RECIPES / INGREDIENTS / MAKINGS / ELEMENTS**)
2. The Internet can be used as a _____ of getting a lot of information in a short time. (**PROCESS / KIND / MEANS / MEASURE**)
3. Up to now scientists have not been able to find a _____ for the disease. (**PRESERVE / HEALING / THERAPY / CURE**)
4. The average _____ of electricity per household has increased dramatically over the years. (**CONSUME / CONSUMING / CONSUMPTION / CONSUMERISM**)
5. There has been a lot of _____ about the upcoming election. (**UNDERSTANDING / HARMONY / ARGUMENT / CONTROVERSY**)
6. I was surprised to hear how many _____ of snakes there are all over the world. (**CLASSES / ORDERS / VARIETIES / SPECIES**)
7. During the Age of Exploration, the Spanish _____ many countries in South America. (**CONQUERED / OVERCAME / OVERTHREW / MASTERED**)
8. It is _____ for you to practice often if you want to pass the test. (**KEY / PRINCIPAL / ESSENTIAL / FUNDAMENTAL**)
9. Pele began his soccer _____ when he was a teenager. (**CAREER / JOB / VOCATION / OCCUPATION**)
10. Those who _____ their pets should have them taken away. (**VIOLENCE / EXPLOIT / ABUSE / WASTE**)
11. He was _____ to break up with his girlfriend because she cheated on him. (**PUSHED / FORCED / POWERED / DRIVEN**)
12. Regular exercise _____ to a healthy and longer life. (**CONTRIBUTES / SUPPLIES / PROVIDES / IMPACTS**)
13. The moon is _____ 400,000 km from the earth. (**EXACTLY / NEARLY / APPROXIMATELY / CLOSELY**)
14. She always wants to travel to _____ places in faraway countries. (**ALIEN / FAMILIAR / STRIKING / EXOTIC**)
15. During our first evening in the city we _____ the shopping streets. (**SEARCHED / EXPLORED / INVESTIGATED / EXAMINED**)