

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

"Origin of our teeth dates back 400 million years"

Researchers say they have discovered (1) _____ humans got teeth. The researchers are from Uppsala University in Sweden. They say that human teeth "(2) _____ evolved 400 million years ago". They believe our teeth came from an ancient fish called an *acanthothoracid*. The researchers studied a (3) _____ of the fish. It was difficult to study because the fish is encased in rock. The researchers had to use the (4) _____ X-ray machine in the world to analyse it. They used the X-ray machine to "digitally dissect" the fish. The researchers discovered that the fish's teeth were (5) _____ similar to human teeth. The researchers also said humans and 60,000 species of jawed vertebrates living on Earth today (6) _____ from this fish.

The researchers say the *acanthothoracid* was one of the earliest jawed vertebrates with teeth (7) _____ to live. They were very excited at seeing how similar its teeth were (8) _____ ours. A co-author of the study, Professor Per Ahlberg, said: "These findings change our whole understanding of the origin of teeth." He commented on the (9) _____ to the fish, saying: "Their jawbones resemble those of bony fish and seem to be (10) _____ ancestral to our own. When you grin at the bathroom mirror in the morning, the teeth that grin back at you can (11) _____ their origins right back to the first jawed vertebrates." Another researcher said: "Nobody expected to find teeth so deep on the evolutionary (12) _____."

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

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| 1. | (a) how | (b) now | (c) know | (d) who |
| 2. | (a) fast | (b) last | (c) first | (d) lastly |
| 3. | (a) docile | (b) fissure | (c) pasture | (d) fossil |
| 4. | (a) strangest | (b) strongest | (c) stingiest | (d) stringent |
| 5. | (a) amazement | (b) amazed | (c) amazing | (d) amazingly |
| 6. | (a) have | (b) do | (c) come | (d) go |
| 7. | (a) even | (b) never | (c) ever | (d) every |
| 8. | (a) for | (b) by | (c) to | (d) as |
| 9. | (a) likelihood | (b) akin | (c) differential | (d) similarity |
| 10. | (a) cavity | (b) enamel | (c) toothy | (d) directly |
| 11. | (a) trace | (b) sketch | (c) draw | (d) hunt |
| 12. | (a) bush | (b) shrub | (c) tree | (d) twig |

144. The fact that economists are able to **distinguish** virtually all of the causes of recessions does not mean they can accurately predict them.
A) prevent B) **discern** C) promote
D) define
145. Dogs were kept as **domestic** animals by early nomadic hunters.
A) foreign B) exotic C) alien
D) **tame** E) hazardous
146. It is **essential** to have a **controlling** system in place to ensure that cooperation in the project we were to undertake was of utmost importance.
A) **accentuated** B) downplayed C) discussed
D) displayed E) bragged
147. Manufacturers are planning to **donate** computers to schools in poor areas.
A) dedicate B) go C) load
D) salute E) **give**
148. The public seems **doubtful** about the government's last plan on economy.
A) debit B) delightful C) delirious
D) **dubious** E) rational
149. Millions of Americans were **down and out** in the 30's.
A) illiterate B) imprudent C) divided
D) **impoverished** E) querulous
150. The government took some **drastic** measures against reckless drivers to be able to decrease the number of traffic accidents.
A) moderate B) compromising C) **radical**
D) sensible E) wild
151. During the 1940's, a long period of **drought** turned the great Texas plains into a dustbowl.
A) violent winds B) **dry weather** C) rain and sleet
D) flash floods E) earthquakes
152. Most businessmen are **dubious** about predictions of a speedy economic recovery in Turkey.
A) assured B) enthusiastic C) happy
D) **doubtful** E) worried
153. The captives were thrown into a dark, damp, filthy **dungeon** and were given almost nothing to eat.
A) hut B) tunnel C) station
D) **cell** E) cabin
154. Can this be a **duplicate** of the document?
A) summary B) revision C) outline
D) **copy** E) paraphrase
155. The **earliest** watches were actually small decks hung from a strap around the neck.
A) **first** B) timely C) most unusual
D) fastest E) most accurate
156. My uncle is not crazy. He is just a bit **eccentric**.
A) intelligent B) **strange** C) lunatic
D) ordinary E) dense
157. In spite of being **economical** in most things, he spends a lot of money on ties.
A) extravagant B) awkward C) **thrifty**
D) careless E) profitable
158. The plant has an **edible**, bulb-shaped stem.
A) **eatable** B) rotund C) convex
D) sizable E) poisonous
159. The detectives use various means to **elicit** a confession from murderers.
A) make B) force C) frame
D) temper E) **draw out**
160. He worked hard for the **enlightenment** of his people.
A) lavishness B) brightness C) qualification
D) abuse E) **education**
161. The residents of the small town looked for an **eloquent** civil servant to give the welcoming address in the ceremony.
A) a friendly person B) a kind person C) **a good speaker**
D) a calm speaker E) a serious speaker
162. Imagine my **embarrassment** when I realized that the man I thought was a waiter was the president of the company.
A) **chagrin** B) indifference C) surprise
D) anger E) rapture
163. Which country **emerged** as a world power after World War II?
A) surrendered B) **came forth** C) fought
D) dismissed E) lurked
164. We place **emphasis** on mutual aid and cooperation in this organization.
A) reward B) work C) **stress**
D) pressure E) suspense
165. The **most** frequently **employed** technique for the purification of solid substances is crystallization.
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167. So **engrossed** in his writing was the young writer that he barely noticed the passing of time.
A) delighted B) frustrated C) approached
D) **involved** E) detached
168. Modern methods of movie-making such as the wide screen, color film and improved song, have **enhanced** realism and audience enjoyment.
A) elaborated B) flattered C) **improved**
D) transcended E) challenged
169. Psychology has always been an **enigma** to me.
A) energy B) problem C) **mystery**
D) trial E) draft
170. **Enraged** by being overcharged, Mr. Thompson refused to pay the bill.
A) disappointed B) **infuriated** C) alienated
D) endangered E) alleviated
171. This vitamin is abundant in **enriched** and whole grain breads, cheese, lean meats, eggs, leafy vegetables and liver.
A) adored B) admired C) fortified
D) **enhanced** E) concise
172. Cooperative education is regarded as a valued educational **enterprise**.
A) blender B) **venture** C) fraud
D) revenue E) prelude
173. Both a person's heredity and his **environment** help to shape his character.
A) family B) education C) nationality
D) **surroundings** E) genes
174. Today a great number of new medicines **eradicate** diseases before they become too widespread.
A) **wipe out** B) identify C) prolong
D) suspend E) exploit
175. The theory that business could operate totally without the aid of government has proved to be an **erroneous** belief.
A) authentic B) argument C) **false**
D) asset E) feasible
176. Experienced mountaineers usually **escorted** the amateurs.
A) organized B) financed C) **accompanied**
D) tracked E) trained
177. Since **essential** causes of schizophrenia are not yet known, current treatment methods are based on both clinical research and experience.
A) accessory B) **basic** C) massive
D) resolute E) impartial
178. The civil Defense officers **evacuated** all inhabitants from the area where the earthquake was predicted to strike.
A) aided B) warned C) notified
D) **removed** E) acknowledged
179. Even the richest nations will **eventually** have to adapt to smaller, more economical automobiles.
A) never B) better than never C) reluctantly
D) gradually E) **sooner or later**
180. By means of a new technique developed in his laboratory, the scientist **examined** the fossils closely to determine their age.
A) processed B) cleaned C) compared
D) **inspected** E) treated

VOCABULARY | Cell phones (Mobile phones) 1

*REMEMBER: Several responses might be acceptable - choose the **best** one:*

1. My battery's _____. I have to recharge it.
a) stolen b) lifeless c) **dead**

2. If I cancel now, I'll have to pay a _____ charge.
a) cancel b) **cancellation** c) cancelled

3. I have a really good calling _____. I get 200 minutes for \$20.
a) **plan** b) plant c) connection

4. Cell phones are also known as _____.
a) **mobiles/mobile phones** b) London phones c) handy

5. In today's competitive market, you really have to _____. (= compare prices to get the best deal)
a) get around b) purchase around c) **shop around**

6. I thought your basic monthly fee was \$30 - How did you _____ (= end up) with a \$300 cell phone bill?
a) get up b) **wind up** c) round up

7. You pay roaming _____ when you make and receive calls outside your home calling area.
a) **charges** b) payment c) price

8. To send someone a text message = To _____ someone
a) hit b) write up c) **text**

9. Sometimes you can _____ by switching providers.
a) keep money b) **save money** c) retain money

10. I'm sorry, I have to _____ this call. (= I have to answer my phone)
a) receive b) make c) **take**

Topic: **AS + if, of, in (as if, as of, as in)** | Level: **INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED**

Students of English often have a difficult time with "as" constructions, so we prepared this exercise to help you practice these. Choose the right word (if, of, or in) to complete each sentence.

1. As **of** _____ today, I no longer smoke.
2. He was screaming as **if** _____ he were really angry.
3. He is a little slow, as **in** _____ he's not very intelligent.
4. My brother is pretty cheap, as **in** _____ he doesn't like to spend money.
5. He acted as **if** _____ he were in love with her.
6. We'll be living in our own house as **of** _____ next month.
7. I felt as **if** _____ a great burden had been lifted from my shoulders.
8. She said that she liked me, as **in** _____ she wanted to be my friend.
9. As **of** _____ this week, we'll be posting the answers online.
10. He nodded his head as **if** _____ he understood.

Using Prepositions

- Q1 Ralph was late work again. He may be fired.
(a) on (b) at (c) for (d) to
- Q2 Naomi is keen working in Africa this coming year.
(a) of (b) for (c) on (d) at
- Q3 He's been suffering migraine headaches again.
(a) with (b) from (c) of (d) about
- Q4 All of Chris' teachers agree that he is very good math.
(a) with (b) for (c) at (d) on
- Q5 To get a job as a secretary, you must be good typing and answering phones.
(a) for (b) at (c) with (d) about
- Q6 Due to his new shift, he has to wake up 3 a.m. every day.
(a) in (b) at (c) on (d) from
- Q7 Such bad behavior is typical the spoiled child.
(a) for (b) with (c) about (d) of
- Q8 Mary is so pleased her students' grades this past year.
(a) for (b) with (c) at (d) along
- Q9 He was very angry his mother because she grounded him yesterday.
(a) with (b) to (c) about (d) on
- Q10 Karen is very jealous Kim and it's very obvious to others.
(a) of (b) about (c) at (d) with