

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 E) confound
145. Dogs were kept as **domestic** animals by early nomadic hunters.
A) foreign B) exotic C) alien
D) tame E) hazardous
146. It is said that brown genes are **dominant** and blue ones are recessive.
A) controlling B) docile C) dormant
D) doleful E) barren
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 speaker **emphasized** that cooperation in the project we were to undertake was of utmost importance.
A) accentuated B) downplayed C) discussed
D) displayed E) bragged
166. The most frequently **employed** technique for the purification of solid substances is crystallization.
A) used B) enjoined C) belabored
D) added E) fused
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 _____ today, I no longer smoke.
2. He was screaming as _____ he were really angry.
3. He is a little slow, as _____ he's not very intelligent.
4. My brother is pretty cheap, as _____ he doesn't like to spend money.
5. He acted as _____ he were in love with her.
6. We'll be living in our own house as _____ next month.
7. I felt as _____ a great burden had been lifted from my shoulders.
8. She said that she liked me, as _____ she wanted to be my friend.
9. As _____ this week, we'll be posting the answers online.
10. He nodded his head as _____ 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