

VOCABULARY EXERCISES

Choose the words with the closest meaning to the underlined words, then write the corresponding numbers in the brackets.

1. "I concur with your conclusion after reading your research report," said Alice's mentor.
(1) agree (2) differ (3) refer (4) discuss ()
2. The roadworks are impeding the Monday morning traffic.
(1) reducing (2) cancelling (3) slowing (4) obstructing ()
3. "There seems to be a secret code embedded in the painting," said the expert loudly.
(1) obscured (2) punched (3) hidden (4) implanted ()
4. The football player who dislocated his arm was taken off the field.
(1) broke (2) lost (3) injured (4) misplaced ()
5. The medical team found pieces of metal embedded in the victim's thigh bone.
(1) fragments (2) shrapnel (3) wreckage (4) debris ()
6. From the line-up, Aunt Clara recognised and pointed out the mugger who had attacked her.
(1) located (2) identified (3) found (4) picked ()
7. The car blew up when Mr. Doleman started the engine.
(1) expanded (2) extended (3) exploded (4) grew ()
8. The design engraved on the vases dates back to ancient Greece.
(1) pattern (2) shape (3) form (4) architecture ()
9. "Can you stop violating my privacy and stay out of my room?" screamed Karen to her brother.
(1) disrespecting (3) interrupting
(2) ruining (4) crashing ()
10. The prince was fated to marry the youngest daughter of the King of Spain although they were separated by the war.
(1) blessed (2) destined (3) allowed (4) doomed ()

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Exercise A

For each question below, choose the best answer from the options A, B, C and D.

- My grandfather often _____ a nap in the afternoon.
A takes C has taken
B is taking D take
- It's good news; our grandparents _____ to visit us soon.
A come C are coming
B coming D have come
- You have to hurry up. The train _____ in ten minutes.
A leave
B leaving
C leaves
D has been leaving
- You can't take away the pet from her. She _____ it very much.
A love C loving
B loves D has loved
- Joe _____ in the park almost every morning.
A is jogging C jog
B has jogging D jogs
- Do you believe that practice _____ perfect?
A make C makes
B is making D has made
- We _____ a party for our friend who will be celebrating his 18th birthday.
A give
B giving
C are giving
D gives
- The weather _____ warmer. It is actually part of global warming.
A is getting C got
B gets D get
- I hope you will excuse me. I _____ quite sick at the moment.
A have felt C am feeling
B felt D feeling
- The whole world _____ Coronavirus for the past two years.
A is fighting
B fight
C has been fighting
D has fought
- Up to now, no one _____ the jackpot yet.
A wins C has won
B winning D is winning

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12. The breadman _____ already. You will have to go to town to buy bread.
A comes C coming
B has come D is coming
13. The government _____ the villagers' farms for some years.
A has been subsidising
B has subsidise
C subsidises
D subsidising
14. I _____ to the owner of the apartment already. He is quite agreeable to our proposal.
A speak
B am speaking
C have been speaking
D have spoken
15. You can trust him. He _____ to be reliable and competent.
A prove C has proving
B proving D has proven

Exercise B

Read the passage below. Then choose the best answer from the options A, B, C and D.

The garden is now the favourite spot for local people. It _____ 1 _____ by the sale of photographs and donations from tourists and some local businessmen. To reach the garden, one _____ 2 _____ to break off from the usual tourist itinerary and _____ 3 _____ through narrow village streets before it _____ 4 _____ into view. Any local resident is willing to lead you there. The main attraction in the garden _____ 5 _____ to be the 170-metre long miniature 'Great Wall' that _____ 6 _____ and turns within the compound of the garden. The tiny structure _____ 7 _____ after the Great Wall of China. Other attractions of the garden _____ 8 _____ a variety of common tropical plants and flowering shrubs of various colours. There are also ponds that _____ 9 _____ with fish and rock gardens with brightly painted rocks. Nearby, clusters of bamboo and willow trees _____ 10 _____ some greenery as well as shade.

1. A maintains
B is maintained
C has maintained
D is maintaining
2. A has
B has had
C is having
D has been
3. A pass
B passes
C is passing
D has passed
4. A come
B comes
C is coming
D has come
5. A is appearing
B has appeared
C appears
D appear
6. A is twisting
B has twisted
C twist
D twists
7. A fashion
B is fashioning
C has been fashioned
D has fashioned
8. A include
B includes
C is including
D has included
9. A fill
B are filling
C have filled
D are filled
10. A are providing
B provide
C provides
D have provided