



**ENGLISH**

**BOOKS - MACMILLAN US ENGLISH**

**(ENGLISH)**

**WORDS IN CONTEXT : STRATEGY AND  
PRACTICE**

**Easy Examples**

1. The vacation had the opposite effect on him. He despised the upcoming days and was depressed at the thought of his recent break-up. Although he marched into work fifteen minutes early on Monday morning, he was feeling very blue.

A. energetic

B. dispirited

C. indigo

D. rejuvenated

**Answer: B**



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2. That walked through the tunnel to loud applause. He mounted the pitching mound and breathed deeply to calm his nerves. He threw hard and fast, but was off his mark. The catcher had to run and retrieve the wild ball.

A. inaccurate

B. very nervous

C. not on the mound

D. careless

**Answer: A**



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3. The boss said to call it a day. The rain made the work impossible and half the materials hadn't been delivered on time. He was too frustrated to think!

A. do what you can

B. start the work

C. appreciate the sunligh

D. end the task

**Answer: D**



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4. When the speaker was done, the crowd rose and clapped vigorously. Yet, at the question and answer session, attentive spectators

raised several points- particularly that the speech's molar lesson came off as condescending and was generally unfounded.

A. increased salary

B. elevated

C. put forward

D. nourised

**Answer: C**



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5. Ellenn found the restaurant to be a dime a dozen. It lacked distinction and the food was merely average.

A. unique

B. expensive

C. common

D. below par

**Answer: C**



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6. In science class, the two friends frantically their chemical solutions together. They had failed to meet over the weekend and their assignment was nowhere close to being finished. When they received a failing grade, the teacher remarked that the solution to their problem comes from adequate preparation.

A. resolution

B. mixture

C. choice



D. origin

**Answer: A**



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7. Sammy came home euphoric and thoroughly amused. From the parade to their animated dinner, she and Tanya had enjoyed every moment of their day together. That girl is a riot, she thought to herself, smiling at the fun they had had.

A. a loud protest

B. the one

C. an uproar

D. an entertaining person

**Answer: D**



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**8.** Mr. Thompson decided to take the book off the syllabus permanently, he would have to replace it with another autobiography. The

book's extreme views surpassed liberal and bordered on radicalism. He could already hear the parents arguing in his office.

A. non-fictional account's

B. author's

C. volume's

D. politician's

**Answer: B**



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9. Lee asserted that a movie like that has a certain effect on you. After watching it, he had not only joined the university's UNICEF chapter, but had also begun volunteering at the YMCA.

A. is consequential

B. creates a change in

C. heals

D. results in benefits for

**Answer: B**



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## Practice Exercise

1. To celebrate getting a new job at a law office, Mike decided to spend time with his family. They all went to the park and had a cookout. Mike had a youthful nature and loved playing with his nieces and nephews on the jungle gym.

A. environment

B. humor

C. personality

D. structure

**Answer: C**



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2. Spencer was very interested in who all of her friends had a crush on. The prying girl asked them so many personal questions to try to figure it out.

A. nosy

B. interference

C. curious

D. lifting

**Answer: A**



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3. Will's parents he was a very smart child. He mastered concepts in school much more quickly than other students. However, his

grades did not reflect his intelligence. His lackadaisical nature was his downfall as he never completed his homework assignment on time. Perfect test scores were not enough to compensate for missing assignment.

A. lazy

B. deowsy

C. moronic

D. passionate

**Answer: A**





4. Jhonny was afraid off the diving board, so his sister called him a chicken. He knew he wouldn't ge hurt but was still scared, so he turned around and climed back down the ladder.

A. weakling

B. fowl

C. petrified

D. coward

**Answer: D**



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5. The proud boy talked about his accomplishments only when asked, he never boasted.

A. haughty

B. glorified

C. conceited

D. confident

**Answer: D**



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6. The discounted dress fell apart the first time Emily tried to put it on. She couldn't believe the stitching was done so poorly. Next time, Emily thought, I will go to a boutique.

A. rebated

B. overlooked

C. shabby

D. cheap

**Answer: D**



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7. Juan was surprised by what he heard, but discounted the information as lies. He knew many of his peers were jealous of his success, but he doubted they would stoop so low.

A. reduced

B. forgot

C. concession

D. dismissed

**Answer: D**



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8. In chemistry class, we started a until learning about pH. Acids often have a corrosive components to them. We had to mix some chemicals together and ended up with

an acid was so strong it burned a hole through the container!

A. weighty

B. potent

C. tenacious

D. athletic

**Answer: B**



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9. When the reporter called the actress for a statement, her assistant said she was not readily available. The reporter doubted this as later found out the actress had spent the day lounging around the pool.

- A. could not be reached
- B. was out of the country
- C. was indisposed
- D. would be cognizant

**Answer: A**



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**10.** After she put a whoopee cushion under his seat at dinner, Joey set up a prank to exact his revenge on his older sister. It was time for her to feel embarrassed.

- A. avenge
- B. impose his retribution
- C. enact his cruelty
- D. tit for tat



**Answer: B**



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**11.** In considering the procecutor, the judge decided to give leeway on some mistakes as it was his case. She could remember fumbling through her opening argument the first time she was in court.

A. provide room to grow

B. evoke carte blanche

C. tolerate a margin of freedom

D. grant amnesty

**Answer: C**



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**12.** The audience waited with bated breath for the climax of the movie. The entire story had led up to the final battle between the villain and the hero. It was nerve wracking to see who would come out triumphant.

A. apprehension

B. impatiently

C. stagnant inhalation

D. cessation

**Answer: A**



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**13.** Bennie and Jane liked to boat on the river on hot summer days. The current was

powerful, it pulled the boat downstream  
incredibly quickly.

A. contemporary

B. wasteway

C. flowing water

D. cutting-edge tide

**Answer: C**



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**14.** Emily had reservations about being invited to Kayla's house. The last time they hung out it hadn't gone very well. In fact, Emily had stormed out angrily after Kayla made some rude comments.

A. detainments

B. territories

C. doubts

D. skeptical

**Answer: C**



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15. While Mr. Davis, the art teacher, approved of creativity, he couldn't sanction the students expressing themselves in the form of graffiti. Stylistically, he could appreciate the pieces, but they were still vandalism.

A. endorse

B. consent with

C. confirm that

D. boycott

**Answer: A**



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**16.** Andrew couldn't help it. He was still harboring bad feelings about his ex-girlfriend long after breakup. There was simply no excuse for how she had treated him.

A. disregarding

B. camouflaging entertaining

C. cherishing

D.

**Answer: C**



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**17.** Since Liz was trying to lose weight, she picked out lean turkey at the grocery store. She wrinkled her nose at the thought of how



tasteless the meat would be compared to the beef she usually brought.

A. sinewy

B. slant

C. low-calorie

D. nutritious

**Answer: C**



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**18.** Eloise was so excited about her birthday. She kept asking her parents about the party, but they carefully skirted her questions.

- A. bordered
- B. detoured about
- C. evaded
- D. avoidance of

**Answer: C**



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19. Even through the homework was difficult, Maria didn't mind working on it. She knew in the long run it would help her be more prepared for college.

A. was willingly

B. took offense

C. couldn't heed

D. adhered

**Answer: A**



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20. The pawn shop owner carefully inspected the ring. While the patron was convinced it was real silver, the owner determined it to be made of base metals.

A. meniral

B. metallic

C. artificial

D. groundwork

**Answer: A**



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21. The shining sun was a welcome break from the miserable weeks of winter. It had been gloomy and cloudy since september!

A. dormancy

B. destruction

C. fracture

D. hiatus

**Answer: D**



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22. Wern sleepily opened one eye and put a pillow over his ears. The birds were making such a racket it was impossible to stay asleep. He needed his sleep before the big tennis match.

A. turmoil

B. clamor

C. roaring

D. swindle

**Answer: B**



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**23.** Melinda was on the left in respect to the stage. She gave a great performance and everyone was impressed with her talent.

A. deference

B. regard

C. point

D. admiration

**Answer: B**



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24. Mel's track record was faulted with both awards and honors, but also countless references saying she was constantly late. When she showed up, her work was



impeccable. However, her spacey nature generally made her distracted and she sometimes wouldn't even come into the office.

- A. indicator
- B. updated resume
- C. past performance
- D. achievement

**Answer: C**



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25. Edwin's admission to the movie was free because he was still under the age of five. Once he was six or older, it would cost \$5 for him to see movies.

A. without cost

B. composed

C. footloose

D. emancipated

**Answer: A**



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**26.** Josiah suffered at the hands of the AP Exam. While he had been studying for months and felt as prepared as possible, it was still a very difficult test!

A. gave his best effort to

B. challenged willfully

C. experienced difficult with

D. was wounded by

**Answer: C**



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27. Even though he got a lot his information from comedy news shows, Billy was always up on current events. The shows, surprisingly, presented a lot of accurate information with a punchline.

A. unseasoned with

B. at the summit of

C. up-to-date with

D. dashing on

**Answer: C**



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**28.** The trial had been at a standstill for months. That was, until new evidence was brought into play for the jury to think about. Following this, the vote was nearly unanimous.

A. presented for consideration

B. became expositional

C. scrutinized for activity

D. contemplated

**Answer: A**



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**29.** Grandpa Joe was set in his ways. For the last twenty years, he had gotten up at 7:00 o'clock every morning and gone to the local diner for coffee and eggs before work. Sidney

doubted anything about this routine would change in the next ten years.

- A. unwilling to change
- B. steadily dependent
- C. against modernity
- D. disobliging to custom

**Answer: A**



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**30.** The project was great in theory. However, outcomes are not always as quick as intended. The policy writers ran into difficulty with unreceptive to the new ideas. As such, their progress had plateaued.

A. fell into deep water

B. were provoked with objection

C. encountered resistance

D. confronted hostilely

**Answer: C**





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31. The plot was covered in weeds and other debris. It was going to take the family hours and hours to clear it.

A. storyline

B. space

C. graveyard

D. conspiracy

**Answer: B**



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**32.** Three hundred people were present for the presentation on nuclear energy. Some of the speakers were in favour, others, opposed. It made for a very interesting set of speakers that covered almost every side of the issue.

A. introduced

B. in attendance

C. awarded

D. existing

**Answer: B**



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**33.** The fight was about to begin. Every fiber in the boxer's muscle tensed in anticipation. This was going to be the fight of the country.

A. stressed out

B. swayed

C. arching

D. clenched

**Answer: D**



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**34.** An education is usually thought to have intrinsic value than extrinsic. That is, its worth comes from the love of knowledge rather than something monetary. However, with the rising

cost of tuition, one could maybe argue that there is a fiscal price related to education.

A. merit

B. price

C. principles

D. standard

**Answer: A**



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**35.** Carl struggled to regain his balance, but it was too late. He pitched forward and tumbled down the hill.

A. inclined

B. stroked

C. fell

D. threw

**Answer: C**



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**36.** While she really needed transportation, the low quality of the car drove Kelli to sell it. She simply couldn't afford the constant repairs it required. If she could take the bus for just a few months, she hoped she could save up for a nicer car.

A. steered

B. whirled

C. cruised

D. forced

**Answer: D**



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**37.** The dog laid on her jeans and panted heavily. It was such a hot day, he was trying so hard to cool down!

A. gasped for air

B. drooled

C. fell asleep

D. lusted



**Answer: A**



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**38.** Monica laughed at her cabin mate's ideas. While they were somewhat based on fact, her theories were essentially bunk. Pseudoscience is not a substitute for actual science.

A. indubitable

B. conflicted

C. cot

D. nonsense

**Answer: D**



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**39.** Walker didn't mind mowing the grass. The yead for this tiny apartment was only about three feet by three feet. It only took ten minutes!

A. three feet

B. lawn

C. measurement

D. garden

**Answer: B**



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**40.** simon was reared in a small town by parents who were farmers. Simon's room was toward the back of the large, barn style house. He loved going back to visit the farm.

A. grown

B. raised

C. behind

D. discovered

**Answer: B**



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**41.** Live comedy shows were always Hannah's favourite. She really enjoyed the idea that

anything could happen during the lively banter!

A. subsist

B. premediated

C. improvised

D. energetic

**Answer: C**



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42. The storm was blowing the boat all over the place. "Roger! Man the helm!" the captain shouted over the loud wind. Roger ran to the steering wheel and righted the boat

A. friend

B. hurry

C. operate

D. male

**Answer: C**



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**43.** The newspaper printed false information in the daily headlines. As a result, the reporter in charge of the story was and forced to find other work.

- A. journalist
- B. article
- C. publishing company
- D. chronicle

**Answer: C**



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**44.** Rossi needed to book a ticket to the author's tour. He had greatly enjoyed the novel , it was so diffeent than anything else he had ever read.

A. fiction

B. present

C. reserve



D. arrest

**Answer: C**



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**45.** The crowd started to ripple with excitement. The famous singer was stepping out of her car to enter the venue. Andre craned his neck to try to get a glimpse of her before she disappeared again.

A. stretched out

B. magnified

C. constricted

D. massaged down

**Answer: A**



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**46.** The canoe was going too quickly toward the rapids. Yusuf was banking on the shore to slow them down. While they hit the bank hard, it slowed the boat down enough that Yusuf

and his friend able to jump out and pull the canoe off the water.

- A. hitting off
- B. counting on
- C. running into
- D. depositing

**Answer: B**



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47. Emilia knew the car was in bad shape, but she was unprepared for the exorbitant quote to fix it. She would have to start working double shifts to cover the cost.

- A. final cost
- B. referenced excerpt
- C. citation
- D. estimated price

**Answer: D**



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**48.** Pat had all the notes about the case in a suitcase that he carried with him everywhere. He was very nervous about what might happen if the information were to fall into the wrong hands.

A. baggage

B. trial

C. sampling

D. defending

**Answer: B**



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**49.** The extraordinarily strong man might to be good enough weight lifter to go to the Olympics! He had been training to do so since he was a young man.

A. used to

B. powerful force

C. dominated

D. may possibly

**Answer: D**



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50. When the marching band won the competition, the drum line beat out a celebratory rhythm while the horn players chanted the school name.

A. played

B. pummeled

C. subdued

D. exhausted

**Answer: A**



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