


Test Items

- ➡ 1. A plane and a bird both have wings so that they can _____.
2. In the morning, the sun comes up. In the evening, the sun goes _____.
3. My friend is not allowed to go into deep water. She doesn't know how to _____.
4. Looking like giant balls of cotton, the clouds floated across the blue _____.
5. Jay was in a hurry. He walked very _____.
6. The school opened a week ago. The school has been open one _____.
7. Some people lie under an umbrella at the beach to protect themselves from the rays of the _____.
8. The noise from the television was so loud that the children could not _____ their sister calling them.
9. The boy's feet hurt because his new _____ did not fit well.
- ➡ 10. Maria drinks milk every morning for breakfast. This morning she again drank _____ for breakfast.
11. The student had to use a magnifying glass to see the insects because they were very _____.
12. When the farmer noticed the dark clouds gathering overhead, she thought to herself, "It's going to _____ very soon."

13. George doubted that he had the strength to lift the large box of books and carry it to the library because the box was very _____.
14. Piggy banks, made in the shape of a pig, have slots into which you can drop _____.
-  15. The traveler checked her map to make sure that she was headed in the right _____ to go south.
16. The drawings that had once been on the sidewalk were no longer there because the rain had _____ them away.
17. With his apron dusted with flour and his hat tilted on his head, the baker took the steaming bread loaves out of the hot _____.
18. As the teacher told them the rules of the game, the students had to _____ carefully so that they would know how to play it.
19. The night was very dark and still. Sam heard only the _____ of a dog barking far away.
20. Because the historian wanted to preserve the documents for future researchers, she handled them with great _____.
21. Through the large windows, the bright flowers growing in the park could easily be _____ by the children as they gazed outside.
22. The rising temperatures and extreme weather events that once seemed rare now appear to occur more _____.
23. The tall, smooth walls prevented most people from climbing _____ them and getting onto the other side of the property.
24. When they feel threatened, some birds pretend to be hurt so that a predator, such as a cat, will follow them and be lured _____ from their nests.
25. Some small dogs can run as fast as big dogs, even though small dogs may have much _____ legs.
26. The question has often been raised as to whether genetics or the environment plays a more important _____ in human development.
27. While we all share certain similarities as members of the _____ species, no two people are completely alike.

28. During the festival, the air above the plaza was filled with the delicious scent of food and the _____ of people laughing.
29. Much to my surprise, the somewhat rough texture of the clothing did not _____ my sensitive skin.
30. Forests have been destroyed to make room for people and their homes, so it is often _____ for wild animals to find enough to eat.
31. The cheerful, enthusiastic manner in which the scientist discussed her laboratory experiments revealed how much she _____ her chosen profession.
32. Having broken records for low temperatures almost every day that month, it was no surprise when it was declared to be the _____ month on record.
33. In places with many pests, a cat can be seen as a useful helper in removing pesky intruders; however, a cat can also be seen as a _____ because it can have detrimental effects on garden plants and wild birds.
34. Some people believe that donating blood to the sick or injured is a noble _____.
35. With the boy tugging at its string, the _____ was highly visible as its long tail dipped, swirled, and danced in the wind.
36. Only a small proportion of leatherback sea turtle hatchlings survive their first year of life, and adult leatherbacks are hunted by humans. Although conservation efforts are _____, global populations remain at risk.
37. The sponsors of two local charity events understood that if they held both on the same day, they would _____ with each other for donations.
38. Most of the new athletes needed to practice for at least two years with the team before they were allowed to compete in regional events; however, Diana, whose skills were less well developed than those of her teammates, required one _____ year before she was ready for such events.
39. When citizens go to the polls for this year's local elections, they will be asked to _____ from among several candidates with somewhat differing views of the city's future.

40. Sound insulation in walls helps to reduce the amount of noise that passes from one room to another. Despite innovations in soundproofing, such insulation cannot completely _____ some sound waves from traveling through most household walls.
41. A cantilever is a type of structural beam attached at only one end, making it possible to reach out over areas without direct support underneath. Many bridges use this engineering design in order to _____ rivers without keeping boats from passing underneath.
42. Among the venomous snakes of the world, the cobra is one of the most well known in part because of its ability to spread an intimidating hood behind its head. Such a distinguishing feature also makes the cobra one of the most easily _____ snakes.
43. Each of the twenty-four plots in the new garden has room for several rows of root vegetables, such as carrots and onions, and along one edge of each plot, there are support structures for vine vegetables, such as tomatoes and green beans, that grow _____ the ground.
44. The librarian, who typically treated visitors very cordially, was surprisingly _____ when the architect requested help.
45. Although the committee's initial review of the research determined that results were inconclusive, when they studied the findings again, they realized that there was more support for the researcher's claims than had been _____ at first.
46. It was not until the surfer learned that surfing had been invented hundreds of years ago that he realized how _____ the popular sport really is.
47. The humpback is one of the most studied of the great whales; however, some _____ about its social practices have yet to be fully answered.
48. Given the dilapidated condition of her car, the owner was not surprised to find out that it was _____ only a fraction of its original cost.
49. The long hours worked by the employees, who were frequently required to put in twelve-hour shifts, sometimes adversely _____ the quality of their work.
50. Animals unable to _____ certain substances needed for their survival must acquire such substances through their food.

Sample Items

- S1. The bus was full. There was not one empty _____.
- S2. Marty can write well with both hands, so when he hurt his left hand, he wrote with his _____ hand.
- S3. As soon as Karen's friend came to pick her up, Karen ran _____ her house.