ENGLISH PLUS WITH ANSWER KEY PRACTICE WORKSHEETS



PEOPLE

LEONARDO DA VINCI

People | Leonardo da Vinci

Comprehension

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Key Vocabulary Practice

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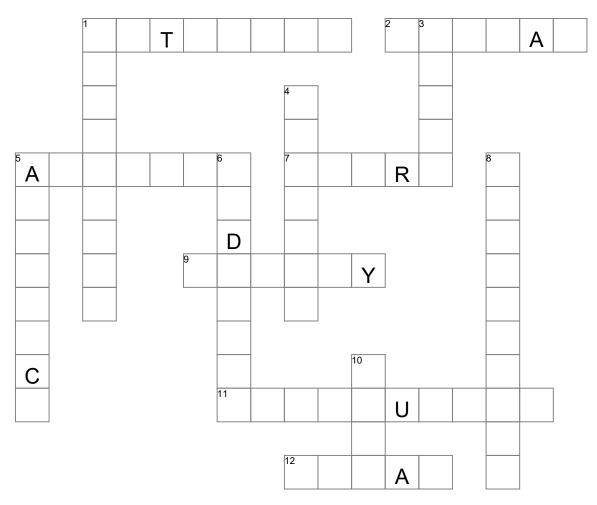
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16. Using the Across and Down clues, write the correct words in the numbered grid below.



ACROSS

- 1. A _____ is a device that is used to send aircraft into the air from an aircraft carrier.
- 2. If you _____ something that has been out of sight, you uncover it so that people can see it.
- 5. An _____ of a particular philosophy, policy, or cause is someone who strongly believes in it and works hard to promote it.
- 7. to turn or cause to turn in a twisting spinning
- 9. If someone _____s their country or their friends, they give information to an enemy, putting their country's security or their friends' safety at risk.
- 11. A _____ is a successful attempt by a large group of people to change the political system of their country by force.
- 12. a large painting or picture on a wall

DOWN

- 1. A _____ is something that is unusual, interesting, and fairly rare.
- 3. to be superior to (another or others); surpass
- A ______ is something that you say or do in order to express your attitude or intentions, often something that you know will not have much effect.
- 5. If you ______ a piece of news or an intention, especially something that people may not like, you say it loudly and clearly, so that everyone you are with can hear it.
- 6. If you _____ to do something, you try very hard to do it.
- 8. If someone is _____ about something, they deliberately do not talk much about it, sometimes because they want to make people more interested in it.
- 10. If something _____s an idea or a distinction between things, that idea or distinction no longer seems clear.

17. Find the hidden words. The words have been placed horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. When you locate a word, draw a circle around it.

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Choose the best option the completes the sentences below:

- 18. ____ A _____ in a particular area of human activity is an important change in that area. a. endeavor b. revolution c. announce d. blur e. mural
- 19. ____ to move with a twisting, whirling motion; eddy a. curiosity b. revolution c. swirl d. excel e. reveal
- 20. ____ You say '_____ killed the cat' in order to tell someone that they should not try to find out about something which does not concern them. a. curiosity b. gesture c. catapult d. mysterious e. betray
- 21. If you ______ an ideal or your principles, you say or do something which goes against those beliefs.
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- 22. ____ to be outstandingly good or proficient a. betray b. revolution c. endeavor d. apostle e. excel
- 23. ____ If someone or something _____s or is _____ed through the air, they are thrown very suddenly, quickly, and violently through it.
 a. mysterious b. swirl c. reveal d. announce e. catapult

24	an earnest attempt or effort a. endeavor b. revolution c. apostle d. excel e. mural
25	to make known (something hidden or kept secret); disclose; divulge a. swirl b. mysterious c. reveal d. mural e. catapult
26	If your visions, or if somethings it, you cannot see things clearly. a. gesture b. blur c. betray d. announce e. curiosity
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28	If an airport or railway employees something, they tell the public about it by means of a loudspeaker system. a. gesture b. apostle c. blur d. announce e. endeavor
29	one of the 12 disciples chosen by Christ to preach his gospel a. announce b. mysterious c. apostle d. mural e. swirl
30	of, on, in, or for a wall a. revolution b. mural c. curiosity d. reveal e. excel
31	If you, you use movements of your hands or head in order to tell someone

something or draw their attention to something. a. mural b. gesture c. swirl d. apostle e. announce

32. Numbered clues appear below the spiral grid. Determine the word that matches the clue, and write that word in the spiral puzzle. The word does not overlap with the next word (marked by the next number) and it must be written in the correct direction (from a lower numbered space to a higher numbered space).

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Listening Practice | Intermediate

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- M. Leonardo
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- Q. other
- S. tried
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- B. seated
- D. outlines
- F. storms
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Listening Practice | Advanced

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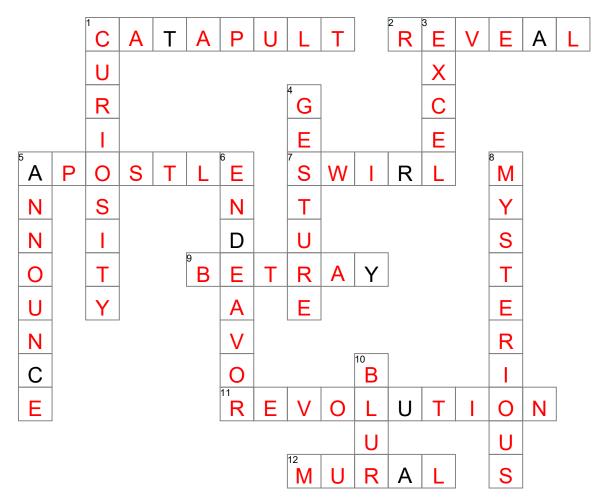
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- 7. d a. MURLE b. MURL c. MUREL d. MURAL
 - A _____ is a picture painted on a wall.

- a. GESSURE b. GESTURE c. GESTUREE d. GESTEUR
 A ______ is a movement that you make with a part of your body, especially your hands, to express emotion or information.
- 9. <u>d</u> a. CURIOSITEE b. KURIOSITY c. CURIOSITE d. CURIOSITY ______ is a desire to know about something.
- 10. <u>c</u> a. BETDAY b. BETRAYE c. BETRAY d. BETRAE If you _____ someone who loves or trusts you, your actions hurt and disappoint them.
- 11. b a. ENDEAVER b. ENDEAVOR c. ENVEAVOR d. INDEAVOR An _____ is an attempt to do something, especially something new or original.
- 12. <u>a</u> a. APOSTLE b. APOSTLEE c. APOSTL d. APOSTEL The _____s were the followers of Jesus Christ who went from place to place telling people about him and trying to persuade them to become Christians.
- 13. b a. EXCAL b. EXCEL c. EXCCEL d. EXCELL If someone _____s in something or _____s at it, they are very good at doing it.
- 14. <u>c</u> a. MISTERIOUS b. MYSTERIOS c. MYSTERIOUS d. MYSTERIUUS Someone or something that is _____ is strange and is not known about or understood.
- 15. <u>d</u> a. SWORL b. SWIRLE c. SWIRLL d. SWIRL If you _____ something liquid or flowing, or if it _____s, it moves round and round quickly.

16. Using the Across and Down clues, write the correct words in the numbered grid below.



ACROSS

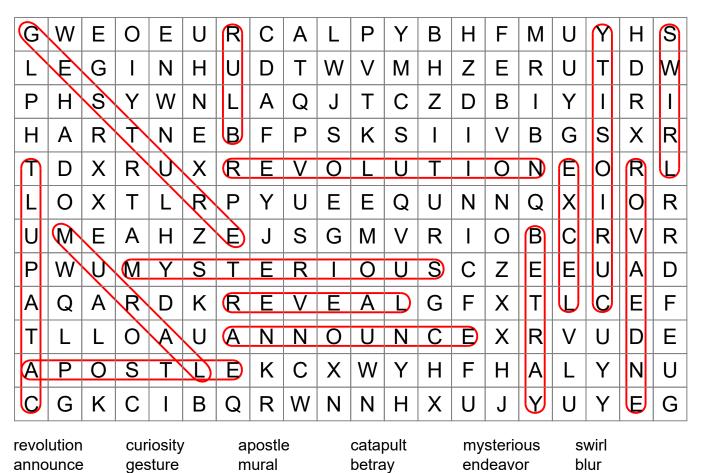
- 1. A _____ is a device that is used to send aircraft into the air from an aircraft carrier.
- 2. If you _____ something that has been out of sight, you uncover it so that people can see it.
- 5. An _____ of a particular philosophy, policy, or cause is someone who strongly believes in it and works hard to promote it.
- 7. to turn or cause to turn in a twisting spinning
- 9. If someone <u>s</u> their country or their friends, they give information to an enemy, putting their country's security or their friends' safety at risk.
- 11. A _____ is a successful attempt by a large group of people to change the political system of their country by force.
- 12. a large painting or picture on a wall

DOWN

- 1. A _____ is something that is unusual, interesting, and fairly rare.
- 3. to be superior to (another or others); surpass
- 4. A _____ is something that you say or do in order to express your attitude or intentions, often something that you know will not have much effect.
- 5. If you ______ a piece of news or an intention, especially something that people may not like, you say it loudly and clearly, so that everyone you are with can hear it.
- 6. If you _____ to do something, you try very hard to do it.
- 8. If someone is _____ about something, they deliberately do not talk much about it, sometimes because they want to make people more interested in it.
- 10. If something _____s an idea or a distinction between things, that idea or distinction no longer seems clear.

reveal

17. Find the hidden words. The words have been placed horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. When you locate a word, draw a circle around it.



Choose the best option the completes the sentences below:

excel

- 18. <u>b</u> A _____ in a particular area of human activity is an important change in that area. a. endeavor b. revolution c. announce d. blur e. mural
- 19. <u>c</u> to move with a twisting, whirling motion; eddy a. curiosity b. revolution c. swirl d. excel e. reveal
- 20. <u>a</u> You say '_____ killed the cat' in order to tell someone that they should not try to find out about something which does not concern them. a. curiosity b. gesture c. catapult d. mysterious e. betray
- 21. <u>b</u> If you _____ an ideal or your principles, you say or do something which goes against those beliefs. a. curiosity b. betray c. apostle d. blur e. gesture
- 22. <u>e</u> to be outstandingly good or proficient a. betray b. revolution c. endeavor d. apostle e. excel
- 23. <u>e</u> If someone or something _____s or is _____ed through the air, they are thrown very suddenly, quickly, and violently through it. a. mysterious b. swirl c. reveal d. announce e. catapult

24. <u>a</u>	an earnest attempt or effort a. endeavor b. revolution c. apostle d. excel e. mural
25. <u> </u>	to make known (something hidden or kept secret); disclose; divulge a. swirl b. mysterious c. reveal d. mural e. catapult
26. <u>b</u>	If your visions, or if somethings it, you cannot see things clearly. a. gesture b. blur c. betray d. announce e. curiosity
27. <u>d</u>	puzzling, curious, or enigmatic a. revolution b. catapult c. reveal d. mysterious e. betray
28. <u>d</u>	If an airport or railway employees something, they tell the public about it k means of a loudspeaker system. a. gesture b. apostle c. blur d. announce e. endeavor
29. <u> </u>	one of the 12 disciples chosen by Christ to preach his gospel a. announce b. mysterious c. apostle d. mural e. swirl
30. <u>b</u>	of, on, in, or for a wall a. revolution b. mural c. curiosity d. reveal e. excel
31. <u>b</u>	If you, you use movements of your hands or head in order to tell someone

- t by
- ne something or draw their attention to something. a. mural b. gesture c. swirl d. apostle e. announce
- 32. Numbered clues appear below the spiral grid. Determine the word that matches the clue, and write that word in the spiral puzzle. The word does not overlap with the next word (marked by the next number) and it must be written in the correct direction (from a lower numbered space to a higher numbered space).



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- 1. When something _____izes an activity, it causes great changes in the way that it is done.
- Someone or something that is _____ is strange and is not known about or understood.
- 3. If you _____ something, you tell people about it publicly or officially.
- When a thing _____s or when something _____s it, you cannot see it clearly because its edges are no longer distinct.
- 5. A _____ is a movement that you make with a part of your body, especially your hands, to express emotion or information.
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- 10. A _____ is a picture painted on a wall.
- 11. A _____ is a device for shooting small stones. It is made of a Y-shaped stick with a piece of elastic tied between the two top parts.

- 12. To _____ something means to make people aware of it.
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Listening Practice | Intermediate

33. Fill in the blanks while you listen to the episode.

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[1] Leonardo da [2] Vinci **excelled** as a painter, sculptor, architect, engineer, and [3] scientist . He had endless **curiosity**. Leonardo wanted to understand how things worked. He wanted to put down on paper what he saw. He left thousands of pages of drawings and notes that recorded his thoughts.

GOOD AT EVERYTHING

Leonardo was born in 1452 in the small town of Vinci, near Florence, Italy. He had little schooling and was largely self-taught.

Leonardo seemed to be good at everything he [4] tried _____. He was handsome, a good speaker, and a fine musician. He trained as a painter with Andrea del Verrocchio, a leading artist in Florence. Leonardo later worked for dukes and kings.

HIS MOST FAMOUS PAINTINGS

Leonardo produced a relatively small number of [5] paintings _____, and he left some of them unfinished. But he had original ideas that influenced Italian [6] artists ______ long after his death. Leonardo believed painting was a science. He [7] applied ______ scientific thinking in his art so that his paintings looked more like the real world. One of his most important painting [8] techniques ______ was sfumato, a blending of one area of color into another so there are no sharp [9] outlines ______.

Leonardo used sfumato in one of his most famous paintings, the Mona Lisa. When you look at this portrait, notice how colors shade into each [10] other ______ on her face and hands. See how Leonardo has **blurred** the edges of her mouth to give her the hint of a smile. This **mysterious** smile has fascinated people for centuries. It [11] looks ______ as if Mona Lisa's expression might change at any [12] moment ______ because of the way Leonardo has softened the edges of the [13] mouth ______, eyes, and cheeks. She seems almost alive.

Many [14] people consider a **mural** by Leonardo known as The Last Supper to be his masterpiece. Christ, [15] seated in the middle of The Last Supper, has just **announced** that one of his 12 **apostles** will **betray** him. Leonardo places the figures in this painting in a way that [16] increases the drama of the announcement. Christ is the calm center. His body, which is

HIS DRAWINGS AND NOTEBOOKS

Drawing was Leonardo's favorite tool. He said that drawing was a better way of communicating ideas than words were. He drew **catapults** and war machines. He drew the muscles and skeletons of human beings and other animals. He drew clouds, **swirling** [20] water _____, and [21] storms _____. He designed churches that were never built.

Leonardo's drawings and theories are contained in numerous notebooks. His ideas were far in advance of what other people were thinking at the time. But the notebooks were not published during his lifetime. Had his notebooks been published, they might have **revolutionized** scientific thinking in the 1500s. Leonardo's deep love of [22] research was the key to both his artistic and scientific **endeavors**. Leonardo died in 1519.

- A. increases
- C. research
- E. scientist
- G. water
- I. people
- K. Vinci
- M. Leonardo
- O. techniques
- Q. other
- S. tried
- U. applied

- B. seated
- D. outlines
- F. storms
- H. mouth
- J. reveal
- L. Their
- N. moment
- P. artists
- R. leaning
- T. looks
- V. paintings

Listening Practice | Advanced

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Spelling Practice

35. In each line of text below there is one word that has been misspelled. Circle the misspelled word and then write the correct spelling of the word on the line on the right side of the page.

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48. published
49. <mark>s</mark>
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