

ENGLISH PLUS

WITH
ANSWER
KEY

VOCABULARY BUILDING



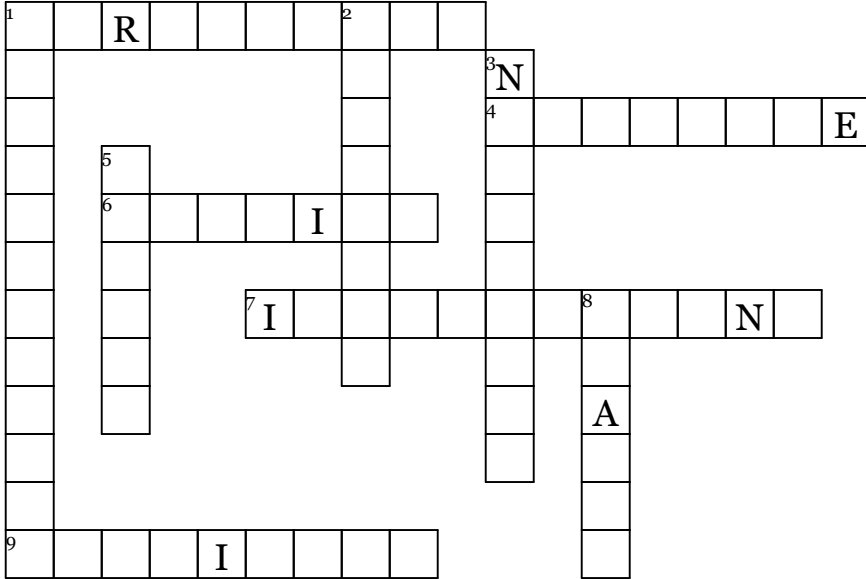
SWAMPS FEATURES AND CREATURES

And a review of 4 previous vocabulary building episodes

- EPISODE 666 THE SPIRIT OF 1215
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e. steadfast
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a. provocation b. prudent c. pristine d. obviate e. innate
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16. ___ Today, those same boys and girls have grown up, and they _____ attics and basements for the shoeboxes that housed their baseball cards.
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17. ___ However, with _____ management, the excess population can be controlled by harvesting a specified number of deer or by introducing predators.
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21. ___ Putting money into baseball cards is _____ to speculating on the stock market.
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22. ___ Only four original copies of the Magna Carta are _____ today, all in England. Two are in the British Library, one is in Salisbury Cathedral, and one is in Lincoln Cathedral.
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23. ___ They choose from a _____ of assorted hand shapes, such as a fist or a pointed index finger.
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24. ___ Furthermore, although the early cards meet the demands of age and rarity, they usually lack an important _____ in determining worth-condition.
a. crucial b. linguist c. rigorous d. variable e. embolden
25. ___ Flipping thin cardboard in regular competitions, they maintain a steadfast hope of winning a Willie Mays or a Mickey Mantle from an _____ friend.
a. steadfast b. proclivity c. inchoate d. inviolable
e. unwary
26. ___ The English barons who met at St. Albans outside London in 1213 cared little for the rights of the commoner. They only sought some _____ from the excessive taxation, military service, and other demands King John was making on them.
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e. redress
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31. ___ _____ cards are straight-out-of-the package perfect: sharp corners, crisp edges, and brilliant colors.
a. extant b. subtle c. transfigure d. pristine e. prudent

32. ___ The revolutionary notions that all people are equal and that they possess certain _____ rights beyond the power of ruler or church were born at this meeting.
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33. ___ To his _____, his projections suggested that human populations would soon exceed the food supply, which could result in war, disease, and starvation.
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34. ___ Once the pastime of grade school kids, collecting baseball cards has become big business, and gleeful hobbyists have been _____d into serious-minded investors.
a. accost b. innate c. transfigure d. akin e. indelible
35. ___ Facial expressions and head movements also function as grammatical markers, providing _____ linguistic information.
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36. ___ When American Sign Language (ASL) was introduced in the early 1800s, it was regarded as no more than a form of _____ English.
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37. ___ People, in general, have been good to the deer, as they _____ the thick undergrowth from forests and eliminate predators such as the wolf.
a. orient b. excise c. succulent d. steadfast e. vie
38. ___ Even the tiniest defect labels a card in an _____ way as damaged goods.
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39. ___ To _____ this problem, we must begin to produce food as efficiently as possible and to avoid waste.
a. excise b. proclivity c. consternation d. ameliorate
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40. ___ In the past twenty years, however, linguists have acknowledged that signed languages like ASL are as powerful and intricately structured as spoken ones, and that they are capable of expressing the _____ shades of meaning possible with spoken languages.
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Find the hidden words. The words have been placed horizontally, vertically, or diagonally.

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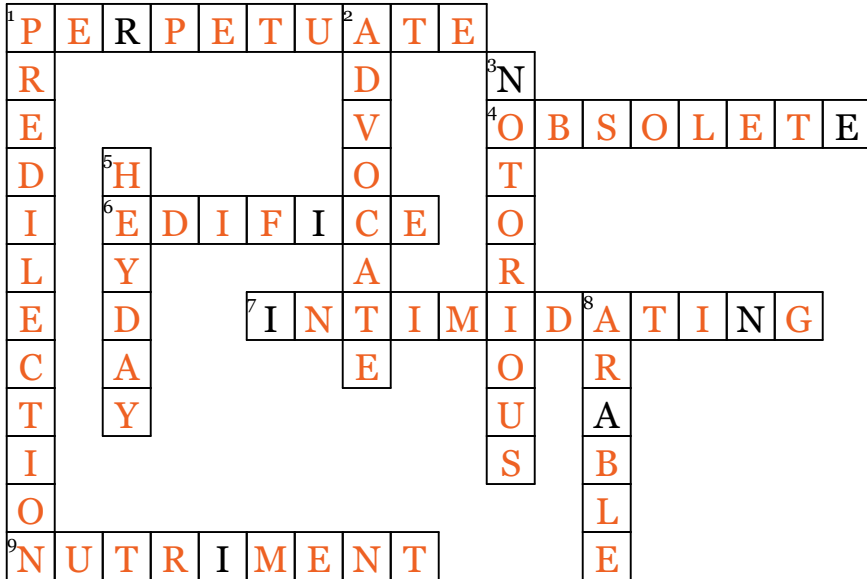
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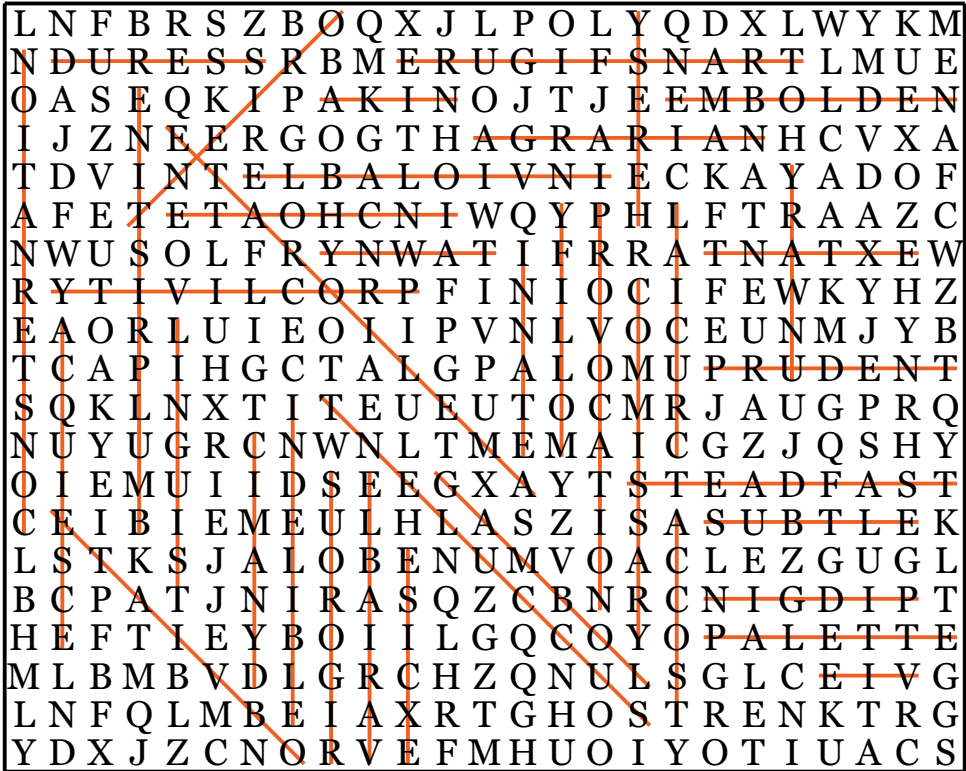
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a. subtle b. embolden c. crucial d. gambol
e. consternation
6. b Such behavior might have been allowable in other circumstances, but English war losses to France had weakened the king's position and therefore _____ed the barons to draft 63 articles guaranteeing them certain rights.
a. excise b. embolden c. vie d. unwary e. heresy
7. c Soon the deer began treating the trees and plants as a kind of _____ offering a variety of foods.
a. orient b. inviolable c. commissary d. tawny
e. steadfast
8. d Assuming that language must be based on speech or modulations of sound, linguists regarded as _____ the notion that signed languages are natural languages like English, French, and Chinese.
a. palette b. rigorous c. ameliorate d. heresy e. duress
9. a Perhaps an even more serious _____ was King John's refusal to consult his barons before altering accepted feudal laws and customs.
a. provocation b. prudent c. pristine d. obviate e. innate
10. a So, to _____ his nobility and keep his throne, King John approved the charter, known as the Magna Carta, in June 1215.
a. mollify b. inchoate c. duress d. acquiesce
e. provocation
11. a Like any living language, ASL is _____ and continues to evolve.
a. dynamic b. ameliorate c. provocation d. linguist
e. tawny
12. a They also choose where to make a sign and how to _____ the hand and the arm.
a. orient b. pidgin c. excise d. gambol e. unwary
13. a The deer were beautiful, with big, soft eyes and _____ brown coats.
a. tawny b. prudent c. embolden d. extant e. akin

14. c If we are not _____ about our choices, nature will take steps to adjust the imbalance.
a. inchoate b. agrarian c. prudent d. crucial e. succulent
15. e Under the duress of a faltering war abroad and civil strife at home, King John had little choice but to _____ to the barons' demands.
a. plumb b. variable c. heresy d. indelible e. acquiesce
16. a Today, those same boys and girls have grown up, and they _____ attics and basements for the shoeboxes that housed their baseball cards.
a. plumb b. mollify c. palette d. subtle e. steadfast
17. c However, with _____ management, the excess population can be controlled by harvesting a specified number of deer or by introducing predators.
a. inviolable b. innate c. rigorous d. redress e. pristine
18. e Every evening they emerged from the forest preserve to feed on the _____ plants in the yards of neighboring homes.
a. proclivity b. rigorous c. vie d. consternation
e. succulent
19. a Assuming that language must be based on speech or modulations of sound, _____s regarded as heresy the notion that signed languages are natural languages like English, French, and Chinese.
a. linguist b. transfigure c. obviate d. accost
e. commissary
20. b Once the articles were drafted, the barons _____ed the king, demanding that he issue the articles as a royal charter to be distributed throughout the kingdom.
a. tawny b. accost c. obviate d. dynamic e. akin
21. c Putting money into baseball cards is _____ to speculating on the stock market.
a. plumb b. acquiesce c. akin d. accost e. consternation
22. d Only four original copies of the Magna Carta are _____ today, all in England. Two are in the British Library, one is in Salisbury Cathedral, and one is in Lincoln Cathedral.
a. transfigure b. pidgin c. heresy d. extant e. pristine

23. e They choose from a _____ of assorted hand shapes, such as a fist or a pointed index finger.
a. subtle b. gambol c. variable d. prudent e. palette
24. d Furthermore, although the early cards meet the demands of age and rarity, they usually lack an important _____ in determining worth-condition.
a. crucial b. linguist c. rigorous d. variable e. embolden
25. e Flipping thin cardboard in regular competitions, they maintain a steadfast hope of winning a Willie Mays or a Mickey Mantle from an _____ friend.
a. steadfast b. proclivity c. inchoate d. inviolable
e. unwary
26. e The English barons who met at St. Albans outside London in 1213 cared little for the rights of the commoner. They only sought some _____ from the excessive taxation, military service, and other demands King John was making on them.
a. commissary b. succulent c. provocation d. duress
e. redress
27. a In addition, as farmland is destroyed by erosion and industrialization, the earth is losing its _____ potential.
a. agrarian b. orient c. excise d. mollify e. ameliorate
28. b Under the _____ of a faltering war abroad and civil strife at home, King John had little choice but to acquiesce to the barons' demands.
a. vie b. duress c. extant d. agrarian e. palette
29. b So, in his effort to _____ a civil war, King John established democratic principles that the colonists carried to America several hundred years later. In a very real sense, the spirit of 1776 got its start in 1215.
a. inchoate b. obviate c. unwary d. indelible e. innate
30. b Flipping thin cardboard in regular competitions, they maintain a _____ hope of winning a Willie Mays or a Mickey Mantle from an unwary friend.
a. variable b. steadfast c. acquiesce d. provocation
e. heresy
31. d _____ cards are straight-out-of-the package perfect: sharp corners, crisp edges, and brilliant colors.
a. extant b. subtle c. transfigure d. pristine e. prudent

32. b The revolutionary notions that all people are equal and that they possess certain _____ rights beyond the power of ruler or church were born at this meeting.
a. excise b. inviolable c. obviate d. pristine e. linguist
33. e To his _____, his projections suggested that human populations would soon exceed the food supply, which could result in war, disease, and starvation.
a. plumb b. unwary c. pidgin d. rigorous
e. consternation
34. c Once the pastime of grade school kids, collecting baseball cards has become big business, and gleeful hobbyists have been _____d into serious-minded investors.
a. accost b. innate c. transfigure d. akin e. indelible
35. e Facial expressions and head movements also function as grammatical markers, providing _____ linguistic information.
a. ameliorate b. gambol c. duress d. redress e. crucial
36. c When American Sign Language (ASL) was introduced in the early 1800s, it was regarded as no more than a form of _____ English.
a. mollify b. inviolable c. pidgin d. commissary
e. palette
37. b People, in general, have been good to the deer, as they _____ the thick undergrowth from forests and eliminate predators such as the wolf.
a. orient b. excise c. succulent d. steadfast e. vie
38. e Even the tiniest defect labels a card in an _____ way as damaged goods.
a. tawny b. embolden c. crucial d. agrarian e. indelible
39. d To _____ this problem, we must begin to produce food as efficiently as possible and to avoid waste.
a. excise b. proclivity c. consternation d. ameliorate
e. dynamic
40. a In the past twenty years, however, linguists have acknowledged that signed languages like ASL are as powerful and intricately structured as spoken ones, and that they are capable of expressing the _____ shades of meaning possible with spoken languages.
a. subtle b. transfigure c. unwary d. duress e. orient

Find the hidden words. The words have been placed horizontally, vertically, or diagonally.



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| HERESY | PALETTE | INVIOABLE |
| SUCCULENT | ORIENT | RIGOROUS |
| AGRARIAN | CRUCIAL | VARIABLE |
| AMELIORATE | TAWNY | PROVOCATION |
| DYNAMIC | PROCLIVITY | ACCOST |
| ACQUIESCE | EXCISE | SUBTLE |
| INDELIBLE | AKIN | OBVIATE |
| STEADFAST | EMBOLDEN | INNATE |
| INCHOATE | COMMISSARY | CONSTERNATION |
| PLUMB | VIE | PRUDENT |
| PRISTINE | TRANSGURE | LINGUIST |
| DURESS | UNWARY | MOLLIFY |
| EXTANT | GAMBOL | PIDGIN |