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General Ability
Spelling and Vocabulary II

Build your vocabulary by putting these words into your vocabulary so you can learn them for next week's test. You have been told if the word is a noun, adjective, verb or adverb.

Word	Definition
1. tribute	n. An expression of thanks or respect
2. contrasting	v. Comparing, opposite
3. recall	v. Remember
4. apprehend	v. To catch i.e. a criminal
5. elite	adj. A select group
6. arid	adj. Dry; without water
7. tuft	adj. A cluster of grass or hair
8. frugal	adj. Saving; without being wasteful
9. abundant	adj. Plentiful; a large amount
10. accelerate	v. To move faster
11. wary	adj. Careful, cautious
12. foliage	n. Any growth of leaves
13. collaborate	v. To cooperate, work together
14. resolve	v. To fix a problem; make up your mind
15. loom	v. Appear out of the distance or darkness
16. witness	v. To see or know something; n. someone who has seen something
17. partial	adj. A part of; favouring one side over another
18. disdain	v. To regard with scorn or contempt
19. bedlam	n. A madhouse; scene of uproar and confusion
20. fez	n. A brimless felt cap, usually red with a black tassel.

Use the words from the list (in any form) to complete the following sentence.

- Kate decided it was time to _____ her speed at solving equations.
- It is important to be _____ when walking out late at night.
- The two political parties _____ to create a better health system.
- This season there was _____ rainfall.
- Nigel is tries to save money by being very _____.
- The Australian outback can be described as very _____.
- Mary's school paid _____ to the soldiers who died in the war.
- You should try to _____ your problems instead of ignoring them.
- The dark green _____ of the Palm tree sways delicately in the wind.
- It was the most horrific accident anyone had ever _____.
- His face filled with a look of _____ when he saw the cat that had scratched him.

12. The bombs went off on the Western front and within a few seconds, it was absolute _____.
13. In North Africa, many men wear a hat known as a _____.
14. She pulled out a _____ of grass in frustration.
15. The Institute of Sports selected an _____ group of athletes to represent Australia.
16. Raja only _____ completed the test.
17. Police were able to _____ the offender straight away.
18. Lisa was unable to _____ if she had checked the mail that day.
19. We trembled with fear as a large figure _____ out of the darkness.
20. Peter used _____ colours of green and red in the redecoration of the office.

Match the correct prepositions

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| 1. Across | a) on |
| 2. According | b) to |
| 3. Because | c) of |
| 4. Familiar | d) from |
| 5. Attack | e) with |

Idioms

Use the idioms to complete these sentences

Barking up the wrong tree	Piece of cake
Painted the town red	Best thing since sliced bread
Blessing in disguise	An arm and a leg

1. Even though I lost my phone, it was a _____ as I got to spend more time talking with my family.
2. Amos is an IT guru so for him fixing my laptop was a _____.
3. After Jerry's accident, it cost him an _____ to get the car repaired.
4. My dad thought his new smartphone was the _____.
5. May is keen to ask for a pay raise but she is _____.
6. The Soccer team _____ after winning the grand final.

Match these abbreviations

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| 1. c/o | a) Per annum (each year) |
| 2. e.g. | b) For example |
| 3. p.a. | c) Care of |
| 4. Ltd. | d) Senior |
| 5. Sr. | e) Limited |

Prefixes (use your dictionary)

Underline the prefix of each of these words and write the meaning of the whole word

1. Proceed _____.
2. Proficient _____.
3. Preschool _____.
4. Prepaid _____.
5. Automatic _____.
6. Autobiography _____.

Antonyms

Match these words with their antonyms

commence	friend
false	peaceful
brave	compliant

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| 1. Foe _____ | 4. True _____ |
| 2. Terminate _____ | 5. Defiant _____ |
| 3. Violent _____ | 6. Cowardly _____ |

Spelling and Vocabulary Test

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| 1. _____ | 11. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 12. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 13. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 14. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 15. _____ |
| 6. _____ | 16. _____ |
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| 10. _____ | 20. _____ |