

BOY RAYMONDE



# It Pays to Increase Your Word Power

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WHEN you're in a tight spot, an engaging way with words can win the day. In the list below, tick the word or phrase you believe is *nearest in meaning* to the key word. Answers are on the next page.

- (1) **novel**—A: authentic. B: unusual. C: maritime. D: literary.
- (2) **nostalgia** (nōs tal' jia)—A: homesickness. B: perfection. C: insensibility to pain. D: laziness.
- (3) **nefarious** (ne fair' re us)—A: dangerous. B: prejudicial. C: evil. D: distant.
- (4) **neophyte** (nee' o fyte)—A: expert. B: nymph. C: parasite. D: beginner.
- (5) **nimbus** (nim' bus)—A: confusion. B: aura. C: ornament. D: obstacle.
- (6) **noisome** (noy' sum)—A: moderate. B: loud. C: noxious. D: vulgar.
- (7) **norm**—A: consistency. B: survey. C: mediocrity. D: average.
- (8) **nonchalant** (non' sha lant)—A: unexcited. B: disconnected. C: listless. D: slovenly.
- (9) **nonplus** (non plus')—A: to take away. B: be neutral. C: be angry. D: dumbfound.
- (10) **nebulous** (neb' u lus)—A: luminous. B: transparent. C: vague. D: negative.
- (11) **negligible** (neg' li ji b'l)—A: useless. B: trifling. C: abandoned. D: careless.
- (12) **nomadic** (no mad' ik)—A: roaming. B: retarded. C: exiled. D: barbaric.
- (13) **narcosis** (nar kō' sis)—A: death of living tissue. B: tumorous growth. C: stupor. D: kidney infection.
- (14) **nocturnal** (nok ter' nal)—A: harmful. B: romantic. C: brief. D: relating to the night.
- (15) **nepotism** (nēp' o tiz'm)—A: influence. B: favoritism towards relatives. C: tyranny. D: art form.
- (16) **nascent** (nās' ent)—A: starting to develop. B: ignorant. C: noisy. D: decaying.
- (17) **negotiate**—A: to assemble. B: transmit. C: sign. D: confer.
- (18) **nihilism** (ny' il iz'm; ny' hil iz'm)—A: negative doctrine. B: humility. C: doctrine of the superman. D: rule by a few.
- (19) **nautical** (naw' ti cal)—A: sceptical. B: pertaining to sailors. C: wise. D: bad.
- (20) **neologism** (nee ōl' o jiz'm)—A: logic. B: modern philosophy. C: new word. D: mysticism.

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