

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE CONTEST

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## International English FOX competition



## DUCKS

Primary school, grades 7 & 8. The duration of the competition is 75 minutes.

The answers must reflect the competitors own work and during the competition, no help is allowed.

*Good Luck!*

**3 point questions**

1. This is my bag, .....?  
A) isn't this                      B) is that                      C) isn't it                      D) is this
2. My friend, Sue, enjoyed ..... at my party.  
A) himself                      B) herself                      C) itself                      D) themselves
3. I can't believe it, the story is too good to be ..... .  
A) true                      B) nice                      C) fair                      D) fine
4. Kate is an only child.  
A) Her brothers and sisters are over 18.                      C) She has no cousins.  
B) Her parents have only one child.                      D) She has no friends.
5. Janet: *Would you prefer a red or a pink one?*  
Claudia: .....  
Janet: *I'd prefer red, too.*  
A) *Pink doesn't suit me.*                      C) *I'm not sure.*  
B) *What shade of red?*                      D) *Red looks great.*
6. Phil: *I am thinking of going on a diet.*  
Andy: .....  
A) *Go for it!*                      B) *Go there!*                      C) *Go and try!*                      D) *Don't give up!*
7. .... lived in Nottingham, Sherwood, and robbed from the rich to give to the poor.  
A) Sherlock Holmes                      B) James Bond                      C) Robin Hood                      D) Superman
8. The day after Thanksgiving, which begins the Christmas shopping season, is called ..... Friday.  
A) Black                      B) Silver                      C) White                      D) Red
9. The story of **Oliver Twist** begins in:  
A) 1630                      B) 1730                      C) 1830                      D) 1930
10. According to **Oliver Twist**, complete the sentence : "*A shadow on the wall,*" said Monks, *trembling with fear. "A woman in a ..... and .....!"* :  
A) *hat, suit*                      B) *bonnet, shawl*                      C) *cap, sweatshirt*                      D) *skirt, blouse*

11. There are ..... verbs in the list that use *-ied* in past tense:  
*try, stay, play, enjoy, may, worry, carry, destroy, cry, say*  
 A) 2                                      B) 3                                      C) 4                                      D) 5
12. Yesterday I came ..... an old friend in the library.  
 If you cut ..... the park, you won't be late.  
 A) to                                      B) across                                      C) along                                      D) through
13. 1) ....., can you pass me the book?                                      a. Mr. Cage  
 2) ....., let's go swimming.                                      b. Ms Coast  
 3) ....., the grass is too tall.                                      c. Mr. Coach  
 4) ....., I want some cake.                                      d. Ms Storm  
 5) ....., how far is it to Manchester?                                      e. Mr. Mower  
 6) ....., where is the bird?                                      f. Ms Page  
 7) ....., what do we sing today?                                      g. Ms Bakers  
 8) ....., it's very hot today.                                      h. Mr. Champion  
 9) ....., where are you going on holiday?                                      i. Mr. Pool  
 10) ....., how often do you play tennis?                                      j. Ms Chant
- A) 1-f, 2-i, 3-e, 4-g, 5-c, 6-a, 7-j, 8-d, 9-b, 10-h  
 B) 1-c, 2-i, 3-d, 4-g, 5-h, 6-a, 7-e, 8-j, 9-b, 10-f  
 C) 1-h, 2-d, 3-b, 4-a, 5-c, 6-e, 7-i, 8-g, 9-j, 10-f  
 D) 1-h, 2-a, 3-i, 4-b, 5-j, 6-c, 7-g, 8-d, 9-f, 10-e
14. Tom often skips classes.  
 A) He often sleeps in class.                                      C) He often plays tricks in class.  
 B) He is often absent from school.                                      D) He often jumps in class.
15. Fred: "Guess what? My Dad's going to buy me a motor boat!"  
 Kate: "SHUT UP!"  
 A) Kate is frightened.                                      B) Kate is impressed.                                      C) Kate is happy.                                      D) Kate is joking.
16. The cup is huge and heavy. It's full of tea and the little girl can't hold it steadily. She is about to spill it on the carpet.  
 ".....!", I say, springing forward to help her.  
 A) *Boo*                                      B) *Whoa*                                      C) *Eh*                                      D) *Hush*
17. The Brooklyn Bridge is in:  
 A) New York                                      B) Washington                                      C) Los Angeles                                      D) Chicago
18. The date of Thanksgiving Day in the USA is ..... and in Canada it is .....  
 A) the fourth Thursday in November, the second Monday in October  
 B) the second Thursday in October, the second Monday in November  
 C) the second Monday in November, the fourth Monday in October  
 D) the fourth Monday in October, the fourth Thursday in November

19. According to *Oliver Twist*, fill in the missing sentences:

At Fagin's house, Nancy overheard his discussion with Monks about Oliver. (1) ..... . She headed for a hotel and she asked for Rose. (2) ..... . So she told Rose what she knew; that Monks was Oliver's brother and that Oliver was by no means a poor orphan. However, Monks had destroyed the only proof of Oliver's identity. (3) ..... . Rose was confused by the information and asked Nancy to come and see her again. (4) ..... . She kindly refused Rose's invitation to stay there with her, and ran back home. The next morning Oliver rushed to Rose's room very excited. (5) .....

- a. It was a gold locket that belonged to Oliver's mother.
- b. He had found Mr Brownlow again.
- c. Back home, she put a drug in Sike's drink and left.
- d. Nancy was touched by the way Rose talked to her.
- e. Nancy told her where she could be found and got ready to leave.

A) 1-c 2-e 3-a 4-d 5-b

C) 1-e 2-d 3-a 4-c 5-b

B) 1-c 2-d 3-a 4-e 5-b

D) 1-e 2-d 3-a 4-b 5-c

20. According to *Oliver Twist*, match the sentences with the characters:

- 1. "My brother, my poor dear darling brother! (...)You naughty boy! How could you run away?"
- 2. "This is the only thing I own. You must give it to my son when he is older."
- 3. "Ungrateful child! That boy will be hanged one day. Lock him up in the basement!"
- 4. "There. The sea will keep this secret safe."
- 5. "Blood! They shot you! We've got to get out of here!"
- 6. "He is not like the other boys. He thinks stealing is wrong, and so he keeps trying to run away from us."

a. Fagin b. Agnes c. Monks d. Nancy e. Mrs. Corney f. Sikes

A) 1-b, 2-d, 3-c, 4-e, 5-a, 6-f

C) 1-d, 2-b, 3-a, 4-c, 5-f, 6-e

B) 1-f, 2-e, 3-b, 4-c, 5-d, 6-a

D) 1-d, 2-b, 3-e, 4-c, 5-f, 6-a

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**5 point questions**

21. There are ..... pairs that read the same in British English:

**wonder – wander**

**peace – piece**

**grate – great**

**stock – stuck**

**fit – feat**

**cure – pure**

**Polish – polish**

**feather – father**

**land – wand**

A) 3

B) 4

C) 5

D) 6

22. I took an umbrella with me .....

A) as long as it rains

C) in case it rains

B) in spite of the rain

D) on condition it rains

23. "Walkover" (W.O.) means:

A) having an important meeting

C) no cars allowed here

B) covering a long distance

D) to win without a contest

24. The hotel is described as having "All Mod Cons".

A) The hotel is modern and well equipped.

C) The hotel is contrary to the expectations.

B) The hotel is modern but unpleasant.

D) The hotel is for young people only.

25. "Passed from hand to hand, rocked and tickled, fed, burped, coaxed, rewarded, exposed to the open air – if the weather was mild – and held up to the weak sunlight for five carefully regulated minutes" is about:

A) a baby

B) a car

C) a career

D) a balloon

26. "If I've said it once, I've said it ....."

A) twice

B) ten times

C) a hundred times

D) enough

