

 Topic: Multiple Meanings

! Instructions: Choose the correct meaning of the word in bold.

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1.

I didn't mean to hurt your feelings.

- A) Cause pain physically
- B) Make someone emotionally upset
- C) Injure yourself
- D) Criticize harshly

 Answer: B

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2.

We had to move house last summer.

- A) Change physical location
- B) Dance
- C) Feel emotional
- D) Start crying

 Answer: A

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3.

That explanation doesn't really hold water.

- A) Carry liquid
- B) Be logical or believable
- C) Have space
- D) Be empty

 Answer: B

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4.

He's tight with money.

- A) Not generous
- B) Physically squeezed
- C) Close to someone emotionally
- D) Painful

Answer: A

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5.

She's very quick with numbers.

- A) Fast in movement
- B) Smart or skilled
- C) Suddenly disappearing
- D) Not careful

Answer: B

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6.

They were charged with theft.

- A) Asked to pay
- B) Given responsibility
- C) Accused legally
- D) Supplied with electricity

Answer: C

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7.

He's a heavy smoker.

- A) Fat person
- B) Frequent
- C) Large in weight
- D) Loud

Answer: B

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8.

The road was clear of traffic.

- A) Transparent
- B) Easy to understand
- C) Empty
- D) Legal

Answer: C

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9.

He's hard to please.

- A) Solid
- B) Difficult
- C) Strong
- D) Unfriendly

Answer: B

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10.

The film was a real hit.

- A) Strike
- B) Success
- C) Accident
- D) Blow

Answer: B

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11.

He's cool under pressure.

- A) Low temperature
- B) Stylish
- C) Calm
- D) Unfriendly

Answer: C

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12.

She made a sharp comment.

- A) With a point
- B) Smart
- C) Sudden
- D) Critical

 Answer: D

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13.

He's very bright in school.

- A) Giving light
- B) Smart
- C) Colorful
- D) Noisy

 Answer: B

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14.

She didn't follow what I said.

- A) Walk behind
- B) Understand
- C) Copy
- D) Obey

 Answer: B

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15.

We have to catch the train.

- A) Stop something in the air
- B) Understand
- C) Get on in time

D) Become ill

Answer: C

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16.

He gave me a hard look.

- A) With difficulty
- B) Intense or unfriendly
- C) Not soft
- D) Careless

Answer: B

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17.

We need to raise money for the trip.

- A) Lift physically
- B) Grow
- C) Collect
- D) Improve

Answer: C

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18.

That was a very dry joke.

- A) Without moisture
- B) Not emotional
- C) Boring or sarcastic
- D) Natural

Answer: C

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19.

They want to book a table.

- A) Read a book

B) Make a reservation

C) Cancel

D) Lend something

Answer: B

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20.

We had a long talk.

A) Physical length

B) Boring

C) Lasting a lot of time

D) Far away

Answer: C

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21.

He has a strong accent.

A) Physically powerful

B) Difficult to understand

C) Noticeable

D) Emotional

Answer: C

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22.

Can you set the table?

A) Put something down

B) Adjust

C) Prepare for a meal

D) Start a fire

Answer: C

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23.

This place has a nice atmosphere.

- A) Air quality
- B) Feeling or mood
- C) Weather
- D) Noise

Answer: B

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24.

She's in a deep sleep.

- A) Far below
- B) Serious
- C) Very sound
- D) Complex

Answer: C

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25.

He left the company last year.

- A) Went away
- B) Gave responsibility
- C) Allowed
- D) Took something

Answer: A

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26.

We were blown away by the performance.

- A) Moved by wind
- B) Extremely impressed
- C) Surprised
- D) Killed

Answer: B

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27.

He's always on time.

- A) Punctual
- B) Early
- C) Occasionally
- D) Working

 Answer: A

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28.

He's very open about his past.

- A) Not closed
- B) Honest and willing to share
- C) Unlocked
- D) Public

 Answer: B

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29.

The room was very light.

- A) Bright
- B) Not heavy
- C) Not serious
- D) Unimportant

 Answer: A

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30.

She ran into her old friend at the café.

- A) Crashed
- B) Met by chance
- C) Argued with
- D) Helped

 Answer: B