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1.

Use an antonym of the bold faced word to fill in the blank.

A pauper is someone that is very *poor*, and a king is usually very \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. poor
  - B. kind
  - C. smart
  - D. wealthy
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2.

Kenye just won the talent contest. He was *on top of the world*.

What does *on top of the world* mean in this sentence?

- A. to sing
  - B. to remember
  - C. to feel really good
  - D. to stand on a mountain
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3.

Parker's mom purchased some pants that were too small for him. She bought the \_\_\_\_\_ size.

Which of these words would BEST complete this sentence?

- A. correct
  - B. incorrect
  - C. correctly
  - D. correcting
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4.

Tony has a test on multiplication tomorrow. His mom told him to \_\_\_\_\_ his math facts.

Which of these words would best complete this sentence?

- A. relive
  - B. restart
  - C. review
  - D. request
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5.

Khari's dad told him *not to let the cat out of the bag* about mom's surprise birthday party.

What did dad want Khari to do?

- A. tell mom
  - B. buy the cake
  - C. keep it a secret
  - D. light the candles
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6.

Devon's family was going to the baseball game in three hours. He asked his mom again and again what time they were leaving. She told him that he was being *impatient*.

Which of these explains the meaning of *impatient*?

- A. waiting
  - B. not ready
  - C. not patient
  - D. more patient
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7.

fly (noun) 1. a winged insect 2. a fishing lure 3. a zipper on pants (verb) 4. to move through the air

Which number definition best fits the meaning of fly in this sentence?

Steve and his dad placed a *fly* on the end of the rod and cast the line into the pond.

- A. 1
  - B. 2
  - C. 3
  - D. 4
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8.

Many years ago, people would use a *quill* instead of a pen or pencil to write things.

Which of these would be the BEST meaning for *quill* in this sentence?

- A. an eraser
  - B. a writing device
  - C. a piece of paper
  - D. an erasable magic marker
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9.

The runners stayed on the \_\_\_\_\_ during the race.  
The detective was trying to \_\_\_\_\_ down the criminal.

Which of these words would fit correctly in BOTH sentences?

- A. dirt
  - B. grass
  - C. field
  - D. track
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10.

Quinten had to study for his geometry test because he know it would be *tough*.

Which word is the antonym of the word *tough* as it is used in this sentence?

- A. hard
  - B. fast
  - C. easy
  - D. difficult
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11.

Grandmother asked Maria to be careful with the glass doll because it is \_\_\_\_\_.

Which of the these words would best fill in the blank?

- A. pretty
  - B. breaks
  - C. careless
  - D. breakable
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12.

Carlos enjoyed the *melodious* sounds of the chirping birds so much that he smiled.

Which of the following is the best definition of *melodious*?

- A. annoying
  - B. never ending
  - C. loud and scratchy
  - D. pleasing to the ears
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### My First Classical Concert

Last summer my parents took me to see an orchestra that performed in the park by our house. I was not looking forward to going. I did not think I would like the classical music the orchestra was going to play, but my parents thought the concert would be a good experience for me.

We got to the park early. My mom had packed a picnic, and we sat on a blanket to eat our dinner. There were lots of other families there. I saw people with babies, kids my age, parents, and even grandparents. I was surprised by how many different kinds of people were waiting to hear this concert. I was expecting to see only adults.

After dinner, we talked with another family sitting near us. They had a daughter about my age. She told me that she had been coming to enjoy concerts here since she was very little. I still was not convinced that this was something I would like, but I was getting pretty interested.

Just before dark, the lights around the stage came on. The orchestra members were holding their instruments. Before they started to play, my dad told me he had a secret way of listening to the music. He told me to close my eyes and use the music to make a picture in my head. He said that listening to how fast or slow, loud or soft the music was, would help me know what kind of picture to imagine. So I closed my eyes and waited.

He was right! As I listened to the first few songs, my head was filled with pictures of summer days and flowers. One song made me imagine rain and thunderstorms, and another showed me pictures of birds flying over tall trees. I was really getting the hang of imagining when my dad tapped my shoulder and told me to open my eyes. He said that the last song needed to be enjoyed with my eyes open.

The orchestra then played a patriotic song. Behind the band stage, fireworks exploded to the beat of the music. What an amazing sight! When the concert was over, I finally understood why people of all ages were there to hear the music. I will never forget my first classical concert in the park.

13. Why were there different kinds of people at the concert?

- A. The orchestra played patriotic songs.
  - B. Classical music appeals to people of all ages.
  - C. People did not know who was performing.
  - D. Families liked to have a picnic in the park.
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14. Which context clue in the first paragraph of the passage helps you understand the meaning of *classical*?

- A. during the summer
  - B. performed in a park
  - C. played by an orchestra
  - D. could be a good experience
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### **Basil, the Elephant Seal**

*Elephant seals are very large seals. The males have long noses that hang down, a little like elephant trunks. Read about a young elephant seal, and then answer the questions that follow.*

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Scientists study the seals on Elephant Seal Island. To make their job easier, they give each seal a name. They mark each with its name.

One day a baby seal, or pup, was born to a seal named Rita. The scientists named the pup Basil. Basil was already big when he was born. He weighed about fifty pounds. He snuggled against his mother. He began to nurse, hungrily sucking his mother's milk.

Every day, Basil gained ten pounds. When he was three weeks old, he weighed 250 pounds. When he was four weeks old, he weighed almost 350 pounds!

Rita was getting thinner. She could not go into the ocean to catch squid and fish to eat. She had to stay and feed Basil. One morning when Basil was still asleep, Rita went down to the ocean. She swam away from the island. Other mother elephant seals were leaving, too. Soon, only the pups occupied the island.

The pups, called weaners because they no longer nursed from their mothers, were alone. They had nothing to eat. Basil was only one month old.

Every morning, the weaners went down to the ocean. Basil went with them. As the days passed, some of the weaners became bold. Bravely, they went into the water. Basil grew bold, too, and stuck his head in the water. He went deeper into the water and began to float.

All around Basil, other weaners were going into the water. They were floating, swimming, and diving! All by themselves they were learning how to move through the water.

When Basil was two months old, he swam slowly away from the island. The weaners were leaving to find fish to fill their empty bellies. One by one, they swam away.

15. How old was Basil when his mother left?

- A. ten days
  - B. three weeks
  - C. one month
  - D. four months
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16. The word that means the OPPOSITE of *easier* is

- A. simpler.
  - B. harder.
  - C. longer.
  - D. last.
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17. How much did Basil weigh when he was a month old?

- A. 10 pounds
- B. 50 pounds
- C. 250 pounds
- D. 350 pounds

18. Why did the weaners leave Elephant Seal Island?

- A. They wanted to find their mothers.
  - B. They wanted to eat.
  - C. They wanted to swim and dive in the ocean.
  - D. They wanted to find a new island.
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19. What happened first in this story?

- A. The weaners grew bold.
  - B. Basil left to hunt for fish and squid.
  - C. Mother elephant seals left the island.
  - D. The weaners learned how to dive and swim.
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### Fishing Fun

"Beep! Beep! Beep!" roared the alarm clock. Juanita turned the alarm off and looked at the clock. She closed her eyes and wondered why she had to wake up at 4:00 A.M. to go fishing. "Juanita! Wake up!"

Juanita rolled out of bed quickly and got dressed. As she and Uncle Jack walked out the door, Juanita's mom handed her two bags. "One is for breakfast, the other is for lunch," she said and kissed her on the cheek.

In the truck Juanita asked Uncle Jack a million questions. "What kind of fish will we catch? When will we be at the lake? What will we use to catch the fish?" Because it was Juanita's first fishing trip, Uncle Jack calmly answered each question.

Finally, they arrived at Lake West Point and put on their lifejackets. As they got in the boat, Uncle Jack gave Juanita her first fishing job—untying the boat from the dock. She put one foot up on the edge of the boat. Plop! Into the water went one of the bags. "Oh no! Our lunch is gone!" Juanita cried.

But she soon forgot about the lost lunch. Uncle Jack found the perfect fishing spot. He showed Juanita how to bait the hook and throw the line into the water. Faster than you can say "catfish," Uncle Jack caught a fish. "You will get your turn," said Uncle Jack.

A strong wind began to blow. "Uncle Jack, do you think it is going to..." Juanita's question was interrupted by a tug on her line. She had caught a fish! She could not wait to compare her fish to Uncle Jack's fish.

Imagine her surprise when her hard work only brought up plants from the lake!

"Fishing is fun," Uncle Jack said with a wink of his eye.

Before Juanita could answer, the sky opened and hard rain fell.

"So, Uncle Jack," Juanita asked, "is fishing always this much fun?" Uncle Jack laughed as he handed Juanita a raincoat.

20. Which statement is probably true about how people all over the world catch fish?

- A. They use the same type of fishing bait as Juanita.
  - B. They stop fishing when it starts to rain.
  - C. They get up at the same time to catch fish.
  - D. They use some type of pole or tool to catch fish.
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21. What is the meaning of the prefix in the underlined word?

untying the boat from the dock

A. opposite of

B. again

C. after

D. for

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22. What did Juanita's mom do that showed she cared for her daughter?

A. She gave her food for breakfast and lunch.

B. She reminded her to wear a lifejacket.

C. She made sure she had a raincoat.

D. She gave her a fishing pole to use.

**Answer Key**

1. D) wealthy
2. C) to feel really good
3. B) incorrect
4. C) review
5. C) keep it a secret
6. C) not patient
7. B) 2
8. B) a writing device
9. D) track
10. C) easy
11. D) breakable
12. D) pleasing to the ears
13. B) Classical music appeals to people of all ages.
14. C) played by an orchestra
15. C) one month
16. B) harder.
17. D) 350 pounds
18. B) They wanted to eat.
19. C) Mother elephant seals left the island.
20. D) They use some type of pole or tool to catch fish.
21. A) opposite of
22. A) She gave her food for breakfast and lunch.