

## Vocabulary Size Test: Version A

1. see: They <saw it>.
  - a closed it tightly
  - b waited for it
  - c looked at it
  - d started it up
2. time: They have a lot of <time>.
  - a money
  - b food
  - c hours
  - d friends
3. period: It was a difficult <period>.
  - a question
  - b time
  - c thing to do
  - d book
4. figure: Is this the right <figure>?
  - a answer
  - b place
  - c time
  - d number
5. poor: We <are poor>.
  - a have no money
  - b feel happy
  - c are very interested
  - d do not like to work hard
6. microphone: Please use the <microphone>.
  - a machine for making food hot
  - b machine that makes sounds louder
  - c machine that makes things look bigger
  - d small telephone that can be carried around
7. nil: His mark for that question was <nil>.
  - a very bad
  - b nothing
  - c very good
  - d in the middle
8. pub: They went to the <pub>.
  - a place where people drink and talk
  - b place that looks after money
  - c large building with many shops
  - d building for swimming
9. circle: Make a <circle>.
  - a rough picture
  - b space with nothing in it
  - c round shape
  - d large hole
10. dig: Our dog often <digs>.
  - a solves problems with things
  - b creates a hole in the ground
  - c wants to sleep
  - d enters the water
11. soldier: He is a <soldier>.
  - a person in a business
  - b person who studies
  - c person who uses metal
  - d person in the army
12. restore: It has been <restored>.

- a said again
  - b given to a different person
  - c made like new again
  - d given a lower price
13. pro: He's <a pro>.
- a someone who is employed to find out important secrets
  - b a stupid person
  - c someone who writes for a newspaper
  - d someone who is paid for playing sport
14. compound: They made a new <compound>.
- a agreement
  - b thing made of two or more parts
  - c group of people forming a business
  - d guess based on past experience
15. deficit: The company <had a large deficit>.
- a spent a lot more money than it earned
  - b went down a lot in value
  - c had a plan for its spending that used a lot of money
  - d had a lot of money stored in the bank
16. strap: He broke the <strap>.
- a promise
  - b top cover
  - c shallow dish for food
  - d strip of strong material
17. weep: He <wept>.
- a finished his course
  - b cried
  - c died
  - d worried
18. haunt: The house is <haunted>.
- a full of decorations
  - b rented
  - c empty
  - d full of ghosts
19. cube: I need one more <cube>.
- a sharp thing used for joining things
  - b solid square block
  - c tall cup with no saucer
  - d piece of stiff paper folded in half
20. butler: They have a <butler>.
- a man servant
  - b machine for cutting up trees
  - c private teacher
  - d cool dark room under the house
21. nun: We saw a <nun>.
- a long thin creature that lives in the earth
  - b terrible accident
  - c woman following a strict religious life
  - d unexplained bright light in the sky
22. olive: We bought <olives>.
- a oily fruit
  - b scented flowers
  - c men's swimming clothes
  - d tools for digging
23. shudder: The boy <shuddered>.
- a spoke with a low voice
  - b almost fell
  - c shook

- d called out loudly
24. threshold: They raised the <threshold>.
- a flag
  - b point or line where something changes
  - c roof inside a building
  - d cost of borrowing money
25. demography: This book is about <demography>.
- a the study of patterns of land use
  - b the study of the use of pictures to show facts about numbers
  - c the study of the movement of water
  - d the study of population
26. malign: His <malign> influence is still felt.
- a good
  - b evil
  - c very important
  - d secret
27. strangle: He <strangled her>.
- a killed her by pressing her throat
  - b gave her all the things she wanted
  - c took her away by force
  - d admired her greatly
28. dinosaur: The children were pretending to be <dinosaurs>.
- a robbers who work at sea
  - b very small creatures with human form but with wings
  - c large creatures with wings that breathe fire
  - d animals that lived an extremely long time ago
29. jug: He was holding <a jug>.
- a a container for pouring liquids
  - b an informal discussion
  - c a soft cap
  - d a weapon that blows up
30. crab: Do you like <crabs>?
- a very thin small cakes
  - b tight, hard collars
  - c sea creatures that always walk to one side
  - d large black insects that sing at night
31. quilt: They made a <quilt>.
- a statement about who should get their property when they die
  - b firm agreement
  - c thick warm cover for a bed
  - d feather pen
32. tummy: Look at my <tummy>.
- a fabric to cover the head
  - b stomach
  - c small soft animal
  - d finger used for gripping
33. eclipse: <There was an eclipse>.
- a A strong wind blew all day
  - b I heard something hit the water
  - c A large number of people were killed
  - d The sun was hidden by the moon
34. excrete: This was <excreted> recently.
- a pushed or sent out
  - b made clear
  - c discovered by a science experiment
  - d put on a list of illegal things
35. ubiquitous: Many unwanted plants <are ubiquitous>.
- a are difficult to get rid of

- b have long, strong roots
  - c are found everywhere
  - d die away in the winter
36. marrow: This is <the marrow>.
- a symbol that brings good luck to a team
  - b soft centre of a bone
  - c control for guiding a plane
  - d increase in salary
37. cabaret: We saw the <cabaret>.
- a painting covering a whole wall
  - b song and dance performance
  - c small crawling creature
  - d person who is half fish, half woman
38. cavalier: He treated her <in a cavalier manner>.
- a without care
  - b with good manners
  - c awkwardly
  - d as a brother would
39. veer: The car <veered>.
- a moved shakily
  - b changed course
  - c made a very loud noise
  - d slid without the wheels turning
40. yoghurt: This <yoghurt> is disgusting.
- a dark grey mud found at the bottom of rivers
  - b unhealthy, open sore
  - c thick, soured milk, often with sugar and flavouring
  - d large purple fruit with soft flesh
41. octopus: They saw <an octopus>.
- a a large bird that hunts at night
  - b a ship that can go under water
  - c a machine that flies by means of turning blades
  - d a sea creature with eight legs
42. monologue: Now he has a <monologue>.
- a single piece of glass to hold over his eye to help him to see
  - b long turn at talking without being interrupted
  - c position with all the power
  - d picture made by joining letters together in interesting ways
43. candid: Please <be candid>.
- a be careful
  - b show sympathy
  - c show fairness to both sides
  - d say what you really think
44. nozzle: Aim the <nozzle> toward it.
- a space that light passes through in a camera
  - b dry patch of skin
  - c pipe attachment that forces water
  - d sharp part of a fork
45. psychosis: He has <a psychosis>.
- a an inability to move
  - b an oddly coloured patch of skin
  - c a body organ that processes sugar
  - d a mental illness
46. ruck: He got hurt in the <ruck>.
- a region between the stomach and the top of the leg
  - b noisy street fight
  - c group of players gathered round the ball in some ball games

- d race across a field of snow
47. rouble: He had a lot of <roubles>.
- a very valuable red stones
  - b distant members of his family
  - c Russian money
  - d moral or other difficulties in the mind
48. canonical: These are <canonical examples>.
- a examples which break the usual rules
  - b examples taken from a religious book
  - c regular and widely accepted examples
  - d examples discovered very recently
49. puree: This <puree> is bright green.
- a fruit or vegetables in liquid form
  - b dress worn by women in India
  - c skin of a fruit
  - d very thin material for evening dresses
50. vial: Put it in a <vial>.
- a device which stores electricity
  - b country residence
  - c dramatic scene
  - d small glass bottle
51. counterclaim: They made <a counterclaim>.
- a a demand response made by one side in a law case
  - b a request for a shop to take back things with faults
  - c an agreement between two companies to exchange work
  - d a decorative cover for a bed, which is always on top
52. refectory: We met in the <refectory>.
- a room for eating
  - b office where legal papers can be signed
  - c room for several people to sleep in
  - d room with glass walls for growing plants
53. trill: He practised the <trill>.
- a repeated high musical sound
  - b type of stringed instrument
  - c way of throwing the ball
  - d dance step of turning round very fast on the toes
54. talon: Just look at those <talons>!
- a high points of mountains
  - b sharp hooks on the feet of a hunting bird
  - c heavy metal coats to protect against weapons
  - d people who make fools of themselves without realizing it
55. plankton: We saw a lot of <plankton> here.
- a poisonous plants that spread very quickly
  - b very small plants or animals found in water
  - c trees producing hard wood
  - d grey soil that often causes land to slip
56. soliloquy: That was an excellent <soliloquy>!
- a song for six people
  - b short clever saying with a deep meaning
  - c entertainment using lights and music
  - d speech in the theatre by a character who is alone
57. puma: They saw a <puma>.
- a small house made of mud bricks
  - b tree from hot, dry countries
  - c large wild cat
  - d very strong wind that lifts anything in its path
58. augur: It <augured well>.
- a promised good things for the future

- b agreed with what was expected
  - c had a colour that looked good with something else
  - d rang with a clear, beautiful sound
59. emir: We saw the <emir>.
- a bird with two long curved tail feathers
  - b woman who cares for other people's children in eastern countries
  - c Middle Eastern chief with power in his own land
  - d house made from blocks of ice
60. didactic: The story <is very didactic>.
- a tries hard to teach something
  - b is very difficult to believe
  - c deals with exciting actions
  - d is written with unclear meaning
61. cranny: Look what we found in the <cranny>!
- a sale of unwanted objects
  - b narrow opening
  - c space for storing things under the roof of a house
  - d large wooden box
62. lectern: He stood at the <lectern>.
- a desk made to hold a book at a good height for reading
  - b table or block used for church ceremonies
  - c place where you buy drinks
  - d very edge
63. azalea: This <azalea> is very pretty.
- a small tree with many flowers growing in groups
  - b light natural fabric
  - c long piece of material worn in India
  - d sea shell shaped like a fan
64. marsupial: It is <a marsupial>.
- a an animal with hard feet
  - b a plant that takes several years to grow
  - c a plant with flowers that turn to face the sun
  - d an animal with a pocket for babies
65. bawdy: It was very <bawdy>.
- a unpredictable
  - b innocent
  - c rushed
  - d indecent
66. crowbar: He used a <crowbar>.
- a heavy iron pole with a curved end
  - b false name
  - c sharp tool for making holes in leather
  - d light metal walking stick
67. spangled: Her dress was <spangled>.
- a torn into thin strips
  - b covered with small bright decorations
  - c made with lots of folds of fabric
  - d ruined by touching something very hot
68. aver: She <averred> that it was the truth.
- a refused to agree
  - b declared
  - c believed
  - d warned
69. retro: It had <a retro look>.
- a a very fashionable look
  - b the look of a piece of modern art
  - c the look of something which has been used a lot before
  - d the look of something from an earlier time

70. rascal: She is such <a rascal> sometimes.  
a an unbeliever  
b a dedicated student  
c a hard worker  
d a bad girl
71. tweezers: They used <tweezers>.  
a small pieces of metal for holding papers together  
b small pieces of string for closing wounds  
c a tool with two blades for picking up or holding small objects  
d strong tool for cutting plants
72. bidet: They have a <bidet>.  
a low basin for washing the body after using the toilet  
b large fierce brown dog  
c small private swimming pool  
d man to help in the house
73. sloop: Whose <sloop> is that?  
a warm hat  
b light sailing boat  
c left over food  
d untidy work
74. swingeing: They got <swingeing fines>.  
a very large fines  
b very small fines  
c fines paid in small amounts at a time  
d fines that vary depending on income
75. cenotaph: We met at the <cenotaph>.  
a large and important church  
b public square in the centre of a town  
c memorial for people buried somewhere else  
d underground train station
76. denouement: I was disappointed with the <denouement>  
a ending of a story which solves the mystery  
b amount of money paid for a piece of work  
c small place to live which is part of a bigger building  
d official report of the results of a political meeting
77. bittern: She saw a <bittern>.  
a large bottle for storing liquid  
b small green grass snake  
c false picture caused by hot air  
d water bird with long legs and a very loud call
78. reconnoitre: They have gone to <reconnoitre>.  
a think again  
b make an examination of a new place  
c have a good time to mark a happy event  
d complain formally
79. magnanimity: We will never forget her <magnanimity>.  
a very offensive and unfriendly manners  
b courage in times of trouble  
c generosity  
d completely sincere words
80. effete: He has become <effete>.  
a weak and soft  
b too fond of strong drink  
c unable to leave his bed  
d extremely easy to annoy
81. rollick: They were <rollicking>.  
a driving very fast

- b staying away from school without being permitted to  
 c having fun in a noisy and spirited way  
 d sliding on snow using round boards
82. gobbet: The cat left a <gobbet> behind.  
 a strip of torn material  
 b footprint  
 c piece of solid waste from the body  
 d lump of food returned from the stomach
83. rigmarole: I hate the <rigmarole>.  
 a very fast and difficult dance for eight people  
 b funny character in the theatre  
 c form which must be completed each year for tax purposes  
 d long, pointless and complicated set of actions
84. alimony: The article was about <alimony>.  
 a feelings of bitterness and annoyance, expressed sharply  
 b money for the care of children, paid regularly after a divorce  
 c giving praise for excellent ideas  
 d a metal which breaks easily and is bluish white
85. roughshod: He <rode roughshod>.  
 a travelled without good preparation  
 b made lots of mistakes  
 c did not consider other people's feelings  
 d did not care about his own comfort
86. copra: They supply <copra>.  
 a a highly poisonous substance used to kill unwanted plants  
 b the dried meat from a large nut used to make oil  
 c an illegal substance which makes people feel good for a short time  
 d strong rope used on sailing ships
87. bier: She lay on the <bier>.  
 a folding garden chair  
 b grass next to a river  
 c place where boats can be tied up  
 d board on which a dead body is carried
88. torpid: He was <in a torpid state>.  
 a undecided  
 b filled with very strong feelings  
 c confused and anxious  
 d slow and sleepy
89. dachshund: She loves her <dachshund>.  
 a warm fur hat  
 b thick floor rug with special patterns  
 c small dog with short legs and a long back  
 d old musical instrument with twelve strings
90. cadenza: What did you think of the <cadenza>?  
 a cake topped with cream and fruit  
 b large box hanging from a wire that carries people up a mountain  
 c slow formal dance from Italy  
 d passage in a piece of music that shows the player's great skill
91. obtrude: These thoughts <obtruded themselves>.  
 a got themselves lost or forgotten  
 b did not agree with each other  
 c got mixed up with each other  
 d pushed themselves forward in the mind
92. panzer: They saw the <panzers> getting nearer.  
 a players in a marching band  
 b fighter planes  
 c large, slow windowless army cars  
 d policewomen

93. cyborg: She read about <a cyborg>.
- a an integrated human-machine system
  - b a musical instrument with forty strings
  - c a small, newly invented object
  - d a warm wind in winter
94. zygote: It is <a zygote>.
- a an early phase of sexual reproduction
  - b a lot of bother over nothing
  - c a small animal found in southern Africa
  - d a gun used to launch rockets
95. sylvan: The painting had a <sylvan> theme.
- a lost love
  - b wandering
  - c forest
  - d casual folk
96. sagacious: She had many ideas that were <sagacious>.
- a instinctively clever
  - b ridiculous and wild
  - c about abusing people and being abused
  - d rebellious and dividing
97. spatiotemporal: My theory is <spatiotemporal>.
- a focussed on small details
  - b annoying to people
  - c objectionably modern
  - d oriented to time and space
98. casuist: Don't <play the casuist> with me!
- a focus only on self-pleasure
  - b act like a tough guy
  - c make judgments about my conduct of duty
  - d be stupid
99. cyberpunk: I like <cyberpunk>.
- a medicine that does not use drugs
  - b one variety of science fiction
  - c the art and science of eating
  - d a society ruled by technical experts
100. pussyfoot: Let's not <pussyfoot around>.
- a criticise unreasonably
  - b take care to avoid confrontation
  - c attack indirectly
  - d suddenly start