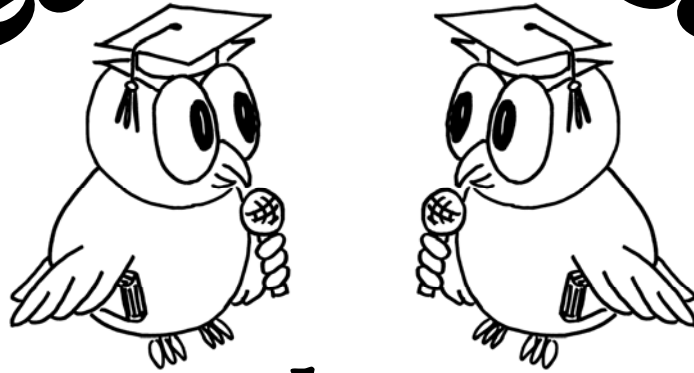


Head to Head



Let's Go!

Language Arts

Practice Test

- 1 Article, theme, thesis, and exposition are synonyms for:
 - A. Dictionary
 - B. Score
 - C. Essay
 - D. Shareware

- 2 “An indirect or subtle, usually derogatory implication in expression” is the definition of:
 - A. Oxymoron
 - B. Aphorism
 - C. Allegoary
 - D. Innuendo

- 3 Which of the following is spelled correctly?
 - A. Firey
 - B. Fiery
 - C. Fierey
 - D. Firiey

- 4 Which of the following is NOT a noun?
 - A. Was
 - B. Idea
 - C. December
 - D. Money

- 5 If you are conducting research and want information created at the actual time being studied, you would consult:
 - A. Encyclopedias
 - B. Periodicals
 - C. Primary sources
 - D. Secondary sources

- 6 Which sentence is punctuated correctly?
 - A. I want to visit Dallas, Texas, St. Louis, Missouri, and Atlanta, Georgia.
 - B. I want to visit Dallas Texas, St. Louis Missouri, and Atlanta, Georgia.
 - C. I want to visit Dallas Texas, St. Louis Missouri, and Atlanta Georgia.
 - D. I want to visit Dallas, Texas; St. Louis, Missouri; and Atlanta Georgia.

- 7 Who wrote *Sign of the Beaver*?
- A. Rudyard Kipling
 - B. Jack London
 - C. Elizabeth George Speare
 - D. Karen Hesse
- 8 Which of the following completes the sentence correctly? By the time he gets home, we _____ our dinner
- A. Finished
 - B. Will finish
 - C. Were finished
 - D. Will have finished
- 9 Linguistic expressions are either literal or:
- A. Figurative
 - B. Expressive
 - C. Ambivalent
 - D. Intrinsic
- 10 The word “poetry” comes from the Greek word “*poises*” which means:
- A. Rhyming
 - B. Melody
 - C. Verse
 - D. Creating
- 11 If you call a dogcatcher a “canine relocation specialist,” you are using a(n):
- A. Euphemism
 - B. Parable
 - C. Simile
 - D. Pun
- 12 Which of the following contains an adjective?
- A. Smiling cheerfully
 - B. Very happy
 - C. Piece of cheese
 - D. The fire spread.

- 13 Which of the following is an example of onomatopoeia?
- A. See the beautiful, big, blue ball.
 - B. Hear the tick-tock of the clock.
 - C. I've been waiting here for a million years.
 - D. I want to order the jumbo shrimp.
- 14 The fictional Tom Sawyer grew up on which American river?
- A. Colorado
 - B. Ohio
 - C. Missouri
 - D. Mississippi
- 15 Which of the following is an antonym for "ashy"?
- A. Vibrant
 - B. Dull
 - C. Waxen
 - D. Wan
- 16 A literary work that mocks something the author considers ridiculous is a(n):
- A. Juxtaposition
 - B. Satire
 - C. Paradigm
 - D. Epiphany
- 17 If you earn the money in the family, you are:
- A. Passing the buck
 - B. Paying through the nose
 - C. Putting in your two cents
 - D. Bringing home the bacon
- 18 "The use of words to convey a meaning that is the opposite of their literal meaning" is the definition of:
- A. Paradox
 - B. Allusion
 - C. Irony
 - D. Rhetoric

- 19 Iambic pentameter and dactylic hexameter are types of _____ in poetry.
- A. Rhyming schemes
 - B. Meters
 - C. Stanzas
 - D. Haikus
- 20 Choose the correct option to finish the sentence correctly. She needed to _____ the pizza to six people.
- A. A lot
 - B. Alot
 - C. Allot
 - D. Alott
- 21 Christopher Paolini was the young author of this fictional work.
- A. Eragon
 - B. The Golden Compass
 - C. Dragonsong
 - D. The Merlin Effect
- 22 Which of the following is NOT a major form of literature?
- A. Tragedy
 - B. Romance
 - C. Drama
 - D. Banquette
- 23 Which of the following completes the sentence correctly? Despite _____ hard, he failed the exam.
- A. Studying
 - B. Had studied
 - C. He studied
 - D. Study
- 24 If an author drops subtle hints about plot developments to come later in the story, he is said to be using this literary technique.
- A. Alliteration
 - B. Parody
 - C. Foreshadowing
 - D. Poetic justice

- 25 Which conjunction best fits the sentence: I'm so hungry _____ I don't want to eat.
- A. After
 - B. Or
 - C. But
 - D. So
- 26 "Mellow wedding bells" is an example of:
- A. Metaphor
 - B. Alliteration
 - C. Simile
 - D. Assonance
- 27 If a person is inflexible, he or she sees things:
- A. In black and white
 - B. In the red
 - C. Once in blue moon
 - D. With flying colors
- 28 Each book in a library has a specific number called a _____ number.
- A. Code
 - B. Pull
 - C. Call
 - D. Shelf
- 29 Which sentence is punctuated correctly?
- A. My sister, who is a cheerleader is going to the game tonight.
 - B. My sister, who is a cheerleader, is going to the game tonight.
 - C. My sister who is a cheerleader, is going to the game tonight.
 - D. My sister who is a cheerleader is going to the game tonight.
- 30 Which of the following is NOT a work by Charles Dickens?
- A. Great Expectations
 - B. Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde
 - C. Oliver Twist
 - D. A Christmas Carol

- 31 Which of the following is spelled correctly?
- A. Acceptible
 - B. Accepteble
 - C. Acceptuble
 - D. Acceptable
- 32 In which sentence is the apostrophe in the correct place?
- A. The kittens' coats were covered with snowflakes.
 - B. The kittens coats were covered with snowflake's.
 - C. The kittens coat's were covered with snowflakes.
 - D. The kitten's coats were covered with snowflakes.
- 33 A bibliography is a(n):
- A. Library
 - B. List of information sources
 - C. Encyclopedia
 - D. Table of contents
- 34 This is the term used to indicate the ordinary form of written and spoken language.
- A. Prose
 - B. Verse
 - C. Epic
 - D. Legend
- 35 Which of the following completes the sentence correctly? The test was _____ difficult, she had trouble finishing it in time.
- A. As
 - B. Such
 - C. So
 - D. A
- 36 J. M. Barrie wrote about this boy who wouldn't grow up.
- A. Mowgli
 - B. Christopher Robin
 - C. Peter Pan
 - D. Huckleberry Finn

- 37 If something is done “ex post facto,” it is done:
- A. In a hurry
 - B. After the fact
 - C. Under duress
 - D. With great precision
- 38 Which of the following correctly completes this sentence? These are the things you need to _____ pencils, paper, a binder, and an eraser.
- A. buy
 - B. buy,
 - C. buy:
 - D. buy;
- 39 Which of the following uses of an article is NOT correct?
- A. An article
 - B. An object
 - C. An adjective
 - D. An noun
- 40 What was the name of Sherlock Holmes’ friend and biographer?
- A. Lord Darcy
 - B. Inspector Clouseau
 - C. Captain McBride
 - D. Dr. Watson
- 41 Which of the following is spelled correctly?
- A. Category
 - B. Catagory
 - C. Catigory
 - D. Catugory
- 42 This novel is about a shipwrecked family.
- A. Gone With the Wind
 - B. Swiss Family Robinson
 - C. Diary of Anne Frank
 - D. Treasure Island

- 43 Which of the following completes the sentence correctly? What is that book _____.
- A. On
 - B. About
 - C. To
 - D. By
- 44 Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Walt Whitman, and Robert Frost are famous:
- A. Biographers
 - B. Novelists
 - C. Poets
 - D. Playwrights
- 45 If an author uses a “nom de plume,” he is using:
- A. A false name
 - B. A self-fulfilling prophecy
 - C. A plot twist
 - D. Exposition
- 46 Which of the following is a synonym for “gradual”?
- A. Reclusive
 - B. Ebullient
 - C. Vague
 - D. Piecemeal
- 47 “All the world’s a stage” is an example of:
- A. Metaphor
 - B. Repetition
 - C. Flashback
 - D. Parallelism
- 48 “Full stop” is another term for a _____.
- A. Semi-colon
 - B. Period
 - C. Comma
 - D. Colon

- 49 What kind of word can an adverb describe?
- A. Adjective
 - B. Article
 - C. Pronoun
 - D. Conjunction
- 50 If you are very cold, you might say you are chilled:
- A. Skin deep
 - B. To the bone
 - C. Neck and neck
 - D. In the flesh

Congratulations!

Thanks for sharpening your
Language Arts skills.

Good luck in competition!

Language Arts Answer Key

Practice Test

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