**25. WORDS: A MIXED BAG**

1. **Match the idioms with their meanings:**

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| **Idioms** | **Meanings** |
| 1. at the drop of a hat | **e.** instantly |
| 1. far cry from | **f.** very different from |
| 1. hit the sack | **g.** go to bed |
| 1. hear it on the grapevine | **c.** to hear rumours about someone |
| 1. barking up the wrong tree | **a.** looking in the wrong place |
| 1. last straw | **d.** final problem |
| 1. best of both worlds | **b.** have all the advantages |

1. **Fill in the blanks with suitable idioms:**
   1. Wait for the results of the lottery before planning what you will do with the money.

**Don’t count your chickens before they are hatched.**

* 1. Rajat **has heard it on the grapevine** that his company was going to set up two new offices in another city.
  2. Tina has been **burning the midnight oil** to complete the syllabus before her exams.
  3. Despite a previous complaint, the manager decided to give the employee **the benefit of the doubt**.
  4. I was not given a part in the play; then **adding insult to injury**, I was asked to train the other actors auditioning for the role!
  5. Don’t **judge a book by its cover**. He may not be smartly dressed, but he is one of the greatest scientists in the country.

1. **Match the phrasal verbs in Column-A with their meanings in Column-B:**

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| **Phrasal Verbs** | **Meanings** |
| 1. look forward | **c.** think happily about something that is about to happen |
| 1. look for | **a.** search |
| 1. look after | **e.** take care of |
| 1. look into | **b.** investigate |
| 1. look down upon | **d.** treat with disrespect |
| 1. get along (with) | **i.** to work well with |
| 1. get back at (someone) | **j.** get revenge on someone |
| 1. get by | **f.** to manage to survive |
| 1. get over | **h.** to recover from (illness, disappointment) |
| **10.** get out of | **g.** to avoid doing something |

1. **Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions:**

Sunil was cross **with** Sunitha because she broke his mobile phone. She is never happy **with** what she has, he thought. That’s why she took his things. Sunitha knew that her brother was annoyed **with** her. She wanted to apologize **for** her misdeeds and was anxious **to** make Sunil smile again. She appealed **to** her father **for** help. Her father was upset **with** her carelessness. She apologized **for** her mistake and asked if she could borrow some money **from** him. Without Sunil’s knowledge, Sunitha took his phone and got it repaired. When Sunil saw the repaired phone, he was very happy.

1. **Fill in the blanks with the correct words:**
   1. Option ‘c’ is the **right** answer for this question.
   2. I would like some **plain** water.
   3. She’s in her **fourth** year of college.
   4. Tea and biscuits **complement** each other.
   5. I’m worried that there might be **lead** in our water supply.
   6. I was offered a **piece** of cake.
   7. I hope I don’t **bore** you with my tale.
   8. If you want to become a professional pianist, you must **practise** very hard.
   9. This crime novel is about a **serial** killer.
   10. You need 200 grams of **flour** to make the cake.

**12.** There is **peace** and harmony in the kingdom.

**13.** May his **soul** rest in peace.

**14.** They booked a special **suite** for the President.

1. **Choose the meaning of the correct homonym for each pair:**
   1. The dog’s loud bark woke up. – **a.** **the sound a dog makes.**

The bark of some trees have medicinal properties. – **b.** **outer covering of a tree.**

* 1. You should read the newspaper regularly to be-to-date with current affairs. – **b.** **happening now**

Don’t step into the water. The river’s current is very swift. – **a.** **movement of water in a sea or river.**

* 1. I bought this scarf in London. It cost me 10. – **a.** **the unit of money in the UK.**

The pounding of the rain on the tin roof kept the children awake. – **b.** **hit something or someone hard.**

* 1. Every evening, the forest was filled with the noise of crickets chirping. – **b.** **an insect**

Cricket is said to be a gentleman’s game. – **a.** **a game played with a bat and ball and eleven players.**

* 1. This spring, I will attend an aeronautics camp. – **a.** **the season between winter and summer.**

The children spring to their feet when they see the ice cream man. – **b.** **jump up**.

1. **Rewrite the sentences with the synonyms of the underlined words:**

**untrue response prepared lost smart feeble shut lean anxious risky**

* 1. Shraddha is **smart** for her age.
  2. Playing with fire is **risky**.
  3. Don’t think that Jordan is **feeble**. He just looks so.
  4. Though Tanvi is **lean**, she is strong.
  5. I was **anxious** when I went on stage for the first time.
  6. Are you **prepared** to play against your brother?
  7. The pharmacy is **shut**. We’ll have to come tomorrow.
  8. Please don’t give the manager **untrue** reasons for not coming to office.
  9. I waited at the door for a while but there was no **response**.

1. **Match the words in Column-A with their synonyms in Column-B:**

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| **Words** | **Synonyms** |
| 1. brave | **h.** fearless |
| 1. end | **c.** finish |
| 1. funny | **i.** comical |
| 1. happy | **j.** joyful |
| 1. important | **g.** essential |
| 1. crooked | **a.** twisted |
| 1. help | **d.** assist |
| 1. fair | **b.** impartial |
| 1. neat | **e.** tidy |
| **10.** quiet | **f.** silent |

1. **Rewrite the sentences by using the antonyms of the underlined words:**
   1. The tall tower had a **narrow** staircase.
   2. We **ascended** the flight of steps together.
   3. I may look **strong**, but I am not.
   4. She has seen great **wealth** in her childhood.
   5. I thought the bottle would **sink** in the river.
   6. The water was too **deep** for us to swim in.
   7. I finished the **easy** part of the question.
   8. The man **found** his wallet in the city.
2. **Fill in the blanks with the antonyms of the given words. Use prefixes to form the antonyms:**

**responsible honest possible believable kind agree legal accurate regular understand**

* 1. This result is wrong. It is **inaccurate**.
  2. I think she’s making excuses. Her stories are **unbelievable**.
  3. Hacking a person’s email account is **illegal**.
  4. It’s **impossible** to find a needle in a hay stack.
  5. We **disagree** with your views.
  6. Sunil often does not come to class. He is very **irregular**.
  7. Don’t let people **misunderstand** you.
  8. Mr Bumble was often **unkind** to Oliver Twist and did not give him enough to eat.
  9. That man is very **dishonest**. He has been known to accept bribes.
  10. John shouldn’t be the leader of the team, he is very **irresponsible**.

1. **Fill in the blanks with the correct options:**
   1. Captain Cook is said to have **discovered** Hawaii. One wonders how different things would have been if mobile phones had been **invented** in that period.
   2. Don’t **expect** me to **accept** your silly proposal!
   3. After reading the **foreword** of the book, I walked **forward** to meet the author.
   4. The **grizzly** bear that was terrorizing the town caused many pets to die a **grisly** death.
   5. A **hoard** of animals wanted to raid the forest dwellers’ **horde** of food, but the people scared them off.
   6. Take the loudspeaker off the **pole** after the **polls** are over.
   7. You should **ensure** that you **insure** your new house against any kind of calamity.
   8. The **story** began in the twelfth **storey** of this building.
   9. He took a walk **among** the trees that stood **between** the two cottages.
   10. The **council** of parents and teachers gave the students **counsel** on how to deal with the problem.