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## Vocabulary Quiz

### 1. Floorwalker

- A. An employee who is reassigned from job to job as needed
- B. An employee who sweeps (floors or streets)
- C. A private detective employed by a hotel or restaurant
- D. An employee who supervises personnel and assists customers

### 2. Hooch

- A. A slang term for a freeloader
- B. A symbol of a clan’s unity
- C. Making illegal whiskey
- D. A popular restaurant in Virginia and a gathering spot for soccer fans on the days of key matches

### 3. Smart Set

- A. A literary magazine founded in 1900
- B. A clique in the 1920’s that prided themselves on being highbrow and intellectual
- C. Those patrons of a restaurant or bar insisting on top shelf liquors only
- D. The rejected name of the Moms Reading Book Club

### 4. Quagmire

- A. A difficult, precarious position
- B. An elevated, often secluded dwelling
- C. A cure for sinus infections
- D. A playful skipping or flocking about

### 5. Pass muster

- A. To leave immediately
- B. To meet the required standard
- C. To decline an invitation for a drink
- D. A request made by an inebriated patron for a condiment

### 6. Well-heeled

- A. Moderately rich
- B. To have strength in one area, despite overall weakness
- C. A term given to the design element of the Queen Anne style of furniture, the S-shaped Cabriole leg of a chair or table.
- D. Having a fast internet connection speed

### 7. Muckraking

- A. Emitting a foul odor
- B. Investigating and exposing issues of corruption
- C. Collecting wormlike insect larva
- D. Reproaching a low or vulgar labor person

### 8. Sartorial

- A. A philosophical concept first coined by Jean-Paul Sartre
- B. A good chance that something will happen, although it is not certain
- C. Silly in an amusing or harmless way
- D. Of or related to tailored clothing

**9. Scatological**

- A. An organized, methodical approach to vocal improvisation
- B. Pertaining to the bohemian creed: art for art's sake
- C. Pertaining to feces
- D. A literary or political discourse

**10. Scullery**

- A. A room near the kitchen where pots are scrubbed
- B. Unprovoked hostility
- C. The deliberate act of wasting time instead of working
- D. A forfeit in a thumb-wrestling match

**11. Poltroon**

- A. The name of the first helicopter prototype in 1925
- B. The occipital protrusion at the back of a horse's skull
- C. A successful event horse in the 1980's
- D. Pertaining to aviation

**12. Gustatory**

- A. A lesson or a scolding with frequent repetitions
- B. A sensation of unease and discomfort in the abdomen
- C. An epithelial cell in a taste bud
- D. Pertaining to vowel harmony

**13. Vitriol**

- A. A drug given to combat Irritable Male Syndrome
- B. The name of a military satellite launched by the Soviet Union
- C. Abusive or venomous language
- D. A scientist who practices vitriology

**14. Dalliance**

- A. Playful behavior intended to arouse sexual interest
- B. A language that is deliberately created for a specific purpose
- C. A commune in the province of Alessandria in Italy
- D. A group of passionate Salvador Dali fans

**15. Hotfoot**

- A. Without delay; speedily
- B. Having an increased need for sleep
- C. A serious and potentially life-threatening condition
- D. To laugh a lot at something

**16. Pot walloper**

- A. A job or position that requires no work
- B. One who cleans pots
- C. A participant in a research project that explored how people build conversations in the context of social networks
- D. The comedic character in an old western movie

**17. Wildcatter**

- A. A person who drills oil wells
- B. One who is excessively fond of eating or drinking
- C. A person who embezzles or misuses funds
- D. One who continues to dress in costume long after Halloween

**18. Frisson**

- A. A form of jazz music that developed in the 1920's
- B. A brief intense reaction accompanied by a shudder
- C. A type of combat boots
- D. Playful behavior intended to arouse sexual interest

**19. Beriberi**

- A. cocktails or mixed drinks
- B. *slang*, female backside
- C. type of shellfish
- D. a vitamin deficiency

**20. Gendarmes**

- A. a military police unit
- B. light windbreaker or jacket
- C. the gears in a clock
- D. type of gelatin

**21. Paunches**

- A. potato chips
- B. a potbelly
- C. thin chocolate wafers
- D. fancy padded chairs

**22. Tinhorns and Chiselers**

- A. *slang*, crooks
- B. *slang*, junk food
- C. *slang*, party favors
- D. *slang*, tiny candy

**23. Gambit**

- A. a clever ploy or scheme
- B. shrimp cocktail
- C. an old-fashioned slot machine
- D. a long fastener used on bricks or concrete

**24. Vituperation**

- A. a fit of anger
- B. a small tear in the brain
- C. abusive language
- D. an undercover police organization

**25. Cravat**

- A. mouth
- B. a large pot-hole
- C. good friend, pal
- D. a neck-tie

**26. Martinet**

- A. a saddle for a horse
- B. a bad mood
- C. a perfectionist
- D. a tool used by gunsmiths

**27. Angler**

- A. an amateur fisherman

- B. an amateur hunter
- C. an aficionado of the wild west
- D. *slang*, a con-man or hustler

**28. Bantam**

- A. a trade for goods and services
- B. a miniature breed
- C. lively small talk
- D. a short-waisted suit coat

**29. Poky**

- A. type of hat worn in winter
- B. annoying person, degenerate
- B. stray dog
- D. jail

**30. G-men**

- A. Male escorts
- B. Soldiers in WW I
- C. Gangsters
- D. FBI agents

**ANSWERS**

- 1. D 13
- 2. C 7
- 3. A 16
- 4. A 143
- 5. B 20
- 6. A 20
- 7. B 21
- 8. D 79
- 9. C 69
- 10. A 153
- 11. C 155
- 12. C 146
- 13. C 150
- 14. A 231
- 15. A 239
- 16. B 241
- 17. A 253
- 18. B 256
- 19. D
- 20. A
- 21. B
- 22. A
- 23. A
- 24. C

- 25. D
- 26. C
- 27. A
- 28. B
- 29. D
- 30. D