

Q Reading and Writing 2 Unit 2 Test

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Cultural Meanings of Colors

1 Colors in nature have universal meaning. For example, trees and plants are green, so the color green often represents life and nature. Blue, the color of the sky, oceans, and lakes, makes us think of air, water, and peace. Colors in the red spectrum—yellow, orange, and red—are warm colors. Those colors may give us a feeling of warmth and comfort or feelings of anger. Colors in the blue spectrum—colors such as blue, green, and purple—are cool colors. They often give a feeling of calmness or sadness. These ideas about color are similar around the world.

2 Colors also have different meanings in different cultures. A color may represent good feelings in one culture but bad feelings in another. For example, in the United States, white represents goodness. It is usually the color of a bride's wedding dress. However, in India, China, and Japan, white can mean death. Green is the color of dollar bills in the U.S., so green may make Americans think of money. But in China, green can represent a loss of respect. Different colors sometimes represent the same idea in different cultures. In European cultures, purple is the color of royalty for kings and queens. In Asia, yellow is the color of royalty. In addition, one color will have many different meanings within one culture. For example, in North America, red often means stop or danger, but it also can represent love.

3 Most people do not realize how much color affects them. It can affect how people think, feel, and act. We can increase our understanding of ourselves and the world around us by learning about what colors can mean or represent in different cultures.

Choose the best response.

1. According to the text, which colors make up the red spectrum?
 - A. purple, red, and orange
 - B. yellow, red, and purple
 - C. yellow, orange, and red
2. According to the text, which color is a cool color?
 - A. purple
 - B. yellow
 - C. white
3. In the United States, what does the color white mean?
 - A. respect
 - B. goodness
 - C. death

Read the statements. Write *T* (true) or *F* (false).

- _____ 4. In China, green makes people think of money.
- _____ 5. In European cultures, purple is the color of royalty.

Read paragraph 1 again. Choose the best definition for the word using the context.

6. nature
 - A. water and peace
 - B. trees and plants
 - C. sky and anger

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7. spectrum
- A. idea about life
 - B. feeling of warmth
 - C. group of colors

Read the paragraph. Then choose the best definition for each word using the context.

United Parcel Service (UPS) is a big delivery company. Its company color is brown. When UPS started in the 1920s, brown was a good color for a safe, reliable company. From the beginning, UPS used brown trucks and brown uniforms. In today's world, brown may seem like a boring color choice for a company. But UPS decided to make it a positive symbol of its business. Their ads ask, "What can brown do for you?" When people see the big brown UPS trucks, the company hopes they will think of excellent, dependable service.

8. reliable
- A. dependable
 - B. mature
 - C. secure
9. boring
- A. stable
 - B. uninteresting
 - C. bad
10. symbol
- A. sign
 - B. gesture
 - C. idea

Match each underlined word with the correct definition.

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| _____ 11. A bad economy <u>affects</u> many people.
People can lose their jobs and their houses. | A. particular, not general |
| _____ 12. Juan is looking for a <u>specific</u> restaurant, but he can't find it. He sees many restaurants, but not the one where his friends are. | B. connected with or true for everyone in the world or in a particular group |
| _____ 13. Sahra was <u>unaware</u> that she was supposed to work yesterday, so she stayed home. | C. the way of doing things, ideas, and beliefs of a particular society |
| _____ 14. People all over the world were sad when they heard about the terrible earthquake. The feeling was <u>universal</u> . | D. to make someone or something change in a particular way, to influence someone or something |
| _____ 15. It's really hard to describe the <u>emotion</u> I have right now. Maybe I'm a little angry. | E. not knowing or noticing someone or something |
| _____ 16. A wedding ring <u>represents</u> the promise a married couple made to each other. | F. to be a picture, example, or sign of something |

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Complete the sentence. Choose A, B, or C.

17. We have a _____ of drinks to choose from. Which would you like?
 - A. mass
 - B. culture
 - C. variety
18. They plan to _____ a new library system next year.
 - A. argue
 - B. establish
 - C. encourage
19. I don't buy coffee at that shop because of the bad _____. The coffee is always cold by the time I get it.
 - A. service
 - B. environment
 - C. smell
20. The mayor doesn't support the construction of a new mall because it will hurt the _____.
 - A. building
 - B. emotion
 - C. environment
21. Her parents _____ her to study more to improve her grades.
 - A. encourage
 - B. represent
 - C. request
22. You should _____ talking to your boss if you're not satisfied at work.
 - A. affect
 - B. consider
 - c. prefer

Write the adjective form of the nouns.

23. biology _____
24. cheer _____
25. respect _____
26. nation _____

Complete the sentence. Choose A or B.

27. The TV program was _____. We learned a lot from it.
 - A. education
 - B. educational
28. Jake likes numbers and business, so he decided to study _____.
 - A. finance
 - B. financial

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Complete the sentence with the correct conjunction.

but so and or

29. He is sick, _____ he is staying home today.
30. Bhim has one brother _____ one sister.
31. Do you like dogs _____ cats more?
32. I called her, _____ she did not answer the phone.

Correct the error in the conjunction in the sentence.

33. I can speak English well but, I can't read it.

34. Do you prefer to drink coffee and tea?

35. We can't go to the movies tonight, or let's go tomorrow.

Read the statements. Write *T* (true) or *F* (false).

- _____ 36. You should freewrite for at least a half an hour.
- _____ 37. When you are freewriting, don't worry about whether an idea is a good one or not.
- _____ 38. When freewriting, check your grammar and spelling to make sure they are correct.

Read the paragraph. Then choose the best response.

FREEWRITING TOPIC: What is your favorite color? Why?

Purple is my favorite color. I think it is an interesting color. You don't see it every day. When I was a child I had my favorite purple shirt. I wore it almost every day! I also had a dog when I was a child. When I see purple, it makes me think of mysterious and exciting things.

39. Which sentence does NOT focus on the topic?
- A. You don't see it every day.
 - B. I also had a dog when I was a child.
 - C. It makes me think of mysterious and exciting things.
40. Which of the following sentences can be added to the paragraph?
- A. My favorite flower, the iris, is purple, too.
 - B. I think green is a very pretty color, too.
 - C. One mysterious thing I think of is dreams.