

ELL VOCABULARY—DIFFICULT

1. New York is the most populous city in the United States.
 - a. luminous
 - b. crowded
 - c. popular
 - d. hopping
2. It is the center of the New York metropolitan area.
 - a. ecclesiastical
 - b. county
 - c. state
 - d. city
3. New York is a leading global city.
 - a. round
 - b. spherical
 - c. world
 - d. bulbous
4. New York exerts a powerful influence over worldwide commerce.
 - a. intercourse
 - b. money
 - c. exchange
 - d. travel
5. It is also a center for fashion.
 - a. making
 - b. creating
 - c. style
 - d. makeup
6. As host of the United Nations headquarters, it is also important in international affairs.
 - a. buildings
 - b. offices
 - c. administrative center
 - d. council
7. New York is notable among American cities for its high use of mass transit, most of which runs 24 hours per day, and for the overall density and diversity of its population.
 - a. heavy lifting
 - b. large transportation
 - c. large moving
 - d. public transportation

8. In 2005, nearly 170 languages were spoken in the city and 36% of its population was not native the United States.
- indigenous to
 - born in
 - American Indian in
 - a citizen of
9. New York was founded as a commercial trading post by the Dutch in 1624.
- business
 - advertisement
 - transportation
 - broadcast
10. Millions of immigrants came to America in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.
- Europeans who move to another country
 - people who travel
 - movers to another country
 - people who move to another country
11. New York served as the capital of the United States from 1785 until 1790. It has been the country's largest city since 1790.
- large city
 - seat of government
 - money
 - source of money
12. Many neighborhoods and landmarks in the city have become world-famous.
- special marker
 - statue
 - special sign
 - special place/attraction
13. The Statue of Liberty greeted millions of immigrants. How much is a million in the American monetary system?
- 1,000,000
 - 1,000,000,000
 - 10,000
 - 1,000,000,000,000
14. Wall Street, in Lower Manhattan, has been a dominant global financial center since World War II and is home to the New York Stock Exchange.
- leading
 - right-handed
 - noted
 - prominent

15. The city has been home to several of the tallest buildings in the world, including the Empire State Building and the twin towers of the former World Trade Center.
- many
 - severed
 - separate ones
 - a multitude
16. New York is the birthplace of many cultural movements.
- motions
 - maneuvers
 - trends
 - options
17. The city is sometimes referred to as "The City that Never Sleeps," while other nicknames include Gotham and the Big Apple.
- middle name
 - small name
 - unofficial name
 - funny name
18. New York city is also the birthplace of the Harlem Renaissance in literature and visual art, abstract expressionism (also known as the New York School) in painting, and hip hop, punk, salsa, disco and Tin Pan Alley in music.
- rebirth
 - time
 - growth
 - recovery

ANSWERS

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| 1. b | 10. d |
| 2. d | 11. b |
| 3. c | 12. d |
| 4. c | 13. b |
| 5. c | 14. a |
| 6. c | 15. a |
| 7. d | 16. c |
| 8. b | 17. c |
| 9. a | 18. a |