

Exercise 7-2 Discriminating Appropriate / Inappropriate Usage

Indicate whether the sentences below use the list word (in italic boldface) correctly or incorrectly by circling or highlighting the appropriate icon. You will find explanations for incorrect usage in the answer portion of this workbook.

1. The *aurora australis*, or southern lights, is an **aura** that occurs in the southern regions of the earth.
2. An **aura** of imminent defeat pervaded the offices of the mayoralty candidate Dick Charlatan, when his racist comments made to a journalist made all of the city's dailies.
3. The pleated **bellows** of an accordion is pumped to force air over metal reeds, producing tones.
4. The small man ran into the streets, **blustering** and breaking out in fits of fury that he directed to shocked passers-by.
5. Much of the summer was spent in the refreshing **cascades** at the north end of the village. There, we would swim, play or idle the long days away.
6. A **confluence** of negative events conspired to erode confidence in the technology sector, sending stock prices plummeting.
7. Some of the best whitewater kayaking in this region is found at the **confluence** of the Red and Mulletin Rivers.
8. **Cyclones**, violent rotating windstorms, occur around the world. In the Southern Hemisphere they circulate counterclockwise and clockwise in the Northern hemisphere.
9. J.K. Rowling, author of the widely popular Harry Potter series, has a series of secretaries handle the daily **deluge** of fan mail.
10. Sarah Maclachlan is **deluged** with requests for autographed photographs.
11. Samuel paddled into an **eddy** to take a rest from the rigours of the whitewater.
12. Curling **eddies** of smoke created an oppressive (not to mention pungent) atmosphere in the smoking room of the Club.
13. When the municipality discovered that it had been discharging **effluent** directly into the river thirty metres upstream of the town's water supply, a boil water order was decreed while engineers redesigned the sewage system.
14. Many of the shops surrounding the Trump Tower cater to the **effluence** of the residents and visitors to this upscale area of Manhattan.
15. The year 1820 is memorable on account of the occurrence of a severe, destructive **freshet**. An unusual quantity of rain had fallen throughout the season, and especially the week preceding. The ground was so full of water and the streams were much swollen.
16. The pain swept away the last of the shame and remorse that had been muddling his thinking, and he was aware of a fast **freshet** of anger in his heart.
17. Our family stood at the head of Niagara Falls marvelling silently at the enormity of the **inundation**.
18. When the impressive cast of *Henry IV Part 1* was published, the Shakespeare in the Park box office was so **inundated** with requests for tickets that they were forced to take the phones off the hook.
19. Despite signs of exhaustion on both sides, the war went on, drawing ever more nations into the **maelstrom**.
20. Streams tend to **meander** through level land.
21. The windings and **meanders** of the maze frustrated the young child and she gave up her attempt to solve the challenge of the labyrinth.
22. One wonders at what tragedies loose vagabonds from the anchors of family and friends, sending them **meandering** through life.

☑ ☒ 23. Just by the red-roofed town the **tributary** Ripple flows with a lively current into the Floss. How lovely the little river is, with its dark changing wavelets!

☑ ☒ 24. The wide common staircase rising from the main terminus of the subway station was like a **tributary** channel to the street, slowing pedestrian flow considerably.

☑ ☒ 25. Kerala is the first state in India to receive the **monsoon**, and the date of the onset of monsoon here is eagerly awaited by the rest of India boiling under the heat of summer.

☑ ☒ 26. A special shaft was drilled into the side of the mountain to **ventilate** the mine.

☑ ☒ 27. Our quiet sea voyage was interrupted by a sudden **squall**, seemingly from nowhere. We rode the swells and tacked with the wind. In a few hours, the horizon lightened, and the storm ended as quickly as it began.”

☑ ☒ 28. You are so **vane**! Does it never occur to you to consider my needs?

☑ ☒ 29. The wind turbine was ingeniously designed to adapt to severe winds. If the wind speed exceeded 25 kph, the mechanism rotated to bring the **vanes** of the turbine slightly out of alignment with the face of the wind.

☑ ☒ 30. He turned down the Rue de la Harpe towards the City. Passing the Rue de la Huchette, the odour **wafted** from those splendid roasting-spits which turned incessantly, tickled his olfactory nerves.

Exercise 7-3 Synonyms

From the three choices, circle the one that is *closest in meaning* to the list word (in boldface) in the context shown.

1. pervading **aura** of mystery
(a) ambiance (b) smell (c) claim

2. fanned the fire with a leather **bellows**
(a) extinguisher (b) blower (c) sheet

3. the **blustering** accusations of the superintendent
(a) fierce (b) hilarious (c) sinister

4. the **confluence** of the rivers
(a) source (b) terminus (c) junction

5. a **cascade** of water
(a) flow (b) fall (c) noisy splash

6. in the deadly path of the **cyclone**
(a) whirlwind (b) gust (c) breeze

7. caught in the sudden **deluge**
(a) downpour (b) undercurrent (c) tornado

8. **eddy**ing waves of the river
(a) accelerating (b) moving downstream (c) whirling

9. a discharge of **effluent**
(a) stale air (b) liquid waste (c) riches

10. **inundate** with requests
(a) bore (b) sicken (c) flood

11. sucked in by the **maelstrom**
(a) whirlpool (b) aerator (c) trick

12. **vortex** drawing us in
(a) junction (b) whirlpool (c) column

13. ford the **meandering** river
(a) shallow (b) winding (c) navigable

14. driven by a northwesterly **monsoon**
(a) seasonal wind (b) flooded river (c) dense fog

15. beset by a sudden **squall**
(a) surprise (b) storm (c) infestation

16. **vane** on the turbine
(a) fuselage (b) blade (c) motor

17. **ventilate** the apartment building
(a) evacuate (b) cool (c) aerate

18. a welcome **waft** of fresh air
(a) absence (b) odor (c) blast

19. damage caused by the **freshet**
(a) flood (b) tempest (c) tornado

20. **Eolian** erosion *is caused by*:

(a) wind (b) moving water (c) gravity

Exercise 7-4 Fill-in-the-blanks

Complete each sentence with the most appropriate word from those that follow. Underline your choice or write it in the space provided.

1. The loss of a species can have various effects on the remaining species in an ecosystem—what kind and how many depends upon the characteristics of the ecosystem and upon the species' role in its structure. _____ effects occur when the local extinction of one species significantly changes the population sizes of other species, potentially leading to other extirpations

Inundation Cascade Monsoon Deluge

2. The word _____ means to follow a winding course, and comes from the name of a river in Turkey.

eddy waft cascade meander

3. In this riveting and powerful account of one young man's life in the underworld of crime, sex, and money, Weller relates a six-month _____ that both awakened him to the transient temptations of life—easy money, and reckless living—and the lasting values of integrity, responsibility, and honor.

meander eddy maelstrom deluge

4. A line of thunderstorms preceding a cold front is called a _____ line.

inundate vane squall blustering

5. The building of the High Dam at Aswan would have grave implications. Much of Lower Nubia was _____ by the reservoir created by the dam, destroying monuments and archaeological sites from the First to the Third Cataracts of the Nile River.

edded inundated meandered ventilated

6. A hurricane is a tropical _____ with winds of 74 mph (118 kph) or more. The term is normally applied to such storms in the Atlantic Basin and the Pacific Ocean east of the International Date Line.

monsoon cyclone deluge freshet

7. The _____ has been depicted throughout history in literature and paintings. Angel pictures show it as a halo.

vane bellows aura maelstrom

8. At medium to high water, start right and work immediately to the centre, and then to the left as you hit the corner. The objective is to miss the big hole on the right side of the river, where all the water is going, and make the big _____ on the left side of the river where all your kayaking buddies are waiting.

vortex eddy tributary cascade

9. _____ guidelines are national standards for wastewater discharges to surface waters and publicly owned treatment works (municipal sewage treatment plants).

Effluent Squall Ventilation Waft

10. Many decorative _____ look beautiful when left hanging on the mantel as a traditional fireplace ornament, but they are fully usable tools as well.

bellows vanes cyclones cascades

11. It became so warm and sunny that the snow melted rapidly, causing a _____. The flooding waters eroded the previously gentle slopes into precipitous furrowed cliffs. Three homes slid into the river.

freshet tributary vane confluence

12. Officials say that the rush for citizenship was sparked by a _____ of factors: recent welfare and education reforms, and an amnesty for those who entered the country illegally between 1990-1996.

effluent squall confluence tributary

SOME OTHER WINDS... SIROCCO, SIMOOM, BAGUIO, BISE, BREEZE, CHINOOK, EOLUS, HARMATTAN, LEVANter, TRAMONTANE, ZEPHYR

13. I see no virtue in bluffing and _____ when, having thought as long and hard as possible about the problem, I must confess myself baffled.

meandering wafting eddying blustering

14. Where widening has occurred, it has been restricted to the lower, low-gradient portions of larger _____ where they join the South Fork Trinity River.

cascades eddies monsoons tributaries

15. The combination of ground based and airborne Doppler radars, videos and photographs, and ground survey by the Storm Chasers, were all used to document a large tornado and its parent _____ for the first time.

vortex aura ventilate effluent

16. Our bath bombs foam, sizzle and moisturize when dropped into a hot bath. The fragrance of Zesty Peaches and Tropical Ginseng will _____ into the air as you lose yourself in a wonderful frenzy of fizz.

vortex waft freshet tributary

17. The similarities between the two _____ include a shift in the mid-level flow from westerly to easterly, the mean diurnal low-level flow changes from offshore to onshore, extremely hot and dry conditions preceding the onset rainfall and a rapid increase in the areal coverage of rainfall during the early summer.

bellows monsoons squalls wafts

18. If speaking, why, a _____ blown with all winds;
If silent, why, a block moved with none.
So turns she every man the wrong side out,
And never gives to truth and virtue that
Which simpleness and merit purchaseth.
Much Ado about Nothing (III. i, 72-76)

vane bellows aura vortex

19. It has been estimated that we spend 90% of our time indoors with 70% in our own homes. The indoor environment is, therefore, crucial to our health and well-being, and we should consider carefully the requirements for both ourselves and the building in specifying _____.

blustering cascading effluence ventilation

20. The junk mail _____ is upon us, and now that direct marketers have learned to target us with scientific precision, it's only going to get worse.

cascade squall deluge inundate

Exercise 7-5 Making connections.

In a few sentences, describe the relationship between each pair of words. Use a good dictionary to clarify unclear words. (10 marks)

1. bellows concertina
2. eye cyclone
3. Deluge Noah
4. meander Oxbow lake
5. spate freshet

Exercise 7-6 Researching Unfamiliar Words

Still unfamiliar with some of this unit's list words? Look them up in a good dictionary. Note the definitions for each word, and determine which parts of speech these words may take. Depending on your dictionary, you may also note the plural forms of nouns, verb inflections, sample sentences, synonyms, antonyms, easily confused words and the etymologies.

Exercise 7-7 Written on the Winds

Read **Winds - An Excerpt from The English Patient**. Ondaatje imbues winds with powers and skills, heightening the natural forces to the level of mythology.

Creative Writing: Write the decree by the king erasing the name of the wind that killed the Prince, his son.

...an evocative rain for your next poem... SEREIN IS A FINE RAIN FALLING FROM AN APPARENTLY CLOUDLESS SKY.