**Unit 18**

1. The story was ins
2. pired (*to give sb the idea for sth, especially a story, painting, poem etc.*) by a chance meeting with an old Indian woman.
3. She doesn’t like to be teased (*to laugh at someone and make jokes*) about her pigtail by her playmates.
4. The children gathered (*to come together, or bring people together in one place*) around the teacher to hear the story.
5. The majority of the victims (*someone who has been attacked, robbed, or murdered*) in this accident were children.
6. The sorrow (*a feeling of great sadness*) she felt over/at the death of her husband was almost too much to bear.
7. My own criterion(*standards that you use to judge sth. or make a decision about sth.*) of success is the ability to work joyfully.
8. We want to preserve (*to save something or someone from being harmed or destroyed*) the character of the town while improving the facilities.
9. Anyone who witnessed (*to experience important events or changes*) the attack should call the police at once.
10. The boy trembled (*to shake slightly*) with fear when he saw the bear moving slowly toward him.
11. In the square in front of the hotel stands a monument (*a building, statue, or other large structure etc. built to remind people of a famous person or event*) to all the people killed in the war.
12. The president has sent a message of sympathy (*the feeling of being sorry for someone who is in a bad situation*) to the relatives of the dead soldiers.
13. The route up the mountain would be troublesome (*causing problems, in an annoying way*) without a guide.
14. Reforming the education system is a long and difficult process (*a series of actions that you take in order to achieve a result*).
15. The government placed restrictions (*a fact or situation that limits what one can do or prevents one from doing things*) on sales of weapons.
16. He behaved (*to act in a particular way*) as if nothing out of ordinary was happening.
17. Deep inside, he was conscious (*aware of sth*) that music was not his destiny.
18. My family is more precious (*valuable and important*) to me than my property.
19. There has been a gradual (*happening slowly over a long period of time*) change in climate.
20. A child's vocabulary *expands* (*to become larger in size, number, or amount, or to make something become larger)* through reading.
21. He was too stubborn (*determined not to change your opinion or attitude*) to admit that he was wrong.
22. It’s the first time that Helen had understood such a complex (*consisting of many different parts and often difficult to understand*) word.

**Unit 17**

1. The clown made funny faces to amuse() the children.
2. Reporters asked him to clarify his position, to say exactly what his beliefs are.
3. Don't you yell at me like that! You are unbelievably rude.
4. She did everything she could to please him. And he finally noticed her.
5. Bring some form of identification, preferably a passport.
6. Cycling is highly beneficial to health and the environment.
7. Their bodies toughened during the winter to resist the cold.
   1. We must take action with extreme caution.
8. He is acknowledged to be the best player in the world.
9. The law strictly forbids racial or sexual discrimination.
10. Her intelligence can compensate (*to replace or balance the effect of something bad*) for her lack of experience.
11. Time was running out and we were getting desperate (*feeling or showing a hopeless sense that a situation is so bad as to be impossible to deal with*).
12. He made a deliberate attempt (*an act of trying to do something, especially something difficult*) to be humorous and it worked – everyone burst out laughing.
13. Her arguments didn't convince (*to make sb believe sth*) everyone, so little change was made.
14. Music has been called the universal (*done by or involving all the people in the world or in a particular group*) language.
15. It will astonish (*to surprise sb. very much*) you to hear what I paid for this ring.
16. He always manages to obtain (*to get sth.*) what he wants.
17. The document was signed in the presence (*the fact that someone or something is in a place*) of two witnesses.
18. Passengers were kept for three hours in a disgusting (*extremely unpleasant or unacceptable*) waiting room.
19. Some of the younger pop bands try to imitate (*to behave in a similar way to someone or something else*) their musical heroes from the past.

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1. I can’t trust you, for what you're saying now is not consistent with what you said last week.
2. I was impressed by the energy and commitment shown by the players.
3. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult.
4. The children's ages range from 8 to 15.
5. She adores her grandchildren and is always buying them presents.
6. Keep the camera steady while you take a picture.
7. We can deliver goods to your door free of charge.
8. It was such a [hot](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/search/british/direct/?q=hot) [night](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/search/british/direct/?q=night) that I had a [cold](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/search/british/direct/?q=cold) [shower](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/search/british/direct/?q=shower) to refresh my[self](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/search/british/direct/?q=self).
9. He [hated](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/search/british/direct/?q=hated) being in the [army](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/search/british/direct/?q=army) because he had to [obey](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/search/british/direct/?q=obey) commands.
10. He's got no conscience at all (= does not [feel](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/search/british/direct/?q=feel) [guilty](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/search/british/direct/?q=guilty)) about [leaving](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/search/british/direct/?q=leaving) me to do the [housework](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/search/british/direct/?q=housework).
11. It's freezing in this house. Can't I turn on the heating?
12. Julia was vague about where she had been and what she had been doing.
13. I want to convey to children that reading is one of life's greatest treats.
14. I do believe it is possible for different ethnic groups to live together in harmony.
15. The drug is effective but has a tendency to cause headaches.
16. Year by year their **affection** for each other grew stronger. http://cdn.dfile.cn/i1/images/cleardot.gif
17. It is no use trying to **drown** your sorrows in drink.
18. It is **disturbing** to think a dangerous wild animal is still at large in the quiet countryside.
19. A man's **dignity** depends not upon his wealth but upon his character.
20. It is always a thrilling experience to make the journey around the world.
21. This book is easily **accessible** to the young reader.