



## Between vs Among: Between vs Among: Core Distinction

Fill in the blank with the correct option.

- The pharmacy is \_\_\_ the bookshop and the bakery.  
a) among  
b) beside  
c) next to  
d) between
- She noticed a familiar face \_\_\_ the crowd.  
a) among  
b) between  
c) beside  
d) with
- The temperature will be \_\_\_ 20 and 25 degrees today.  
a) from  
b) between  
c) around  
d) about
- He divided the pizza equally \_\_\_ his two sons.  
a) for  
b) among  
c) between  
d) to
- The children were playing \_\_\_ the garden.  
a) between  
b) among  
c) at  
d) in
- A feeling of excitement was growing \_\_\_ the fans waiting outside the stadium.  
a) among  
b) between  
c) for  
d) with
- There were several doctors \_\_\_ the passengers on the plane.  
a) between  
b) among  
c) from  
d) beside
- This painting is \_\_\_ the most valuable in the museum.  
a) in  
b) between  
c) among  
d) of
- He quickly disappeared \_\_\_ the trees.  
a) among  
b) between  
c) above  
d) beside
- There is a strong connection \_\_\_ diet and health.  
a) among  
b) in  
c) of  
d) between
- She couldn't decide \_\_\_ the chocolate cake and the fruit salad.  
a) among  
b) between  
c) from  
d) of

12. She sat \_\_\_\_ the floor and started reading.  
a) between  
b) among  
c) on  
d) in
13. The lost hiker was finally found \_\_\_\_ the bushes near the river.  
a) among  
b) between  
c) inside  
d) across
14. The bus runs \_\_\_\_ the city centre and the airport.  
a) from  
b) among  
c) to  
d) between
15. Please keep this \_\_\_\_ you and me.  
a) among  
b) between  
c) with  
d) for
16. We will meet \_\_\_\_ the entrance of the cinema.  
a) between  
b) among  
c) at  
d) in
17. She found a beautiful shell \_\_\_\_ the sand.  
a) in  
b) among  
c) between  
d) at
18. The final match is \_\_\_\_ the two best teams in the league.  
a) with  
b) for  
c) among  
d) between
19. Skiing is \_\_\_\_ the most popular winter sports.  
a) between  
b) among  
c) in  
d) of
20. I agree \_\_\_\_ you on this matter.  
a) between  
b) among  
c) with  
d) to



## Answers

1. d) between
2. a) among
3. b) between
4. c) between
5. d) in
6. a) among
7. b) among
8. c) among
9. a) among
10. d) between
11. b) between
12. c) on
13. a) among
14. d) between
15. b) between
16. c) at
17. a) in
18. d) between
19. b) among
20. c) with



# Explanations

**1. “between” (d)**

Use 'between' when something is in the middle of two specific things — here, the bookshop and the bakery.

**2. “among” (a)**

Use 'among' when someone or something is part of or surrounded by a larger group — here, the crowd.

**3. “between” (b)**

Use 'between' to express a range defined by two specific numbers: between 20 and 25 degrees.

**4. “between” (c)**

Use 'between' when dividing something between exactly two specific people.

**5. “in” (d)**

Use 'in' for enclosed or defined areas like a garden. 'Between' requires two reference points and 'among' requires a group of distinct items.

**6. “among” (a)**

Use 'among' when a feeling or quality spreads within a group. The fans are a large group, not two specific individuals.

**7. “among” (b)**

Use 'among' when referring to people who are members of a larger group — the doctors were part of the passenger group.

**8. “among” (c)**

Use 'among' to express that something belongs to a group sharing a quality — this painting is one of the most valuable.

**9. “among” (a)**

Use 'among' when someone moves into or is surrounded by many similar things — here, a large number of trees.

**10. “between” (d)**

Use 'between' to describe a relationship or connection linking two specific things: diet and health.

**11. “between” (b)**

Use 'between' when choosing from two specific options — the chocolate cake and the fruit salad.

**12. “on” (c)**

Use 'on' for surfaces like the floor. 'Between' and 'among' describe positions relative to other objects or groups, not surfaces.

**13. “among” (a)**

Use 'among' when surrounded by a group of similar things — the hiker was in the middle of many bushes.

**14. “between” (d)**

Use 'between' to describe a route or service connecting two specific places.

**15. “between” (b)**

'Between you and me' is a fixed expression meaning 'in confidence'. Use 'between' when a secret is shared by two people.

**16. “at” (c)**

Use 'at' for a specific point or location. 'Between' and 'among' are not used for single, specific meeting points.

**17. “in” (a)**

Use 'in' when something is embedded within a substance like sand. 'Among' is used for distinct, countable items in a group.

**18. “between” (d)**

Use 'between' for a competition or event involving two specific teams.

**19. “among” (b)**

Use 'among' to express that something belongs to a larger group — skiing is one of several popular winter sports.

**20. “with” (c)**

The correct collocation is 'agree with someone'. 'Between' and 'among' do not follow the verb 'agree'.