



Answers

1. b) took off
2. a) picked up
3. d) make out
4. c) picked out
5. b) made up
6. a) picked up
7. d) brought about
8. c) made up
9. b) pick on
10. a) taken off
11. d) brought up
12. c) make out
13. b) bring up
14. a) taking on
15. d) come up with
16. c) come into effect
17. b) set off
18. a) work out
19. d) took on
20. c) cover up



Explanations

1. “took off” (b)

'Take off' has multiple meanings: (1) remove clothing, (2) leave the ground (aircraft), (3) become suddenly successful. Here it means the plane left the ground.

2. “picked up” (a)

'Pick up' has many meanings: (1) lift from the ground, (2) collect someone, (3) learn casually, (4) improve/increase. Here it means sales have improved or increased.

3. “make out” (d)

'Make out' has several meanings: (1) see or hear with difficulty, (2) understand, (3) write (a cheque). Here it means to hear or understand with difficulty. 'Make up' means to invent or reconcile.

4. “picked out” (c)

'Pick out' means to choose or select from a group. 'Pick up' means to lift, collect, or improve. 'Pick on' means to bully or treat unfairly. 'Pick at' means to eat small amounts without appetite.

5. “made up” (b)

'Make up' has multiple meanings: (1) invent a story (fabricate), (2) reconcile after an argument, (3) apply cosmetics, (4) form/constitute. Here it means the story was invented/fabricated.

6. “picked up” (a)

'Pick up' here means to learn something informally, without formal study. Other meanings include: lift from the ground, collect someone, improve. Context determines the meaning.

7. “brought about” (d)

'Bring about' means to cause something to happen (usually a large change or event). 'Bring up' means to raise children or mention a topic. 'Bring out' means to release/publish. 'Bring off' means to succeed in something difficult.

8. “made up” (c)

'Make up' here means to reconcile after a disagreement. Other meanings: invent a story, apply cosmetics, constitute. 'Made out' means to see/hear with difficulty.

9. “pick on” (b)

'Pick on' means to bully or treat someone unfairly, especially someone weaker. 'Pick up' means to lift/collect/learn. 'Pick out' means to choose. 'Pick at' means to eat without appetite.

10. “taken off” (a)

'Take off' here means to become suddenly successful or popular. Other meanings: remove clothing, leave the ground (aircraft). Context shows business success.

11. “brought up” (d)

'Bring up' has two main meanings: (1) raise children, (2) mention a topic in conversation. Here it means to raise children. 'Bring about' means to cause. 'Bring out' means to publish.

12. “make out” (c)

'Make out' here means to write or fill in (a cheque, a receipt). Other meanings: see/hear with difficulty, understand. 'Make up' means to invent or reconcile. 'Make for' means to move toward. 'Make over' means to transfer ownership or to transform.

13. “bring up” (b)

'Bring up' here means to mention or introduce a topic for discussion. Its other main meaning is to raise children. 'Bring about' means to cause. 'Bring out' means to publish or release.

14. “taking on” (a)

'Take on' means to hire or employ new staff. Other meanings: accept a challenge, begin to have (a quality). 'Take off' means to remove/leave ground/succeed. 'Take up' means to start a hobby.

15. “come up with” (d)

'Come up with' means to think of or produce an idea, excuse, or plan. 'Come across' means to find by chance. 'Come out with' means to say something unexpectedly. 'Come round to' means to change one's opinion.

16. “come into effect” (c)

'Come into effect' means to become officially active or valid (laws, rules). 'Come up with' means to think of an idea. 'Come out of' means to emerge from. 'Come along with' means to accompany.

17. “set off” (b)

'Set off' means to begin a journey, to depart. 'Set up' means to establish or arrange. 'Set back' means to delay progress or to cost (informal). 'Set in' means to begin and seem likely to continue (bad weather, winter).

18. “work out” (a)

'Work out' has several meanings: (1) figure out/solve, (2) exercise, (3) result well. Here it means to figure out or understand. 'Work on' means to spend time improving. 'Work up' means to develop gradually.

19. “took on” (d)

'Take on' here means to begin to have a particular quality or appearance. Other meanings: hire staff, accept a challenge. 'Take off' means to remove/depart/succeed. 'Take up' means to start a hobby. 'Take over' means to gain control.

20. “cover up” (c)

'Cover up' means to hide the truth about something wrong. 'Make up' means to invent or reconcile. 'Mix up' means to confuse two things. 'Clear up' means to solve or tidy.