

Answer Key – A dancer’s lot

Synonyms

Ex. 1 Find synonyms for the given words. Match the words from column A with column B.

Column A

1. **d)** taut
2. **a)** tatty (gymnasiums)
3. **i)** to hustle sb into doing sth
4. **b)** resilience
5. **f)** prerequisite
6. **j)** jaded
7. **c)** to disrobe
8. **g)** ruthlessness
9. **h)** to crave
10. **e)** ceaselessly

Column B

- a) unkempt, neglected
- b) endurance, stamina
- c) to undress, to get undressed
- d) tense, tight
- e) persistently, constantly
- f) essential, indispensable requirement
- g) toughness
- h) to desire
- i) to rush sb into doing sth
- j) exhausted, weary

Ex. 2 Fill in the gaps with suitable words and expression from Ex. 1.

1. She shows great **RESILIENCE** to adversity. She never gives up.
2. I hate being **HUSTLED** into doing household chores. I like taking my time.
3. I had a terrible day at work because I had to slog away at the annual report. I’m totally **JADED**.
4. Not every performing artist has their own changing room. They sometimes **DISROBE** in different places.
5. Entrance exam is a **PREREQUISITE** for an advanced course at university.
6. Some people claim that you can’t achieve a success without **RUTHLESSNESS**.
7. Anna **CRAVES** attention all the time. She thinks that everything revolves around her.
8. Have you ever seen such a **TATTY** house? It’s completely run-down.
9. She tends to talk **CEASELESSLY**. When she starts, there is no chance I will say even a word.
10. If you want to dance properly, your posture can’t be so **TAUT**. Relax a bit and it’ll be much better.

Prepositions

Ex. 3 Complete the sentences with appropriate prepositions.

1. He didn’t want to be noticed so he slunk **INTO** the theatre using the back door.
2. We were heading **FOR** the coast when our car broke down.
3. When are you going to notify me **OF** new company policy?
4. After 3 p.m. students start to emerge **FROM** school.
5. The soundtrack is **OUT** of sync with the picture.
6. Your name is **ON** the book of sports club, isn’t it?
7. Recently I’ve become conscious **OF** mistakes which I made many years ago.
8. It’ll be more convenient for you if you sling your bag **OVER** your shoulder.
9. Politicians are notorious **FOR** not keeping their election promises.
10. You shouldn’t despair **OF** your failure. It happens to everybody.
11. If I were you, I would definitely leap **AT** that chance. It won’t happen again in the foreseeable future.

Translation

Ex. 4 Translate the following sentences into English.

1. Jego odporność / wytrzymałość nie zna granic. – His resilience / endurance / stamina / determination knows no bounds = is endless.
2. Ania naskoczyła na mnie, ponieważ straciła panowanie nad sobą. – Ania jumped down my throat because she lost control of herself/she lost her composure.
3. Lepiej nie wyciągać pochopnych wniosków. – It's better not to jump to conclusions.
4. Uspokoiliłam obawy moich uczniów i przenieśliśmy sprawdzian na przyszły piątek. – I put my students at their ease and postponed / put off their exam / test until next Friday.
5. Dokąd zmierzacie? – Where are you heading for?
6. Jestem całkowicie świadoma zagrożeń związanych z tą pracą. – I'm totally conscious of threats related to this job.
7. Aktorzy słyną ze swoich dziwnych zachcianek. – Actors are notorious for their weird / awkward whims / fancies.
8. Mierność / Przeciętność jest nie do przyjęcia. – Mediocrity is unacceptable.
9. Brudne / Niechlujne pokoje i kiepska / licha płaca zniechęciły mnie do tej pracy. – Tatty rooms and lousy / meagre pay discouraged me from that job.
10. Proszę poinformować mnie o jakichkolwiek nadchodzących zmianach. – Please notify me of / about any upcoming / forthcoming changes. (Please keep me posted about ... / keep me in the loop about ...)
11. Robert wyszedł ze swojego pokoju i wszedł chyłkiem do salonu. – Robert emerged from his room and slunk into the living room/lounge.
12. Ania rozpacziała z powodu swojego byłego chłopaka przez 5 dni. – Anna has despaired of her ex-boyfriend for 5 days.
13. Mary zawsze pogardza innymi ludźmi. – Mary always despises / looks down on other people.
14. On pracuje bezustannie od godziny jedenastej. – He's been working ceaselessly since 11 o'clock in the morning.
15. Robert nauczył się francuskiego bardzo szybko. – Robert learnt French by / in leaps and bounds.
16. Aktorzy otrzymali owacje na stojąco. – Actors received a standing ovation.
17. James przewiesił swoją marynarkę przez ramię. – James slung his jacket over his shoulder.
18. Ania skorzystała z okazji / szansy wyjazdu za granicę. – Anna leapt at the opportunity / the chance of going abroad.
19. Występ przykuł uwagę publiczności. – The performance captured the attention of the audience.
20. Sprzedawcy kupują towary hurtem od dostawców. – Shopkeepers buy goods in bulk from suppliers.