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Missing Words

Why did the boy throw water out the window? Because he wanted to see a waterfall!

Complete the activity by putting the listed words in the correct space.

1. The river was clear there, and shallow, since there had been no rain, and it ran in ripples over the sparkling sand.
A. been B. clear C. ripples D. and
2. The dusk deepened in the kitchen and the stove sent out a red glow.
A. and B. stove C. out D. deepened
3. Every few moments a boy would come running down the flagged walk and dash out into the street as if he were rushing to announce some wonder to the world.
A. to B. to C. would D. announce
4. Wild roses were flaming in the tufts of bunchgrass along the fence.
A. were B. along C. the D. flaming
5. On every side the brown waves of the earth rolled away to meet the sky.
A. the B. sky C. every D. side
6. The teeming life that goes on down in the long grass is exterminated.
A. grass B. the C. life D. teeming
7. Under a white mulberry tree there was an old wagon-seat.
A. there B. old C. was D. an
8. There had not been such snowstorms in twenty years, and the path across the fields was drifted deep from Christmas until March.
A. twenty B. years C. until D. path
9. When the kitchen clock struck six she went out to get supper, closing the door gently behind her.
A. closing B. clock C. struck D. supper

10. At night the coyotes roam the wintry waste, howling for food.
A. waste B. the C. howling D. for
 11. The sun was dropping low in the west.
A. low B. sun C. the D. west
 12. The orchard was sparkling and rippling in the sun.
A. the B. orchard C. sparkling D. in
 13. In this little bay a single wild duck was swimming and diving and preening her feathers, disporting herself very happily in the flickering light and shade.
A. was B. and C. light D. single
 14. Under the overhanging willows of the opposite bank there was an inlet where the water was deeper and flowed so slowly that it seemed to sleep in the sun.
A. to B. deeper C. it D. the
 15. A brisk wind had come up and was driving puffy white clouds across the sky.
A. across B. had C. up D. the
 16. The branches had be come so hard that they wounded your hand if you but tried to break a twig.
A. break B. had C. be D. if
 17. An owl was hooting somewhere in the fields.
A. was B. in C. fields D. somewhere
 18. The ground is frozen so hard that it bruises the foot to walk in the roads or in the ploughed fields.
A. fields B. is C. ground D. the
 19. Long fingers of light reached through the apple branches as through a net.
A. the B. net C. as D. through
 20. The fresh, salty scent of the wild roses had given way before this more powerful perfume of midsummer.
A. this B. roses C. salty D. midsummer
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