

Southwark Fair

Vocabulary exercises

1. Southwark Fair was **abolished** in 1762 due to **escalating public disorder**.

What is the meaning of **abolished**? a) expanded
b) promoted
c) officially ended
d) raided by the police

2. What is the meaning of **escalating**? a) becoming greater, worse or more serious
b) reducing to a small amount
c) popular
d) enthusiastic

3. What is the meaning of **public disorder**? a) public entertainment
b) public gatherings of large crowds
c) violent behaviour of large groups of people
d) public untidiness

4. Hogarth painted the **riotous** carnival and captured the celebration.

What is the meaning of **riotous**? a) entertaining
b) rebellious
c) ridiculous
d) noisy, exciting and enjoyable in an uncontrolled way

5. You can almost hear the **hustle and bustle**.

What is **hustle and bustle**?

- a) loud music
- b) people shouting
- c) theatre performances
- d) busy, noisy activity of a lot of people in one place

6. Drury Lane Theatre's '*Stage Mutiny*' is a reference to a group of actors who **defected** to the Haymarket (Theatre).

What is the meaning of **defected**?

- a) left one theatre to join a rival theatre
- b) went on strike for more money
- c) acted really badly as a protest
- d) got together to set up a union of workers

7. '*The Fall of Bajazet*' is a **tragic** play by Jean Racine in which the main character is ruined by **deceit** and **disloyalty**.

What is the meaning of **tragic**?

- a) terrible
- b) very sad
- c) having a happy ending
- d) badly written

8. What is the meaning of **deceit**?

- a) unfortunate circumstances
- b) unhappiness
- c) depression
- d) dishonest behaviour

9. What is the meaning of **disloyalty**?

- a) criticism
- b) nastiness
- c) not being faithful to someone
- d) losing a lot of money

10. **Ironically**, the stage is actually falling.

- What is the meaning of **ironically**?
- a) unfortunately
 - b) amusing because it is the opposite to what you expect
 - c) in reality
 - d) as can be expected

11. The rope flyer has **flung himself off** the church tower.

- What is the meaning of **flung himself off**?
- a) threw himself off with force
 - b) fell off accidentally
 - c) asked someone to push him off
 - d) slid down the rope carefully

12. James Figg is sitting on his blind horse **brandishing** his sword.

- What is the meaning of **brandishing**?
- a) holding or waving a weapon in an aggressive or excited way
 - b) showing off to the crowd
 - c) holding something upright
 - d) getting ready to hurt someone

13. A **pickpocket** is at work robbing a couple **distracted** by the activity nearby.

- Who is a **pickpocket**?
- a) someone with large pockets in their clothes
 - b) someone who works at carnivals to entertain the crowds
 - c) someone who steals things from people's pockets, especially in crowded places
 - d) someone who is employed to collect money from people

14. What is the meaning of **distracted**?
- a) entertained
 - b) shocked
 - c) unable to pay attention because they are thinking about something else
 - d) attracted

15. The central character is a female drummer who is advertising a **troupe of street players**.

- What is a **troupe of street players**?
- a) a group of actors, musicians, etc. who perform in the street
 - b) a group of drummers who entertain at carnivals
 - c) a group of artists who paint portraits of people in the street
 - d) a group of people who play games in the street

16. An actor dressed as Julius Caesar is being **accosted** by the **bailiffs**.

- What is the meaning of **accosted**?
- a) physically attacked
 - b) approached in a rude or threatening way
 - c) interrupted
 - d) arrested

17. Who are **bailiffs**?
- a) people who dress up in fancy costumes
 - b) rival actors
 - c) officers of the law
 - d) people who organise carnivals

18. Two pickpockets are **gawping** at the drummer.

What is the meaning of **gawping**?

- a) trying to attract her attention
- b) trying to intimidate her
- c) threatening her
- d) staring at her in a rude or stupid way