

Using Hyphens and Parentheses

Should the underlined words be separated by a hyphen or contained in parentheses? If the words show the incorrect use, choose *incorrect*. If it is correct, choose *correct*. Mark your answer on the answer sheet.

1. My mom received a bonsai a Japanese miniature tree for her birthday.
A hyphen **C** *incorrect*
B parentheses **D** *correct*
2. Ever since then, bonsai has become my mom's best loved hobby.
A hyphen **C** *incorrect*
B parentheses **D** *correct*
3. My mom has always enjoyed-gardening and household plants.
A hyphen **C** *incorrect*
B parentheses **D** *correct*
4. She has thirty-two plants in the house.
A hyphen **C** *incorrect*
B parentheses **D** *correct*
5. Some plants are dark green; some are light green; and some are greenish yellow.
A hyphen **C** *incorrect*
B parentheses **D** *correct*
6. A few of them produce flowers, but most-of-them simply have leaves.
A hyphen **C** *incorrect*
B parentheses **D** *correct*
7. The leaves foliage of some plants are very thick and waxy.
A hyphen **C** *incorrect*
B parentheses **D** *correct*
8. The foliage of other plants is delicate.
A hyphen **C** *incorrect*
B parentheses **D** *correct*
9. But her (favorite) plants are her bonsai.
A hyphen **C** *incorrect*
B parentheses **D** *correct*
10. Caring for bonsai is sometimes a time-consuming task.
A hyphen **C** *incorrect*
B parentheses **D** *correct*
11. To keep the trees small, the branches and roots must be trimmed pruned often.
A hyphen **C** *incorrect*
B parentheses **D** *correct*
12. This pruning is a skill best-developed with much practice.
A hyphen **C** *incorrect*
B parentheses **D** *correct*
13. Horticulturists people who study and work with plants believe the bonsai first appeared in China.
A hyphen **C** *incorrect*
B parentheses **D** *correct*
14. But it was the Japanese culture that truly developed the art of bonsai.
A hyphen **C** *incorrect*
B parentheses **D** *correct*
15. My friend Jessica has a bonsai that began as her great grandmother's hobby!
A hyphen **C** *incorrect*
B parentheses **D** *correct*
16. The family wants to preserve this interesting gift from their past-relatives.
A hyphen **C** *incorrect*
B parentheses **D** *correct*
17. In fact, they grew three-other bonsai from pieces of the original tree.
A hyphen **C** *incorrect*
B parentheses **D** *correct*
18. These pieces known as trimmings or cuttings require a lot of work to help them grow into healthy bonsai.
A hyphen **C** *incorrect*
B parentheses **D** *correct*
19. Maybe my mom will pass her bonsai down-to-me.
A hyphen **C** *incorrect*
B parentheses **D** *correct*