



# NATIONAL GEOGRAPHY CHALLENGE - 2015

Grade 2 Contest

- ANSWER KEY -

**SAMPLE**

1.         D
2.         B
3.         A
4.         D
5.         B
6.         C
7.         A
8.         B
9.         D
10.         B
11.         A
12.         D

13.         B
14.         C
15.         B
16.         D
17.         A
18.         D
19.         A
20.         B
21.         A
22.         D
23.         C
24.         D
25.         A

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1. We live on Earth. Earth is \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. a moon    B. an island  
C. a mainland    D. a planet
  
2. North America is a continent with many large cities. One large city in North America is \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. Rio de Janeiro    B. Los Angeles  
C. Tokyo    D. Paris
  
3. The globe is a model of Earth in the shape of a \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. sphere    B. circle  
C. ring    D. cone
  
4. To get wheat, rice, oats, and barley to make breakfast cereal, people depend on \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. dairy farmers    B. sheep ranchers  
C. fishermen    D. grain farmers
  
5. Earth's energy comes from the \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. moon    B. sun  
C. oceans    D. space station
  
6. The largest bodies of water on Earth are called \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. rivers    B. lakes  
C. oceans    D. gulfs
  
7. Ms. Dunn asked her second graders to name a state and one of the Great Lakes that have the same name. Which student gave the right answer?  
A. Mia said, "Michigan."  
B. Emily said, "Indiana."  
C. Cal said, "Atlantic."  
D. Hank said, "Mississippi."

8. Many people work in education. An example of a job in education is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. working in a bank  
B. working in a school  
C. working on a farm  
D. working in a supermarket
9. Wood pulp and cotton fibers are used to make \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. cement  
B. bricks  
C. leather  
D. paper
10. The frozen continent where the South Pole is located and where penguins live is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Africa  
B. Antarctica  
C. Asia  
D. Australia
11. People ride camels to get around in \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. the Sahara Desert  
B. the Rocky Mountains  
C. Iceland  
D. Alaska and Hawaii
12. Apples are an example of a \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. nut  
B. vegetable  
C. grain  
D. fruit
13. In dry areas where there is not enough rainfall, farmers use \_\_\_\_\_ to grow crops.
- A. ice machines  
B. irrigation  
C. chemicals  
D. ocean water
14. Jack and his family visit the Atlantic Ocean for the first time. When they go swimming, they all agree the water tastes \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. polluted  
B. fishy  
C. salty  
D. soapy
15. From far out in space, Earth appears to be blue in color. That is because most of it is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. sky  
B. water  
C. sunshine  
D. land
16. Which one of the following is a type of transportation?
- A. television  
B. cell phone  
C. snow blower  
D. railroad

17. Most maps have a drawing like this one. It shows directions. It has an arrowhead that always points north. The drawing is called \_\_\_\_\_.



- A. a compass rose
- B. the Equator
- C. a map key
- D. the scale of miles

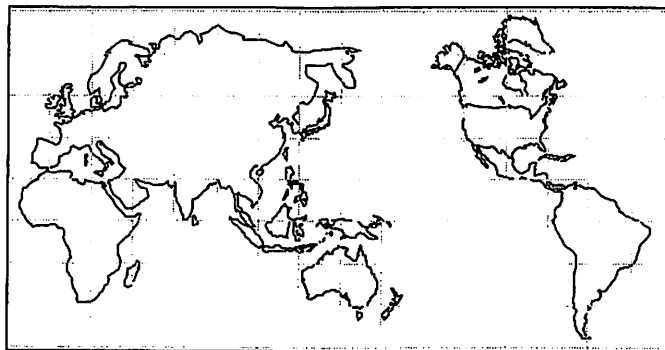
18. Children living in Mexico speak \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. French
- B. English
- C. Mexican
- D. Spanish

19. One of the states in the United States is a group of islands in the Pacific Ocean. It is the state of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Hawaii
- B. Rhode Island
- C. Alaska
- D. California

20. This is a map of \_\_\_\_\_.



- A. the United States
- B. the World
- C. the Oceans
- D. North America

21. In the second grade at Oak Hill School, the students collect all the school's scrap paper. It will be recycled. Recycling paper is a way to save \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. trees
- B. water
- C. soil
- D. animals

22. The country bordering the United States on the south is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Canada
  - B. Cuba
  - C. Brazil
  - D. Mexico
23. The continents are the \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. 50 states of the United States
  - B. 5 oceans of the northern and southern hemispheres
  - C. 7 major landmasses of the world
  - D. 4 basic landforms of each country
24. The east-west line in the middle of the globe is called the \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Prime Meridian
  - B. Arctic Circle
  - C. South Pole
  - D. Equator
25. A globe like the one shown here is the only correct map of the world because \_\_\_\_\_.



- A. it shows the correct size and location of the oceans and continents
- B. it is a flat map showing real places
- C. it names the world's plants and animals
- D. it shows the location of weather and climate