1. Noah Webster was born in _____.
   A. Maryland
   B. Rhode Island
   C. Connecticut
   D. California

2. He lived during the time of _____.
   A. Theodore Roosevelt
   B. George Washington
   C. Abraham Lincoln
   D. Herbert Hoover

3. He dropped out of law school because _____.
   A. he ran out of money
   B. the work was too hard
   C. he decided on another career
   D. his family needed his help

4. He took a job _____.
   A. teaching school
   B. working in the field
   C. drilling oil wells
   D. working in the patent office

5. Because he had so many responsibilities in his job he _____.
   A. complained all the time
   B. asked for a helper
   C. worked cheerfully to set a good example
   D. quit the job and looked for another one

6. To inspire those under his care Noah _____.
   A. flogged them
   B. rewarded them
   C. read the Bible to them
   D. cursed at them

7. He learned about the law by reading _____.
   A. the judge’s books
   B. books at the library
   C. books borrowed from neighbors
   D. the school books

8. Webster decided to write a spelling book and a _____ book.
   A. math
   B. reading
   C. grammar
   D. Latin

9. His most popular book was called _____.
   A. History of America
   B. Reading in Three Easy Lessons
   C. Latin for Children
   D. the Blue-backed Speller

10. More than ______ copies of his famous book were sold.
    A. 500
    B. 5,000
    C. 5 million
    D. 100 million
11. He went by _____ from town to town to sell his books.
A. car and train  
B. horseback and stage coach  
C. horseback and train  
D. covered wagon and horseback

12. To sell his books he would _____.
A. make the prices very low  
B. high pressure people to buy them  
C. get endorsements from important people  
D. give away gift cards with the books

13. He observed that the people in America had difficulty _____.
A. understanding one another  
B. reading books  
C. going from one town to another  
D. finding good clothes to wear

14. Webster spoke of a “mother tongue” which meant _____.
A. mothers should not speak crossly  
B. one language for the country  
C. a kind of plant  
D. mothers were to teach their children

15. Webster decided in order to create a “mother tongue” he would write a _____.
A. book containing many languages  
B. song about it  
C. dictionary  
D. manual for mothers

16. In his book he changed the _____ of some words.
A. spelling  
B. usefulness  
C. meaning  
D. markings

17. One word which kept the old spelling was _____.
A. musick  
B. plough  
C. centre  
D. women

18. Webster spent 20 years and thousands of dollars _____.
A. printing spelling books  
B. doing plant research  
C. researching the origin of words  
D. building libraries

19. His book has sold more copies than any English book except _____.
A. the Farmer’s Almanac  
B. the Bible  
C. David Copperfield  
D. A Tale of Two Cities

20. The _____ family bought the right to publish his book.
A. Merriam  
B. Gutenberg  
C. Harcourt  
D. Foresman