**MEGA GOAL 3.2** . **Unit *4***

**Against the Odds**

***VOCABULARY***

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| **1** | **It totally………………… ! How did he get on the cover?** | | | | | | | | |
| **a** | | Chances | b | iffy | c | No way | d | freaked me out |
| **2** | **Actually, it was a………………… .** **He was at a New Inventors' Convention and got seated next to one of the board members.** | | | | | | | | |
| **a** | No way | | b | on cloud nine | c | freaked me out | d | **break** |
| **3** | **He must be………….. That's so exciting!** | | | | | | | | |
| **a** | | freaked me out | b | Chances | c | **on cloud nine** | d | iffy |
| **4** | **At first it was…………..** **but he definitely wanted the article.** | | | | | | | | |
| **a** | | Chances | b | **iffy** | c | No way | d | freaked me out |
| **5** | **The………… between Juan and his brother is incredible. They could pass for twins.** | | | | | | | | |
| **a** | | astounded | **b** | striking | **c** | **resemblance** | **d** | assassinated |
| **6** | **We were……………. by the news that they were leaving the country** | | | | | | | | |
| **a** | | successively | b | striking | c | resemblance | **d** | **astounded** |
| **7** | **Their letters became ………to each other. shorter and shorter, until finally they stopped writing** | | | | | | | | |
| **a** | | **successively** | **b** | astounded | **c** | iffy | **d** | assassinated |
| **8** | **I was……….. to get the news that had been accepted into my first choice college.** | | | | | | | | |
| **a** | | astounded | b | resemblance | c | successively | d | **delighted** |
| **9** | **The heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne was……………** | | | | | | | | |
| **a** | | iffy | **b** | striking | **c** | **assassinated** | **d** | astounded |
| **10** | **That black-and-white photograph is so…………………… I can't stop looking at it.** | | | | | | | | |
| **a** | | **striking** | b | astounded | c | delighted | d | successively |
| **GRAMMAR** | | | | | | | | | |
| **11** | **My grandfather drives…………………… slowly that other drivers get annoyed.** | | | | | | | | |
| **a** | | so few | b | **so** | c | such | d | so many |
| **12** | **I got………………………… sleep last night that I feel exhausted today.** | | | | | | | | |
| **a** | | so much | b | such | c | ***so little*** | d | so many |
| **13** | **He has………………….. big family that he has cousins he hasn't even met.** | | | | | | | | |
| **a** | | such | b | **such a** | c | so many | d | **such a** |
| **14** | **They are………..good friends that they are more like brothers.** | | | | | | | | |
| **15** | **a** | | **such** | b | such a | c | so little | d | so much |
| **There are…………………good courses this year that I can't decide which ones to take.** | | | | | | | | |
| **a** | | such a | b | so little | c | so much | d | **so many** |

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| **16** | **The tourists were eating their lunch when a thief ...........their camera.** | | | | | | | |
| **a** | steals | b | **stole** | c | stolen | d | stealing |
| **17** | **The builder………………. hard all morning when he decided to take a break.** | | | | | | | |
| **a** | has worked | b | is working | c | **had been working** | d | has been working |
| **18** | **Fatima was talking on the phone while her mother …………………….** | | | | | | | |
| **a** | Has cooked | b | cooking | c | cooks | d | **was cooking** |
| **19** | **The boy………….. an ice cream cone while his sister was making a sandwich.** | | | | | | | |
| **20** | **a** | **was eating** | b | has eaten | c | eats | d | eat |
| She had been calling them on the phone all morning, but no one………………….. | | | | | | | |
| **a** | is answering | b | answering | c | **answered** | d | answer |

**Matching**

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| 1 | **astounded** |  | **A** | **very happy , pleased** |
| 2 | **decade** |  | **B** | **draws attention** |
| 3 | **delighted** |  | **C** | **similarity** |
| 4 | **regained** |  | **D** | **amazed, surprised** |
| 5 | **resemblance** |  | **E** | **got back again** |
| 6 | **striking** |  | **F** | **ten years** |
| 7 | **suffered** |  |

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**comprehension**

The greatest medical discoveries of the century was antibiotics, a kind of medication used to kill bacteria that cause disease. Since the discovery, antibiotics may have saved millions of lives.Yet, the discovery of the first antibiotic happened by accident. In 1928, a Scottish scientist named Alexander Fleming was researching a kind of bacteria called staphylococcus. He conducted experiments with the bacteria in dishes. Fleming was brilliant, but he was messy and absent-minded. When he left his laboratory to go on vacation, instead of cleaning up, he eft the bacteria in the dishes. When he returned, he noticed that mold had grown in the dishes while he was gone. He could have just thrown the dishes away. Fortunately instead, he looked at them under a microscope. Fleming found that the area around the mold was free of bacteria. He realized that the dangerous bacteria must have been dissolved by the mold. These dirty dishes led to the discovery of penicilin, the first antibiotic.

The discovery of Velcro® is one such fortunate accident. One summer day in 1948, a Swiss inventor named George de Mestral went for a hike. When he returned, he was covered in burrs-seed-sacs that cling to cothes. Nature designed burrs to do this in order to spread seeds to new areas. De Mestral became curious about how these burrs attached themselves to clothes and hair. Another modern invention we owe to a happy accident is Post-it Notes, those small pieces of notepaper that can be stuck and unstuck again and again. In 1970, Spencer Silver was working in a research laboratory, trying to create a strong adhesive. He created a new adhesive that stuck to objects, but it could also easily be lifted off them. Because the adhesive was so weak. Silver considered it a failure.

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| **1-Mistakes sometimes lead to great new discoveries.** |  |
| **2- Antibiotics have been in existence since the 1800s.** |  |
| **3- The idea for Velcro came from nature.** |  |
| **4- Post-it Notes have a strong adhesive.** |  |
| **5- The greatest medical discoveries of the century was Velcro.** |  |
| **6- Alexander Fleming invented the antibiotics.** |  |
| **7- Fleming threw away the dirty dishes .** |  |
| **8- The discovery of Velcro® is one such scientific accident.** |  |

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**A guided Composition**

**Write a paragraph about a mistake you did in the past :-**

**My mistake**

In the past, I made the mistake of trusting someone too quickly without really getting to know them first. This led to a situation where my trust was misplaced, and I ended up feeling disappointed and hurt. However, from this experience, I learned the valuable lesson of being more discerning and patient when it comes to forming new connections. I realized the importance of taking the time to truly understand someone's character and values before extending my trust.

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**Write a free paragraph about an unusual coincidence that has happened to you:-**

**Unusual coincidence**

Once, I stumbled upon a stranger in a cafe who not only shared my birthday but also grew up in the same town as me, even attending the same elementary school years before. It was a surreal and uncanny experience, and it sparked a friendship that felt like destiny. The odds of such an encounter seemed astronomically small, yet there we were, two kindred spirits brought together by an extraordinary coincidence. It was a reminder of the mysterious connections that weave through the tapestry of our lives, leaving me with a sense of wonder and excitement about the unseen threads that bind us all together.

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