

Word Pairs Joined by 'And'

English Vocabulary Worksheet — CBSE Class 9 Level

A. New Word Pairs and Their Meanings

- 1 **cut and dried** — already decided; not open to change
- 2 **wear and tear** — damage caused by normal use over time
- 3 **part and parcel** — an essential part of something
- 4 **null and void** — having no legal force; invalid
- 5 **by and large** — on the whole; generally speaking
- 6 **first and foremost** — most importantly, above all else
- 7 **spick and span** — neat, clean, and tidy
- 8 **odds and ends** — small miscellaneous items
- 9 **fair and square** — done honestly, according to the rules
- 10 **back and forth** — moving repeatedly between two points or positions

Recap — Earlier Word Pairs (for reference)

bread and butter, safe and sound, slow and steady, now and then, hard and fast, rules and regulations, peace and quiet, trial and error, give and take, name and address, pros and cons, law and order, knife and fork, husband and wife, loud and clear

B. Exercise

Read each item carefully and answer using the word pairs given above. Some questions describe a situation rather than giving an obvious blank — think about which word pair fits the meaning.

Part 1: Complete the sentences

- 1 The manager said the company's decision on layoffs was completely _____ and would not change.
- 2 The old bridge shows clear signs of _____ after years of heavy traffic.
- 3 Waking up early is _____ of army life; recruits cannot avoid it.
- 4 Since the agreement was signed under threat, the judge ruled it _____.
- 5 _____, the harvest this year has been good, though a few farmers report losses.

Part 2: Pick the word pair that best fits the situation

- 6 A student's room is spotless, with everything arranged neatly. Which word pair describes this?
- 7 Two neighbours have been arguing over a fence for weeks, going over the same points again and again. Which word pair fits?

- 8 A runner crosses the finish line first without breaking any rule. Which word pair fits?
- 9 A drawer contains a mix of small unrelated items — pins, rubber bands, old coins. Which word pair fits?
- 10 Before giving advice, a teacher says the most important thing students should remember. Which word pair fits?
- a) fair and square b) spick and span c) cut and dried d) back and forth
- a) back and forth b) part and parcel c) null and void d) safe and sound
- a) hard and fast b) trial and error c) fair and square d) now and then
- a) rules and regulations b) odds and ends c) pros and cons d) law and order
- a) first and foremost b) wear and tear c) by and large d) name and address

Part 3: Complete the passage

Fill each blank with the word pair that best completes the meaning of the passage.

Riya and her sister shared the household chores using a spirit of (11) _____, since neither of them wanted to do everything alone. By evening, the house was (12) _____, with every item neatly arranged. Their mother explained that helping around the house was (13) _____ of being a responsible family member, not just an occasional task. (14) _____, she wanted her daughters to learn responsibility rather than simply finish the work quickly. She added that even small habits, practised (15) _____ rather than all at once, build lasting character.

C. Answer Key

Part 1: 1. cut and dried 2. wear and tear 3. part and parcel 4. null and void 5. By and large

Part 2: 6. b 7. a 8. c 9. b 10. a

Part 3: 11. give and take 12. spick and span 13. part and parcel 14. First and foremost 15. now and then