

## Lesson 18

1. Disney started out with no money. He \_\_\_\_\_ his uncle to lend him five hundred dollars to start his company.
2. Disney's early years in the film business were not easy. At first he could afford to pay himself only enough for a \_\_\_\_\_ living.
3. Oswald, the Lucky Rabbit, was one of Disney's early creations. Mickey Mouse was \_\_\_\_\_ to Oswald, as were the rest of the famous Disney characters.
4. The distributor handling Disney's movies tried to cheat him. The distributor even lured away the illustrators Disney had \_\_\_\_\_ earlier.
5. Disney was dismayed by the distributor's underhanded ways. He felt \_\_\_\_\_ and decided that in the future, he would control every part of the business himself.
6. On the journey back to Los Angeles, Disney made a decision. He \_\_\_\_\_ never to sell his movies, but only to rent them from that point on.
7. By renting his films, Disney made life easier for himself. Distributors had fewer chances to make \_\_\_\_\_ for him if he kept ownership of the films.
8. Disney and his wife were both excited by the idea of a cartoon mouse. They had a very \_\_\_\_\_ discussion about it on the train journey home.
9. They named the new character Mickey Mouse. Mickey always seems to be happy and smiling, and it's hard to imagine him looking \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Mickey Mouse is always getting into and out of trouble. He \_\_\_\_\_ his way around all obstacles with a smile on his face.
11. The only things Mickey Mouse and a real mouse have in common is that both have a tail and ears. The \_\_\_\_\_ between a real mouse and Disney's creation is slight.
12. Mickey Mouse was soon joined by Minnie Mouse, Goofy, and Donald Duck. These \_\_\_\_\_ characters appeared together in many movies.
13. The first full-length talking picture appeared in 1927. Silent movies \_\_\_\_\_ rapidly in popularity with the arrival of talking pictures.
14. The name of the first talking picture was *The Jazz Singer*. The movie created a \_\_\_\_\_ when Al Jolson's voice rang out from the screen.
15. The arrival of sound had made silent movies \_\_\_\_\_ overnight. Disney added a soundtrack to the third Mickey Mouse cartoon, *Steamboat Willie*.