

Definitions

Note carefully the spelling, pronunciation, part(s) of speech, and definition(s) of each of the following words. Then write the word in the blank space(s) in the illustrative sentence(s) following. Finally, study the lists of synonyms and antonyms given at the end of each entry.

1. apparel (ə par' əl)

(*n.*) clothing, that which serves as dress or decoration; (*v.*) to put clothes on, dress up

Winter _____ should be warm and cozy.

Let's _____ our cats for the party.

SYNONYMS: (*n.*) attire, garments; (*v.*) deck out

ANTONYMS: (*v.*) undress, unclothe, strip, denude

2. besiege (bi sēj')

(*v.*) to attack by surrounding with military forces; to cause worry or trouble

If troops _____ their stronghold, the rebel forces may be forced to surrender.

SYNONYMS: blockade, encircle, pressure, hound

3. compress (v., kəm pres', n., kām' pres)

(*v.*) to press together; to reduce in size or volume; (*n.*) a folded cloth or pad applied to an injury

The editor helped to _____ my rambling 25-page mystery into an 8-page thriller.

A cold _____ may soothe headache pain.

SYNONYMS: (*v.*) condense, shrink, shorten

ANTONYMS: (*v.*) expand, enlarge

4. denounce (di naŭns')

(*v.*) to condemn openly; to accuse formally

The United Nations decided to publicly _____ the tyrant's crimes against his people.

SYNONYMS: criticize, censure

ANTONYMS: hail, acclaim

5. dispatch (dis pach')

(*v.*) to send off or out for a purpose; to kill; (*n.*) an official message; promptness, speed; the act of killing

We'll _____ a repair crew right away.

He approved the request with _____.

SYNONYMS: (*v.*) slay; (*n.*) report, communication

ANTONYMS: (*v.*) recall, withhold

6. douse (daŭs)

(*v.*) to plunge into a liquid, drench; to put out quickly, extinguish

I'll _____ the flames with the hose.

SYNONYMS: submerge, soak, dunk, immerse

ANTONYMS: dry out, dehydrate, kindle, ignite

7. expressly
(ek spres' lē)

(adv.) plainly, in so many words; for a particular/purpose
At the meeting, parents _____
stated their approval of students wearing school uniforms.
SYNONYMS: clearly, pointedly, explicitly
ANTONYMS: implicitly, accidentally

8. famished
(fam' isht)

(adj., part.) suffering severely from hunger or from lack of something
The Vietnamese immigrants, new to a strange American city, were _____ for news of home.
SYNONYMS: hungry, starving, ravenous
ANTONYMS: well fed, full, satisfied, satiated

9. forsake
(fôr sāk')

(v.) to give up, renounce; to leave, abandon
I will never _____ my children, no matter what they do or say.
SYNONYMS: desert, disown
ANTONYMS: keep, hold on to, stand by

10. gainful
(gān' fəl)

(adj.) profitable; bringing in money or some special advantage
I hope to find _____ employment that is pleasing to me.
SYNONYMS: moneymaking, paying
ANTONYMS: unprofitable, unrewarding, nonpaying

11. immense
(i mens')

(adj.) very large or great; beyond ordinary means of measurement
Alaska enjoys _____ natural resources, but its severe climate makes those resources difficult to use.
SYNONYMS: vast, enormous, immeasurable, gigantic
ANTONYMS: small, tiny, minute, infinitesimal

12. inept
(in ept')

(adj.) totally without skill or appropriateness
The scientist is brilliant in the research laboratory but is _____ at dealing with people.
SYNONYMS: clumsy, unskilled, bungling, incompetent
ANTONYMS: skillful, accomplished, adroit

13. ingenious
(in jən yas)

(adj.) showing remarkable originality, inventiveness, or resourcefulness; clever
The students found an _____ solution to the math problem.
SYNONYMS: imaginative, inventive, resourceful
ANTONYMS: unimaginative, unoriginal, uninventive

14. instantaneous

(in stən tā' nē əs)

(*adj.*) done in an instant; immediate

Most computer software is designed so that users can obtain nearly _____ responses.

SYNONYMS: prompt, quick, speedy

ANTONYMS: delayed, slow, gradual

15. irk

(ərk)

(*v.*) to annoy, trouble, make weary

Questions that show a student's lack of attention _____ the teacher.

SYNONYMS: bother, irritate, vex

ANTONYMS: please, delight, cheer, gladden

16. libel

(lī' bəl)

(*n.*) a written statement that unfairly or falsely harms the reputation of the person about whom it is made; (*v.*) to write or publish such a statement

The celebrity accused her biographer of _____.

It is a crime to _____ others, no matter how you feel about them.

SYNONYMS: (*n.*) slur; (*v.*) smear, defame

17. misgiving

(mis giv' in)

(*n.*) a feeling of fear, doubt, or uncertainty

They had _____ about joining the chorus because of its demanding schedule.

SYNONYMS: worry, qualm, hesitation

ANTONYMS: feeling of confidence, assurance

18. oaf

(ōf)

(*n.*) a stupid person; a big, clumsy, slow individual

He generally moved like an _____, so I was surprised to see how graceful he was on the dance floor.

SYNONYMS: bonehead, dunce, clod, lout

19. recede

(ri sēd')

(*v.*) to go or move backward; to become more distant

The town residents must wait for the flood waters to _____ before they can deal with

the terrible mess left behind.

SYNONYMS: retreat, go back, back up, ebb

ANTONYMS: advance, come closer

20. repast

(ri past')

(*n.*) a meal, food

Let's get together after the show at Callie's Café for a late-night _____.

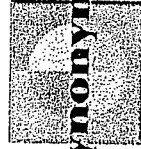
SYNONYM: victuals

Completing the Sentence

From the words for this unit, choose the one that best completes each of the following sentences. Write the word in the space provided.

1. Some people hailed the man as a genius; others _____ him as a quack.
2. While all true vegetarians _____ animal meats, some do eat dairy products.
3. Your _____ can be neat and attractive without being expensive.
4. The terms of our agreement _____ forbade us to take any of the goods for our own use.
5. When you are really hungry, even the simplest foods will be a delicious _____.
6. Since it was well past their lunchtime by the time we arrived home, the children were _____.
7. You had no right to call me a clumsy _____ just because I spilled some water on you.
8. The laws of this land do not shield public figures from just criticism, but they do protect them against _____.
9. Far away on the horizon, we saw the tiny figures of a lonely traveler and his mule _____ into the sunset.
10. On my first baby-sitting job, I found that one must have _____ patience to take care of young children.
11. Let's make certain to _____ the fire before leaving camp.
12. When you play tennis for the first time, you are going to find that your attempts to hit the ball are very _____.
13. If you _____ all the items as much as possible, you will be able to get everything into a single suitcase.
14. As an inexperienced sailor, I had more than a few _____ about taking out the small boat in such rough weather.
15. Don't allow yourself to be _____ by every small trouble that may arise during the day.
16. Because I have reached an age at which I am unwilling to depend on my parents, I am out to find a _____ occupation.
17. None of us could figure out how the _____ magician had managed to escape from the trunk submerged in the tank of water.

18. How can we hope to _____ a city that is surrounded by such strong walls and has ample supplies of everything it needs?
19. A(n) _____ will be sent to all our representatives in Latin America advising them how to handle the problem.
20. Some of life's rewards are _____; others are a long time in coming.



Synonyms

Choose the word from this unit that is **the same or most nearly the same in meaning as the **boldface** word or expression in the given phrase. Write the word on the line provided.**

1. enjoyed the **meal** served to them _____
2. had to fire the **bungling** carpenter _____
3. thought the article **smeared** her reputation _____
4. **resourceful** use for lumber scraps _____
5. refused to invite the **lout** _____
6. fashionable hand-me-down **garments** _____
7. waiting until the crowds **ebb** _____
8. **qualms** about the leading candidate _____
9. is **clearly** forbidden for use by minors _____
10. sent them a top-secret **communication** _____
11. compelled to **desert** the leaky boat _____
12. were far too **hungry** to wait politely _____
13. can provide **speedy** results at home _____
14. chose a **profitable** career in advertising _____
15. **pressure** us with repeated phone calls _____



Antonyms

Choose the word from this unit that is **most nearly opposite in meaning to the **boldface** word or expression in the given phrase. Write the word on the line provided.**

16. sailing across the **tiny** ocean _____
17. knew when to **kindle** the torch _____
18. **expand** the bundle to fit _____
19. was certain to **gladden** the passengers _____
20. reasons to **acclaim** the winner _____