

Definitions

Note carefully the spelling, pronunciation, and definition of each of the following words. Then write the word in the blank space in the illustrative phrase following.

- admonish** (ad 'mān ish)
(v.) to caution or advise against something; to scold mildly; to remind of a duty
_____ the noisy students
- breach** (brēch)
(n.) an opening, gap; a violation or infraction; (v.) to create an opening, break through
_____ the enemy's lines
- brigand** ('brig ənd)
(n.) a bandit
assaulted on the way by _____
- circumspect** ('sɜ:kəm spɛkt)
(adj.) careful, cautious
try to behave in a _____ fashion
- commandeer** (kām ən 'dɛr)
(v.) to seize for military or official use
the right to _____ private property
- cumbersome** ('kʌm bər səm)
(adj.) clumsy, hard to handle; slow-moving
a _____ package
- deadlock** ('ded lək)
(n.) a complete standstill; (v.) to bring to a standstill
a 3-to-3 _____ after 15 innings
- debris** (de 'brɛ)
(n.) scattered fragments, wreckage
_____ resulting from the explosion
- diffuse** (v., di 'yʊz, adj., di 'yʊs)
(v.) to spread or scatter freely or widely; (adj.) wordy, long-winded, or unfocused; scattered or widely spread
slowly _____ through the room
- dilemma** (di 'lem ə)
(n.) a difficult or perplexing situation or problem
caught in a painful _____
- efface** (e 'fās)
(v.) to wipe out; to keep oneself from being noticed
_____ all signs of the struggle
- muddle** ('mʌd əl)
(v.) to make a mess of; *muddle through*: to get by;
(n.) a hopeless mess
a _____ caused by failure to obey my directions
- opinionated** (ə 'pi:n jən ət id)
(adj.) stubborn and often unreasonable in holding to one's own ideas, having a closed mind
too _____ to listen to her proposal
- perennial** (pə 'ren ə əl)
(adj.) lasting for a long time, persistent; (n.) a plant that lives for many years

15. predispose (pre dis 'pɔ:z)
(v.) to incline to beforehand
_____ me to colds

16. relinquish (rɛ 'liŋ kwɪʃ)
(v.) to let go, give up
_____ his role in the class show

17. salvage ('sæl vij)
(v.) to save from fire or shipwreck; (n.) property thus saved
_____ a few things from the fire

18. spasmodic (spaz 'mæd ik)
(adj.) sudden and violent but brief, fitful, intermittent
_____ rifle fire from the woods

19. spurious ('spju: rɪ əs)
(adj.) not genuine, not true, not valid
_____ will reject the _____

20. unbridled (ən 'brɪd əld)
(adj.) uncontrolled, lacking in restraint
the _____ enthusiasm of the fans

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.

- Though his partner lost everything, he was able to _____ a few dollars from the wreckage of the bankrupt business.
- He is so _____ that he won't even consider the ideas or suggestions offered by other people.
- The doctor became more and more fearful that her patient's weakened condition would _____ him to pneumonia.
- The nurse rushed into the hospital corridor to _____ the visitors who were creating a disturbance.
- The idea of a(n) _____ like Robin Hood who helps the poor appeals strongly to the popular imagination.
- I added a few drops of food coloring to the liquid and watched as they slowly _____ through it.
- The poor animal was subject to sudden seizures, during which its head and legs would jerk about in a wild and _____ manner.
- Though all modern scholars accept *Macbeth* as Shakespeare's work, one or two of the scenes may be _____
- If I don't get a job, I won't have the money to do what I want; and if I do get a job, I won't have the time. What a(n) _____!
- The rug made such a(n) _____ bundle that it took four of us to carry it to _____

11. Since we do not want to replace the plants in our garden every year, we favor _____ over annuals.
12. A man of towering pride and _____ ambition, he stopped at nothing to achieve his goals as quickly and directly as possible.
13. We had the heart-breaking task of cleaning the _____ after the plane had crashed into the school building.
14. In order to capture the fleeing criminals, the police _____ our car and raced after the vanishing truck.
15. Once Great Britain had given up her vast overseas empire, she found that she had also _____ her position as a world power.
16. Though my memory is getting dimmer and dimmer with the slow passage of time, I doubt that the exciting events of my childhood will ever be totally _____ from my mind.
17. The water pouring through the _____ in the dam threatened to flood the entire valley.
18. The records of our club were in such a(n) _____ that we couldn't even determine which members had paid their dues.
19. The two sides in the labor dispute reached a(n) _____ when neither was willing to meet the other halfway.
20. Before Mrs. Kanner makes an investment, she studies all aspects of the situation in a most methodical and _____ manner.
21. The speech rambled on in such a(n) _____ and unfocused manner that, try as I might, I couldn't make out the speaker's point.

Synonyms

From the words for this unit, choose the one that is most nearly **the same** in meaning as each of the following groups of expressions. Write the word on the line given.

1. take over, requisition, expropriate, seize _____
2. rambling, verbose, prolix, to disperse _____
3. cautious, wary, prudent, careful, guarded _____
4. to incline, make susceptible to _____
5. to blot out, erase, expunge, obliterate _____
6. false, counterfeit, fraudulent, bogus _____
7. to caution, warn, scold, call on the carpet _____
8. uncontrolled, unrestrained, unchecked _____
9. unwieldy, clumsy to handle, ponderous _____

10. a robber, bandit, highwayman, outlaw _____
11. a standoff, stalemate, impasse _____
12. to rescue, recover, retrieve, reclaim _____
13. to give up, let go, surrender, abandon _____
14. irregular, intermittent, occasional, fitful _____
15. a predicament, quandary, "pickle," "bind" _____
16. enduring, persistent, recurring _____
17. confusion, disorder, to jumble, mess up _____
18. a gap, rupture, rift; to break through _____
19. rubble, detritus, flotsam and jetsam _____
20. obstinate, pigheaded, inflexible _____

Antonyms

From the words for this unit, choose the one that is most nearly **opposite** in meaning to each of the following groups of expressions. Write the word on the line given.

1. genuine, authentic, bona fide, valid _____
2. incautious, rash, heedless, reckless _____
3. open-minded, reasonable _____
4. an easily solved problem, cinch _____
5. to keep, hold on to, retain, cling to _____
5. to praise, pat on the back _____
7. orderliness, tidiness, neatness _____
8. brief, short-lived, fleeting, ephemeral _____
9. continuous, steady; chronic _____
10. restrained, held in check, muted _____
11. to seal, close _____
12. easy to handle, manageable _____
13. to abandon; to scrap, junk _____
14. brief, concise, succinct; to concentrate _____
15. an agreement, accord; a breakthrough _____
16. to imprint permanently _____
17. to immunize against, shield from _____