

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.

- 1. adjourn** (ə 'jɜ:n)
(v.) to stop proceedings for a time; to move to another place _____ the session until the next day
- 2. alien** ('æ li: ən)
(n.) a citizen of another country; (adj.) foreign, strange
customs _____ to our way of life
- 3. comely** ('kəm li:
(adj.) having a pleasing appearance
a _____ child
- 4. compensate** ('kəm pən sət)
(v.) to make up for; to repay for services
_____ him for his losses
- 5. dissolute** ('dis ə lu:t)
(adj.) loose in one's morals or behavior
a group of _____ "men-about-town"
- 6. erratic** (e 'ræt ik)
(adj.) not regular or consistent, different from what is ordinarily expected; undependable
upset by his _____ behavior
- 7. expulsion** (ek 'spəl shən)
(n.) the process of driving or forcing out
order the _____ of aliens
- 8. feint** (fai nt)
(n.) a deliberately deceptive movement, a pretense; (v.) to make a deceptive movement, to make a pretense of
the boxer's extraordinary ability to counter and _____
- 9. fodder** ('fəd ə r)
(n.) food for horses or cattle, raw material for a designated purpose
stored _____ in the silo
- 10. fortify** ('fɔ: tɪ fi)
(v.) to strengthen, build up
_____ the city against attack
- 11. illegible** (i 'lej ə bəl)
(adj.) difficult or impossible to read
an _____ note
- 12. jeer** (jɜ:
(v.) to make fun of rudely or unkindly; (n.) a rude remark of derision
_____ at strangers
- 13. lucrative** ('lu krə tiv)
(adj.) bringing in money, profitable
establish a _____ business
- 14. mediocre** (mi: de 'ɔ: kər)
(adj.) average, ordinary, undistinguished
_____ player rather than a star

- 15. proliferate** (prə 'lif ə rai)
(v.) to reproduce, increase, or spread rapidly
since some cells _____ more quickly than others
- 16. subjugate** ('sʌb dʒu: gət)
(v.) to conquer by force, bring under complete control
a campaign to _____ the rebels
- 17. sully** ('sul ē)
(v.) to soil, stain, tarnish, defile, besmirch
a reputation _____ by scandal
- 18. tantalize** ('tæn tə laɪz)
(v.) to tease, torment by teasing
_____ by goodies in the window
- 19. terse** (tɜ: s)
(adj.) brief and to the point
a _____ remark
- 20. unflinching** (ən 'flɪn tʃɪŋ)
(adj.) firm, showing no signs of fear, not drawing back
faced danger with _____ courage

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.

- The thoroughly disgraceful behavior of a few dissolute officers effectively _____ the honor of the entire unit
- In spite of all the adverse criticism her ideas have received, she remains _____ in her determination to improve our community
- Despite all my efforts to make this a(n) _____ business, it continues to be a decidedly nonprofit organization.
- How can you be so cruel as to _____ the poor dog by offering him tidbits that you will never let him have?
- To enlarge the areas under their control, kings of old sent out their armies to _____ their neighbors
- Our doctor's handwriting is so _____ that my brother used one of his prescriptions as a teacher's pass.
- The speaker advised us not to imitate the _____ kind of person who squanders time and money in the vain pursuit of pleasure.
- Milton drank quantities of lemon juice and swallowed vitamin C tablets in a valiant attempt to _____ himself against winter colds.
- A(n) _____ student is one who neither fails any subject nor receives any marks that are above average.
- Our laws protect not only citizens but also _____ legally residing in this country

11. V the national economy is expanding, housing developments begin _____; when times are lean, construction slacks off.

12. He was a changed young man after his _____ from West Point for "conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman."

13. His only response to my warnings was to _____ at me scornfully and go ahead with his plans.

14. The fact that he says that he is truly sorry does not _____ for the pain I have suffered as a result of his cruelty.

15. Though she is not a beautiful woman by conventional standards, she is certainly _____ and appealing.

16. Since there is a charge for every word used in it, a telegram is usually as _____ as possible.

17. When it is time to end one of our meetings, a member must make a motion to _____.

18. The farmer must provide storage facilities for the _____ he plans to set aside for his cattle during the long winter.

19. Though he had a great sinker ball, he was so _____ on the mound that fans started to call him "Wild Pitch Flickok."

20. Their so-called "peace initiative" proved to be nothing more than a clever _____ designed to lull the enemy into a false sense of security.

21. The planets move around the heavens in a regular fashion, but the course of a comet is decidedly _____.

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. an ejection, ouster, eviction _____
- 2. ordinary, average, run-of-the-mill _____
- 3. concise, succinct, crisp, short and sweet _____
- 4. irregular, inconsistent, unpredictable _____
- 5. foreign; strange, unfamiliar, exotic _____
- 6. to multiply, mushroom, burgeon, increase _____
- 7. good-looking, attractive, bonny _____
- 8. dissipated, debauched; immoral, corrupt _____
- 9. a trick, ruse, subterfuge; a bluff, dodge _____
- 10. to tempt, lead on, make one's mouth water _____

11. to pollute, defile, tarnish, taint, smear _____

12. food for animals, feed, provender _____

13. resolute, steadfast, unwavering _____

14. to pay back, reimburse, recompense _____

15. to conquer, subdue, vanquish, master _____

16. to strengthen, reinforce, shore up _____

17. to make fun of, laugh at, mock, taunt _____

18. profitable, gainful, moneymaking _____

19. to postpone, suspend, discontinue _____

20. unreadable, indecipherable, scribbled _____

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

1. unprofitable, losing, in the red _____

2. to be conquered, submit, surrender _____

3. wordy, diffuse, prolix, verbose _____

4. wavering, vacillating, irresolute _____

5. to call to order, open _____

6. virtuous, chaste, moral, seemly, proper _____

7. admittance, admission _____

8. decrease, diminish, slack off, dwindle _____

9. to cleanse, purify, decontaminate _____

10. readable, decipherable, distinct, clear _____

11. to weaken, undermine, sap, impair _____

12. applause, plaudits, accolades _____

13. outstanding, exceptional, distinguished _____

14. native, endemic; familiar _____

15. plain, homely; ugly, repulsive _____

16. steady, consistent, dependable _____

17. to satisfy, fulfill, gratify _____

18. to fail to reward, "stiff" _____