

## 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.

- abridge** (ə 'brɪdʒ)  
(v.) to make shorter  
to \_\_\_\_\_ a 1000-page novel
- adherent** (əd 'hɛr ənt)  
(n.) a follower, supporter. (adj.) attached, sticking to  
has attracted many \_\_\_\_\_  
(n.) an angry argument  
involved in a noisy \_\_\_\_\_
- altercation** (əl 'tɛr 'kɑ:ʃən)  
(adj.) resembling an angel portrayed as a little child with a beautiful, round, or chubby face, sweet and innocent  
the \_\_\_\_\_ smile of a newborn baby
- cherubic** (tʃe 'rʊ:bɪk)  
(v.) to pardon or overlook  
refuse to \_\_\_\_\_ bad behavior
- condone** (kən 'dɒn)  
(v.) to disagree. (n.) disagreement  
\_\_\_\_\_ from the majority view
- dissent** (dɪ 'sɛnt)  
(adj.) famous, outstanding, distinguished, projecting.  
an \_\_\_\_\_ member of the bar
- eminent** (ɪ'mɪn ə nənt)  
(v.) to drive out by magic; to dispose of something troublesome, menacing, or oppressive  
to \_\_\_\_\_ an evil spirit
- exorcise** (ɪk sɔ:r sɪz)  
(v.) to make, manufacture, to make up, invent  
learned how to \_\_\_\_\_ steel
- fabricate** ('fæb rə kæt)  
(adj.) angry  
try to calm an \_\_\_\_\_ parent
- irate** (ɪ 'rɑ:t)  
(n.) a raider, plunderer  
a village raided by \_\_\_\_\_
- marauder** (mə 'rɒd ər)  
(n.) extreme fairness  
suffering from \_\_\_\_\_
- obesity** (ə 'bi: sə tē)  
(n.) an extremely poor person  
help for the \_\_\_\_\_ in our community
- pauper** ('pɔ:p ə)  
(v.) to steal in small quantities  
\_\_\_\_\_ stamps from the cash box
- pilfer** ('pɪl fɛr)  
(n.) a split, break, breach  
\_\_\_\_\_ in their
- rift** (rɪft)  
an unfortunate \_\_\_\_\_ in their friendship

- semblance** ('sem bləns)  
(n.) a likeness: an outward appearance; an apparition  
tried to create a \_\_\_\_\_ of order
- surmount** (sə 'maʊnt)  
(v.) to overcome, rise above  
struggle to \_\_\_\_\_ all obstacles
- terminate** ('tɛr mə nət)  
(v.) to bring to an end  
\_\_\_\_\_ my employment
- trite** (trɪt)  
(adj.) commonplace; overused, stale  
full of clichés and \_\_\_\_\_ phrases
- usurp** (yü 'sɜ:p)  
(v.) to seize and hold a position by force or without right  
plot to \_\_\_\_\_ power

## 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 only way I could \_\_\_\_\_ the argument peacefully was to walk away abruptly.
- It is only through the exercise of their God-given intelligence that people can \_\_\_\_\_ the difficulties they encounter in daily living
- Though he was hurt by the tactless comment, he tried to show pleasure in it by twisting his lips into a feeble \_\_\_\_\_ of a smile.
- After driving the lawful ruler out of the country for good, the villainous duke \_\_\_\_\_ the throne and crowned himself king
- No one but a heartless scoundrel would \_\_\_\_\_ nickels and dimes from the Red Cross collection fund
- "That child may have an angel's \_\_\_\_\_ features, but at heart he is a little devil," I exclaimed in disgust.
- As the layer of clouds that hung over the city began to break up, the sun came pouring through the \_\_\_\_\_
- A screenplay or television drama with the same old "boy-meets-girl" plot can certainly be criticized as \_\_\_\_\_
- During a recent interdenominational service in our community center, the \_\_\_\_\_ of various faiths met to worship as one.
- Bands of \_\_\_\_\_ broke through the frontier defenses of the province and began to plunder the rich farmlands of the interior.
- Although he has enough money to live on, the loss of most of his great wealth has left him feeling like a(n) \_\_\_\_\_

11. angry, incensed, infuriated, enraged, livid
12. a poor person, someone destitute
13. a crack, fissure, breach, gap, cleft
14. to put together, manufacture, devise, contrive, concoct
15. commonplace, banal, hackneyed, "corny"
16. to shorten, condense, abbreviate
17. to seize illegally, commandeer, supplant
18. a raider, looter, pirate, freebooter
19. to differ, disagree, dispute
20. to drive out, expel; to dispel

### 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. original, novel, fresh, innovative
2. to be vanquished, be defeated, succumb to
3. to begin, commence, initiate
4. emaciation, gauntness, scrawniness
5. to expand, enlarge, augment
6. impish, devilish, diabolic, fiendish
7. to agree, concur, unanimity, harmony
8. an opponent, adversary, critic, detractor
9. calm, composed, cool, unruffled
10. obscure, nameless, unsung, lowly, humble
11. a millionaire, tycoon
12. to censure, condemn, disapprove, deprecate
13. an agreement, an accord
14. to obtain or come to by right
15. a dissimilarity, contrast, a total lack
16. a reconciliation, a closing of a gap
17. to take apart, undo; to destroy, demolish

12. A few of us who disagreed strongly with the commissioner's conclusions felt compelled to raise our voices in \_\_\_\_\_.
13. In this clever spoof of horror movies, the local witch doctor encounters hilarious difficulties when he tries to \_\_\_\_\_ an evil demon that has taken up residence in the heroine's body.
14. In order to fit the newspaper article into the space available, the editor had to \_\_\_\_\_ it by omitting secondary details.
15. Although I am not a particularly argumentative person, last week I found myself involved in a serious \_\_\_\_\_ with a salesclerk.
16. "I am willing to wink at a harmless prank," the dean remarked, "but I will not \_\_\_\_\_ outright vandalism."
17. The only lasting cure for \_\_\_\_\_ is to eat a great deal less \_\_\_\_\_.
18. I think that the phrase "hot under the collar" aptly describes the typical \_\_\_\_\_ customer that our complaint department has to deal with.
19. After so many years of distinguished service in the United States Senate, he can properly be called a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ statesman.
20. It is a real tribute to the ingenuity of the human mind that for thousands of years people have been \_\_\_\_\_ new and interesting theories of the universe.

### Synonyms

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

1. to ignore, wink at, turn a blind eye to
2. to conquer, overcome, triumph over
3. serious overweight, extreme corpulence
4. an appearance, air, aura, veneer, façade
5. a quarrel, dispute, squabble
6. a follower, supporter, disciple
7. to steal, rob, filch, swipe, purloin
8. illustrious, renowned, distinguished
9. to end, conclude, finish, discontinue
10. annelic, seraphic, beatific