

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. **affliction**
(ə 'fɪlɪkʃən)
(n.) a physical ailment; a cause of pain or trouble.
misfortune
an _____ of the elderly
2. **akin**
(ə 'kɪn)
(adj.) related by blood; having similar qualities or character
ideas _____ to ours
3. **cosmopolitan**
(kəz mə 'pæl ə ten)
(adj.) found in most parts of the world; having many fields of interest; of worldwide scope; sophisticated
a _____ point of view
4. **elongate**
(i 'lɒŋ gət)
(v.) to grow in length, become longer; to extend the length of
_____ an antenna
5. **gala**
('gɑːlə)
(n.) a public entertainment marking a special event, a festive occasion; (adj.) festive, showy
a _____ performance
6. **gaudy**
('gɔːdi)
(adj.) flashy, showy; not in good taste
a _____ outfit
7. **gratitude**
('grat ə tʃəd)
(n.) appreciation, thankfulness
express one's _____
8. **heed**
(hiːd)
(v.) to pay careful attention to, notice; to be guided by; (n.) close attention or consideration
_____ their advice
9. **hoax**
(həʊks)
(n.) an act intended to trick or deceive; a fraud; (v.) to trick, deceive
a literary _____
10. **impartial**
(ɪm 'pɑːʃəl)
(adj.) just, unbiased, fair, not taking sides
an _____ judge
11. **impostor**
(ɪm 'pɔːstər)
(n.) a swindler, deceiver; one who uses a false name or character in order to cheat
expose the _____
12. **inflate**
(ɪn 'flæt)
(v.) to fill with air or gas; to swell or puff out; to make something appear larger than it is
_____ the balloon
13. **meager**
('meɪgər)
(adj.) poor, scant, unsatisfactory; thin, slight
a _____ allowance

14. **meditate**
('med ə tət)
(v.) to think about deeply and quietly; reflect upon
plan, intend
_____ on the meaning of life
 15. **nutritious**
(nʊ 'trɪʃ əs)
(adj.) nourishing, valuable and satisfying as food
a _____ meal
 16. **oppress**
(ə 'pres)
(v.) to govern or rule cruelly or unjustly; to weigh upon
_____ the people
 17. **pedestrian**
(pe 'des trē ən)
(n.) one who goes on foot; (adj.) relating to walking; foot; ordinary, dull, unimaginative
_____ traffic
 18. **transmit**
(tranz 'mɪt)
(v.) to send on, pass along, send out
_____ a message
 19. **vanquish**
('vɑŋ kwɪʃ)
(v.) to defeat in a battle or contest, overthrow; to overcome a feeling or condition
_____ one's enemies
 20. **wan**
(wæn)
(adj.) unnaturally pale or sickly-looking; lacking vitality; dim, faint, weak, ineffectual
a _____ complexion
- Completing the Sentence**
Choose the word from this unit that best completes of the following sentences. Write the word in the space provided.
1. With a population made up of people from many different lands, Ne City is one of the most _____ places in the world.
 2. Modern technology has provided us with the computer, a truly marvelous device for collecting, sorting, and _____ information.
 3. An earthworm moves by first _____ and then contracts wonderfully elastic body.
 4. After beating off the enemy's initial assault, our brave troops delivered series of crippling counterattacks that _____ the foe.
 5. If you had only _____ my warnings, all this trouble could easily have been avoided.
 6. Most of us are so busy with everyday concerns that we can find little time to _____ on the larger issues of life.
 7. Most cities have now passed laws to discourage _____ from crossing against the light or lawwalking.

friend of his, you cannot expect me to be totally
 judging your criticisms of him.
 Now yourself on your knees, but I wish you'd show a
 for the things I've done for you.
 costume was in sharp contrast to the
 by the trapeze artists.
 can do wonders for people suffering from various

by unjust laws, the American colonists
 British government.

smile and worried expression
 anxiety over her lost child.

celebrities are usually very much in evidence at such
 events as opening night of a new Broadway show.

a bicycle tire with one of those
 pps?

attractive and taste great, but it is by no means as
 much plainer fare.

cannot support a very large population because

so _____.
 hailed the find as the "discovery of the century," it

but an outrageous _____.

words are not related etymologically," the professor
 _____ to each other in meaning."

that the young man claiming to be the missing
 a(n) _____.

Use the word from this unit that is most nearly the
 in meaning as each of the following groups of
 expressions. Write the word on the line given.

day, deliver _____

to enlarge, exaggerate _____

nonplace, prosaic _____

er, subdue _____

grind underfoot _____

6. just, fair, unbiased, disinterested _____
7. nourishing, healthful, wholesome _____
8. a deception, ruse, fake; to dupe _____
9. ashen, pasty, pallid, bloodless; sickly, gaunt _____
10. related, kindred, similar _____
11. to pay attention to, listen to _____
12. flashy, garish, loud, vulgar _____
13. to ponder, contemplate, muse, ruminate _____
14. slight, scanty, skimpy, sparse _____
15. a woe, misfortune; torment, anguish _____
16. thankfulness, appreciation _____
17. global, international; sophisticated _____
18. a cheat, swindler, trickster, four-flusher _____
19. to lengthen, stretch, protract, extend _____
20. an extravaganza, fête; spectacular, grand _____

Antonyms

Choose the word from this unit that is most nearly
 opposite in meaning to each of the following groups of
 expressions. Write the word on the line given.

1. unrelated, dissimilar _____
2. a driver, rider; original, novel _____
3. to pay no attention to, ignore _____
4. to shorten, abbreviate, contract, curtail _____
5. one-sided, prejudiced, biased, partial _____
6. narrow, unsophisticated, provincial _____
7. ample, plentiful, abundant, lavish _____
8. to be defeated by, succumb to _____
9. to deflate, flatten; to diminish _____
10. restrained, quiet, sober, sedate, tasteful _____
11. a blessing, boon; a joy _____
12. rosy, ruddy, blooming, radiant _____
13. to pamper, coddle; to free, liberate _____

Choosing the Right Word *Encircle the boldface word that more satisfactorily completes each of the following sentences.*

1. We are so accustomed to TV that we tend to forget how wonderful it is to **(oppress, transmit)** colored images from one place to another. _____
2. The speaker had important things to say, but his way of expressing himself was so dull and **(nutritious, pedestrian)** that he lost our interest. _____
3. Try as he might, the sideshow barker couldn't convince me that the "real live mermaid" inside the tent wasn't just a clever **(hoax, gala)**. _____
4. Such extravaganzas as the "Night of 100 Stars" are usually designed to be **(gala, wan)** charity benefits for worthy causes. _____
5. Is there any country in the world in which the terrible **(affliction, impostor)** of poverty has been entirely overcome? _____
6. By continuing to praise his extremely modest accomplishments, you are helping to **(inflate, transmit)** his already oversized ego. _____
7. Education and compassion are the only weapons by which we will **(heed, vanquish)** prejudice and superstition once and for all. _____
8. After a lifetime of travel in dozens of countries all over the world, she is highly **(cosmopolitan, akin)** in her tastes and ideas. _____
9. Shakespeare's advice about dressing—"rich, not **(gaudy, akin)**"—still holds true in today's world. _____
10. Have you ever noticed that as the sun sinks lower in the sky, shadows become **(elongated, cosmopolitan)**? _____
11. A "viewing diet" made up entirely of game shows may be entertaining, but it is not particularly **(meager, nutritious)**, mentally speaking. _____
12. The man's pathetically **(wan, elongated)** personality is matched only by the hopelessly bland and lifeless statements that issue from his mouth. _____
13. My mind and body were so **(oppressed, heeded)** by the stifling heat that afternoon that I couldn't do anything at all. _____
14. I'd describe nostalgia as a feeling more **(meager, akin)** to yearning than to grief. _____
15. We won the game because we kept our heads and paid no **(gratitude, heed)** to the insulting remarks made by our opponents. _____
16. When she came out on the stage, she was greeted by a **(meager, gaudy)** round of applause; before she left, she had the audience cheering. _____
17. He claimed to be a famous multimillionaire, but when he tried to borrow bus fare, we realized he was a(n) **(pedestrian, impostor)**. _____
18. Is it necessary for you to go into the woods to **(meditate, inflate)** every time you have to make a routine decision? _____
19. Each scholarship candidate was identified by a number, so that the people doing the grading would be absolutely **(impartial, pedestrian)**. _____
20. Mere words cannot express our **(affliction, gratitude)** for your splendid services to our school. _____