

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.

- authoritative** (ə 'thā r e tā tiv)
(adj.) official, coming from a source that calls for obedience or belief; dictatorial
an _____ source
- bankrupt** ('bāŋk rəpt)
(adj.) in a state of financial ruin; (v.) to ruin financially
(n.) one who has been ruined financially
a _____ company
- clamor** ('klām ə r)
(n.) a public outcry; any loud and continued noise;
(v.) to call for by loud, continued outcries
_____ for reform
- coincide** (kō 'in 'sīd)
(v.) to be in full agreement; to be the same in nature, character, or function; to happen at the same time
beliefs that _____ with ours
- cynical** ('sīn ə kal)
(adj.) inclined to believe the worst of people; bitterly mocking or sneering
a _____ attitude
- despot** ('des pət)
(n.) a ruler who oppresses his or her subjects, a tyrant
a _____ like Nero
- feud** ('fyūd)
(n.) a bitter, long-term quarrel; (v.) to fight or quarrel with
a senseless _____
- haggle** ('hag ə l)
(v.) to argue in a petty way, especially about a price
_____ over details
- hardy** ('hār dē)
(adj.) able to bear up under difficult conditions or harsh treatment; brave and tough
a _____ variety of plant
- harmonious** ('hār 'mō nē ə s)
(adj.) able to get along together well; combining different elements that blend pleasingly; melodious
a _____ group
- hoard** ('hō r d)
(v.) to store up, save; (n.) a hidden store or supply
_____ money
- indisposed** (in dis 'pōzd)
(adj., part.) slightly ill; disinclined to do something
_____ with a cold
- legacy** ('leg ə sē)
(n.) an inheritance; something handed down from an ancestor or from the past
a rich _____ of knowledge

- legitimate** (lə 'jit ə mə t)
(adj.) lawful, rightful; reasonable, justifiable
a _____ criticism
 - mirth** ('mər th)
(n.) merry fun, gaiety; laughter
filled with _____
 - officiate** (ə 'fīʃ ē ə t)
(v.) to perform the duties of an office; to conduct a religious ceremony; to referee
_____ at the service
 - partial** ('pār shəl)
(adj.) not complete; favoring one side over another; showing a strong liking for someone or something
_____ to sweets
 - patronize** ('pā trə nī z)
(v.) to give one's business to regularly as a customer; to support, provide financial help; to treat someone as an inferior while making a show of being kind or gracious
_____ the local stores
 - rite** ('rit)
(n.) a ceremony; the customary form of a ceremony; any formal custom or practice
the marriage _____
 - sagacious** (sə 'gā shəs)
(adj.) shrewd; wise in a keen, practical way
a _____ leader
- Completing the Sentence**
Choose the word from this unit that best completes each of the following sentences. Write the word in the space provided.
- Although she had no previous experience as a treasurer, she showed herself to be highly _____ in the way she handled money.
 - Since your program for cleaning up the lakefront _____ with ours, why can't we work together?
 - My aunt called to say that she would not be able to visit us because she was _____ with an attack of hay fever.
 - I think your price for the tennis racket is too high, but since I'm in no mood to _____ with you, I'll take it.
 - When you say that "everyone is out to take advantage of everyone else," I think you're being much too _____.
 - I like a good laugh as much as anyone, but I realized that such a solemn ceremony was not the time for _____.
 - Is it true that squirrels _____ nuts and other foods that they can use over the winter?

8. Our supervisor became extremely unpopular with us because he acted like a(n) _____ toward everyone in the department.
9. True, business has been poor, but we are covering our expenses and can assure you that there's no danger of our going _____ the local merchants who advertised in the school paper.
10. The referee who _____ at a hockey game must have the stamina to keep up with the players and the patience to put up with them.
11. The fact that the baseball season is opening today is certainly not a(n) _____ excuse for being absent from school.
12. Where can I get a(n) _____ estimate of how the population of the United States is likely to change in the years ahead?
13. Nothing will be accomplished unless the members of the committee work together in a(n) _____ fashion.
14. The pagan religions of ancient times revolved around the performance of various _____ designed to ensure the fertility of the land.
15. About five minutes before feeding time, all the babies in the nursery start to _____ for their bottles.
16. The pioneers who settled the West were _____ people who could cope with difficulties and dangers of all kinds.
17. Historians are still examining the deadly _____ that arose between the Hatfield and McCoy families more than 100 years ago.
18. We must be prepared to defend the _____ of freedom that we have inherited from earlier generations of Americans.
19. I am making only a(n) _____ payment at the present time and will pay off the balance in installments.

Synonyms

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

1. smart, wise, clever, astute, shrewd _____
2. incomplete; biased, prejudiced; fond of _____
3. melodious, tuneful; agreeable, compatible _____
4. a ceremony, observance, ritual, liturgy _____
5. reliable, official; authoritarian _____
6. to bargain with, dicker with, wrangle _____

7. to chair, preside, emcee, moderate _____
8. flat broke, insolvent _____
9. ailing, unwell; disinclined, reluctant _____
10. rugged, sturdy; resolute, stalwart _____
11. lawful, legal; right, proper, genuine _____
12. merriment, laughter, glee _____
13. to do business with, deal with, trade with _____
14. a dispute, quarrel, vendetta _____
15. a store, stockpile, cache; to amass _____
16. to agree, concur; to happen together _____
17. an inheritance, bequest; a heritage _____
18. an uproar, din, racket; to cry out for _____
19. a dictator, tyrant, autocrat _____
20. skeptical, sarcastic, contemptuous _____

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. to waste, throw away, squander _____
2. gloom, sadness, sorrow _____
3. unlawful, illegal; improper, unauthorized _____
4. frail, feeble, weak _____
5. a pact, agreement; harmony, concord _____
6. unofficial, unreliable _____
7. silly, foolish, ill-advised, dopey _____
8. to boycott, refuse to deal with _____
9. healthy; willing, eager _____
10. financially sound, solvent _____
11. hopeful, optimistic _____
12. complete; fair, just, unbiased _____
13. harsh, grating; discordant _____

Choosing the Right Word

Encircle the boldface word that more satisfactorily completes each of the following sentences.

1. A good sports official pays no attention to the (**clamor**, **mirth**) of the crowd when a decision goes against the home team. _____
2. We cannot accept the idea that capital and labor must constantly (**feud**, **coincide**) with each other. _____
3. I am annoyed by the (**haggling**, **patronizing**) way in which they keep reminding me "how a well-bred person behaves." _____
4. The jury was impressed by the fact that the testimony of two witnesses who were complete strangers (**coincided**, **clamored**) in every detail. _____
5. She may give the impression of being a simple old woman, but we have found her to be unusually (**sagacious**, **indisposed**) in judging people. _____
6. I was (**hardy**, **indisposed**) to accept the halfhearted invitation that reached me only a day before the party. _____
7. Why (**haggle**, **officiate**) over minor details when we are in agreement on the main issue? _____
8. If you're looking for a witty, charming personality to (**officiate**, **coincide**) at the awards dinner, need I say that I'm available? _____
9. The (**harmonious**, **authoritative**) tone in which she gave the order left no doubt in anyone's mind that she expected full obedience. _____
10. Graduating from high school, marriage, and the birth of one's first child are all part of the (**rites**, **hoards**) of passage from a teenager to an adult. _____
11. In the period ahead there may be shortages of some foodstuffs, but we will only make things worse if we resort to (**patronizing**, **hoarding**). _____
12. Isn't it (**cynical**, **feuding**) of you to ask other people to support a candidate in whom you yourself have no confidence? _____
13. One reason Coach Rawson is so popular is that he is firm and even tough with his players but never acts like a (**despot**, **bankrupt**). _____
14. Each answer will be considered right or wrong: no (**sagacious**, **partial**) credit will be given. _____
15. We will give careful attention to (**cynical**, **legitimate**) complaints, but we will not be influenced by silly faultfinding. _____
16. Your healthy body is a (**legacy**, **rite**) you have received from your parents, and you should strive to protect it from harmful influences. _____
17. A party that cannot offer new ideas to deal with the pressing problems of the day must be considered politically (**legitimate**, **bankrupt**). _____
18. No matter how efficient the new chairperson may be, the meeting will not proceed (**authoritatively**, **harmoniously**) unless the members cooperate. _____
19. During the winter, there are always a few (**partial**, **hardy**) souls who take a dip in the icy waters off Atlantic Beach. _____
20. Everything in life cannot be happy; we must expect some tears as well as (**legacies**, **mirth**). _____