

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.

- adjacent** (ə 'jæs ənt)
(adj.) near, next to, adjoining
Boston and its _____ suburbs
- alight** (ə 'li:t)
(v.) to get down from, step down from; to come down from the air, land; (adj.) lighted up
_____ from the plane
- barren** ('bær ən)
(adj.) not productive, bare
a _____ landscape
- disrupt** (dis 'rʌpt)
(v.) to break up, disturb
_____ the meeting
- dynasty** ('di:n ə ste)
(n.) a powerful family or group of rulers that maintains its position or power for some time
the Han _____ of China
- foretaste** ('fɔ: tə ste)
(n.) an advance indication, sample, or warning
a _____ of things to come
- germinate** ('dʒer mə neɪt)
(v.) to begin to grow, come into being
let thoughts _____ in one's mind
- humdrum** ('hʌm drʌm)
(adj.) ordinary, dull, routine, without variation
_____ household tasks
- hurl** ('hɜ: təl)
(v.) to rush violently, dash headlong; to fling or hurl forcefully
_____ through space
- insinuate** (in 'sɪn yu: ət)
(v.) to suggest or hint slyly; to edge into something indirectly
_____ that something is false
- interminable** (in 'tɜ: mə neɪ bəl)
(adj.) endless, so long as to seem endless
an _____ wait
- interrogate** (in 'tɜ: ə gət)
(v.) to ask questions, examine by questioning
_____ the suspect
- recompense** ('rek əm pens)
(v.) to pay back, give a reward; (n.) a payment for loss, service, or injury
_____ her for her time and effort
- renovate** ('ren ə veɪt)
(v.) to repair, restore to good condition, make new again
_____ the old house

SAME:

- résumé** ('rez ə mə)
(n.) a brief summary; a short written account of one's education, working experience, or qualifications for a job
prepare a _____ of their findings
 - sullen** ('sel ən)
(adj.) silent or brooding because of ill humor, anger, or resentment; slow moving, sluggish
a _____ crowd
 - trickle** ('trɪk əl)
(v.) to flow or fall by drops or in a small stream;
(n.) a small, irregular quantity of anything,
a _____ of water from the pipe
 - trivial** ('trɪv ə əl)
(adj.) not important, minor, ordinary, commonplace
_____ details
 - truce** (trʌs)
(n.) a pause in fighting, temporary peace
agree to a five-day _____
 - vicious** ('vɪʃ əs)
(adj.) evil, bad; spiteful; having bad habits or an ugly disposition; painfully severe or extreme
a _____ rumor
- Completing the Sentence** Choose the word from this unit that best completes each of the following sentences. Write the word in the space provided.
- She was so happy and grateful that I felt more than _____ for all that I had tried to do to help her.
 - In only a few days, the seeds that I had planted in the fertile soil of the garden began to _____ and take root.
 - Cleaning up after the big party, which was supposed to take "just a few minutes," proved to be an almost _____ job.
 - As the drought continued without a letup, the once fertile farmlands of the region slowly became _____ "dust bowls."
 - The judge said to the lawyer, "You have a right to _____ the witness, but there is no need to bully her."
 - Though my dog Rover is huge and fierce-looking, children are fond of him because he doesn't have a(n) _____ disposition.
 - Although they lived in a house _____ to ours, we never really got to know them well.
 - Many people who lead rather _____ lives get a great thrill from watching the exciting adventures of TV and movie superheroes.

- 8. to dismount, descend; to land, touch down
- 9. to upset, disturb, displace, disorder
- 10. to hint at, imply; to edge into
- 11. next to, alongside, nearby
- 12. a summary, synopsis; a job history
- 13. a cease-fire, armistice
- 14. unproductive, sterile; desolate, arid
- 15. a preview, anticipation
- 16. to speed, fly, race, catapult; to fling
- 17. insignificant, petty, trifling
- 18. a small amount; to dribble, drizzle, drip
- 19. a ruling house, regime
- 20. to sprout, shoot up, grow, burgeon

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. good; kind, kindly; mild, harmless
- 2. to crawl; creep
- 3. fertile, productive, fruitful
- 4. cheerful, blithe, sociable, vivacious
- 5. to wither, die, stagnate, shrivel up
- 6. to gush, pour, flood; a deluge
- 7. to mount, ascend, board; to take off
- 8. lively, exciting, thrilling, exhilarating
- 9. faraway, distant, remote
- 10. brief, short; fleeting
- 11. important, weighty, momentous
- 12. to put in order, organize
- 13. war, warfare, fighting
- 14. to speak one's mind plainly; to barge in
- 15. to let something go to wrack and ruin

- 9. I never would have thought that so bitter and long-lasting a quarrel could result from such a(n) _____ and unimportant cause.
- 10. As we sat at the side of the lake, we enjoyed watching the wild geese swoop down and _____ on the surface of the water.
- 11. We need large sums of money to keep our school system going, but we are getting only a(n) _____ of funds from the state.
- 12. Although the building is old and needs repair, we are convinced that we can _____ it without spending a lot of money.
- 13. The suspect's only reaction to the detective's question was a wry smile and _____ silence.
- 14. After the warring nations had agreed to a(n) _____, they faced the far more difficult task of working out a real peace.
- 15. When I applied for the job, I left a(n) _____ of my previous work experience with the personnel office.
- 16. In the 11th century, a foreign warlord invaded the country and set up a(n) _____ that ruled for more than 250 years.
- 17. Though they didn't say so in so many words, they did _____ that I was responsible for the accident.
- 18. The "coming attractions" shown before the main feature gave us a distinct _____ of what the next feature would be like.
- 19. Our carefully laid plans were completely _____ by a sudden and totally unexpected turn of events.
- 20. At that moment, Helen lost control of the car, and it _____ off the road into a clump of bushes.

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. payment, compensation; to repay
- 2. monotonous, uneventful, prosaic; boring
- 3. wicked, evil; malicious; savage
- 4. to repair, fix up, recondition
- 5. to question, query, examine
- 6. endless, far-ending, ceaseless
- 7. grimy, surly, neevish, morose

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

1. When we are having fun, time rushes by, but even five minutes in the dentist's waiting room may seem (**adjacent, interminable**).
2. I am angry not because she criticized me but because she made remarks that were untrue and (**trivial, vicious**).
3. When I saw a big "A" on my term paper in English, I felt that I had been fully (**germinated, recompensed**) for all my hours of hard work.
4. The way to be successful at a job is to carry out all instructions carefully, even though you think some of them are (**trivial, sullen**) or silly.
5. The administration had no major scandals, but it was also (**barren, sullen**) of outstanding accomplishments.
6. Planted in the fertile soil of her imagination, the seed of a great idea soon (**germinated, disrupted**) into a workable proposal.
7. Regardless of who started this silly quarrel, isn't it time for us to declare a (**dynasty, truce**) and work together for the best interests of the school?
8. Even the most (**humdrum, vicious**) work can be interesting if you regard it as a challenge to do the very best you can.
9. As he grew old, the torrent of beautiful music that he had produced for so many years was reduced to a mere (**foretaste, trickle**).
10. Our team spirit is so high that there is never a (**sullen, trivial**) reaction from players who aren't chosen to start a game.
11. The principal asked the students not to "hang around" in front of the houses and other buildings (**adjacent to, alighting**) the school.
12. Are we going to allow minor disagreements to (**disrupt, recompense**) the club that we have worked so hard to organize?
13. With only a few seconds left to play, our fullback (**hurtled, insinuated**) over the line and scored the winning touchdown.
14. What we want to do is (**recompense, renovate**) the old house without harming its charm and beauty.
15. The stewardess asked the passengers to make sure that they had all their personal belongings before (**disrupting, alighting**) from the aircraft.
16. He said that he was going to ask only "a few casual questions," but I soon saw that he wanted to (**recompense, interrogate**) me thoroughly.
17. "The program the usher handed you contains a brief (**résumé, dynasty**) of the action of the opera you are about to see," I replied.
18. With flattery and clever half-truths, the newcomers (**insinuated, renovated**) themselves into the inner circle of the organization.
19. If the sights we've seen today are a true (**recompense, foretaste**) of what lies ahead, we're in for some real treats.