

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. available (ə 'və lə bəl) (adj.) ready for use, at hand
made the office _____

2. cater ('kæ tər) (v.) to satisfy the needs of, try to make things easy and pleasant; to supply food and service
_____ to all their whims

3. customary ('kʌ s tə mər ē) (adj.) usual, expected, routine
the _____ reward

4. dissuade (dis 'wʌ d) (v.) to persuade not to do something
_____ them from quitting

5. entrepreneur (ən trə prə 'nær) (n.) a person who starts up and takes on the risk of a business
a magazine for _____

6. firebrand ('fɪ ə r brænd) (n.) a piece of burning wood; a troublemaker; an extremely energetic or emotional person
a rash young _____

7. hazard ('hæ z ə rd) (n.) risk, peril; (v.) to expose to danger or harm; to gamble
the _____ of driving

8. homicide ('hɒ m ə sɪ d) (n.) the killing of one person by another
guilty of _____

9. indifference (in 'dɪ f r ə ns) (n.) a lack of interest or concern
a matter of complete _____ to me

10. indignant (in 'dɪ ŋ n ə nt) (adj.) filled with resentment or anger over something unjust, unworthy, or mean
an _____ letter to the editor

11. indispensable (in dɪ 'spen sə bəl) (adj.) absolutely necessary, not to be neglected
_____ to life

12. lubricate ('lū brə k ət) (v.) to apply oil or grease; to make smooth, slippery, or easier to use
_____ the machinery regularly

13. mutual ('myū čhü ə l) (adj.) shared, felt, or shown equally by two or more
a _____ admiration society

14. pelt (pelt) (v.) to throw a stream of things; to strike _____ passively;

15. **plague** (plāg) (n.) an easily spread disease causing a large number of deaths; a widespread evil; (v.) to annoy or bother

16. **poised** (pōizd) (adj., part.) balanced, suspended; calm, controlled; ready for action

17. **regime** (rā 'zhēm) (n.) a government in power, a form or system of rule or management; a period of rule

18. **retard** (rī 'tārd) (v.) to make slow, delay, hold back

19. **transparent** (trans 'par ant) (adj.) allowing light to pass through; easily recognized or understood; easily seen through or detected

20. **unscathed** (en 'skāthd) (adj.) wholly unharmed, not injured

Completing the Sentence Choose the word from this unit that best completes each of the following sentences. Write the word in the space provided.

1. Angry at the call, the crowd began to _____ the referee with all kinds of refuse.
2. At the front desk, a(n) _____ guest was angrily complaining about the shabby treatment he had received from the staff of the hotel.
3. Since the seat covers in the car were _____, we could see the attractive pattern of the upholstery underneath.
4. No one has ever been able to explain to my satisfaction how Indian holy men can walk _____ across beds of hot coals.
5. Most of the homeowners in this area have tried in vain to overcome the _____ of crabgrass that threatens to overrun their lawns.
6. When we _____ a car, we try to cut down the friction at every point where one surface rubs against another.
7. Until it was almost too late, the hunters did not see the leopard crouching in a tree, _____ to leap on them.
8. Having spent many years as political opponents, the two Congressmen have developed a(n) _____ respect for each other.
9. The guidance _____ inselor tried to _____ me from taking the job because _____ thought the work would be too pressured for me.

10. Although we arrived at the stadium a few minutes before game time, we found that many good seats were still _____ if you are to cope with all the strains and difficulties of everyday life.
11. A sense of humor is _____ seeking business opportunities there.
12. With the emergence of market economies in Eastern Europe have come flocks of _____ to the special tastes of six different children.
13. Mother prepares wholesome, tasty meals, but she says she is not going to _____ to the special tastes of six different children.
14. When the wounded shopkeeper died, the charges against the person who had been arrested were raised from robbery to _____.
15. Though they have done nothing to hasten passage of the bill, they haven't tried to _____ the process either.
16. Eventually the army toppled the country's democratic _____ and set up a military dictatorship in its place.
17. Only a really hard-hearted person could show such _____ to the plight of the homeless who wander our streets.
18. Though the habit of taking a siesta in the afternoon may seem strange to a foreigner, it is quite _____ in this part of the world.
19. It takes a special kind of bravery to face the _____ of life in the jungle.
20. It took the authorities quite some time to put down the riot that a few rash _____ had managed to start.

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. offended, resentful, outraged, exasperated _____
2. businessperson, impresario _____
3. essential, crucial, vital _____
4. manslaughter, murder _____
5. two-sided, joint, shāred, reciprocal _____
6. to bombard, shower, pepper _____
7. clear, translucent; obvious _____
8. a hothead, agitator, rabble-rouser _____

- 9. an epidemic, pestilence; to pester, vex
- 10. to oil, grease
- 11. to pamper, indulge, gratify; to provide
- 12. a danger, risk; to venture
- 13. unhurt, sound, intact, unimpaired
- 14. a lack of interest, apathy, unconcern
- 15. to hold back, slow down, restrain
- 16. a government, administration, rule
- 17. obtainable; on hand, at hand
- 18. to discourage, talk out of
- 19. calm, collected, self-confident; ready
- 20. regular, normal, usual, traditional

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. pleased, delighted, overjoyed, elated
- 2. injured, damaged, harmed, hurt
- 3. to frustrate, deny, refuse
- 4. one-sided, unilateral
- 5. unnecessary, nonessential
- 6. frosted; sooty, smoky; unclear, indistinct
- 7. to persuade, talk into
- 8. strange, odd, unusual, untraditional
- 9. interest, concern, enthusiasm
- 10. nervous, tense, ill at ease
- 11. unobtainable, not to be had
- 12. to hasten, speed up
- 13. a peacemaker, pacifier, conciliator
- 14. to play it safe
- 15. a boon, blessing, godsend

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

- 1. Your excuse for missing practice was so **(transparent, indispensable)** that even a child would have seen right through it.
- 2. Innocent or guilty, no one involved in a major political scandal ever comes away from it entirely **(dissuaded, unscathed)**.
- 3. In Shakespeare's day, an actor who displeased the audience might find himself **(poised, pelted)** with a barrage of rotten vegetables.
- 4. A little courtesy can do much to **(dissuade, lubricate)** the machinery of our everyday social life.
- 5. The aid that we have **(indignantly, mutually)** given each other over the years has enabled both of us to overcome many problems.
- 6. All during that nightmarish period, I found myself **(plagued, dissuaded)** by doubts and fears about the future.
- 7. You cannot ignore me for months on end and then take it for granted that I will be **(available, customary)** whenever you want me.
- 8. When the salesclerk replied rudely to my polite inquiry about the price of the garment, I became a bit **(transparent, indignant)**.
- 9. It seems that only last year she was an awkward child, but now she is a charming and **(poised, unscathed)** young woman.
- 10. Southern **(firebrands, hazards)** agitating for a complete break with the Union helped speed the coming of the Civil War.
- 11. Modern medicine has found that certain "wonder drugs" are very effective means of **(catering, retarding)** or arresting the spread of some diseases.
- 12. Since I am a creature of habit, I find that I can't do anything in the morning without first having my **(customary, mutual)** cup of coffee.
- 13. Though I have no means of knowing for sure where they happen to be, may I **(hazard, lubricate)** the guess that they're in the gym?
- 14. Unfortunately, nothing any of us said could **(dissuade, cater)** Ned from his plan to quit school.
- 15. When my 8-year-old sister started up a chain of lemonade stands, I knew we had a budding **(entrepreneur, firebrand)** in the family.
- 16. When the new **(hazard, regime)** took power, it canceled or reversed most of the policies of its predecessor.
- 17. The judge explained to the jury that killing someone in self-defense may be considered justifiable, or noncriminal, **(homicide, plague)**.
- 18. Do you agree with the criticism that many television programs shamelessly **(cater, retard)** to the lowest tastes?
- 19. The **(indifference, hazard)** of Americans to government is so great that more than 40 percent of them do not even bother to vote.
- 20. On our long camping trip, we learned that we could get all _____ without many things that we had considered **(indispensable, indiff., indnt.)**.

