

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. animated ('an e māī id) (adj.) full of life, lively, alive; (part.) moved to action in an \_\_\_\_\_ mood

2. brood (brūd) (n.) a family of young animals, especially birds; any group having the same nature and origin; (v.) to think over in a worried, unhappy way \_\_\_\_\_ over one's misfortunes

3. culminate ('kəl me nāt) (v.) to reach a high point of development; to end, climax \_\_\_\_\_ in disaster

4. downright ('daūn rīt) (adv.) thoroughly; (adj.) absolute, complete; frank, blunt a \_\_\_\_\_ lie

5. drone (drōn) (n.) a loafer, idler; a buzzing or humming sound; a remote-control device; a male bee; (v.) to make a buzzing sound; to speak in a dull tone of voice the \_\_\_\_\_ of the engine

6. goad (gōd) (v.) to drive or urge on; (n.) something used to drive or urge on \_\_\_\_\_ them into action

7. indulge (in 'delj) (v.) to give in to a wish or desire, give oneself up to \_\_\_\_\_ in self-pity

8. ingredient (in 'grē de ant) (n.) one of the materials in a mixture, recipe, or formula mix the \_\_\_\_\_ in a bowl

9. iterate ('ilt e rei) (adj.) able to read and write; showing an excellent educational background; having knowledge or training a highly \_\_\_\_\_ young woman

10. loom (lūm) (v.) to come into view; to appear in exaggerated form; (n.) a machine for weaving \_\_\_\_\_ the dangers that \_\_\_\_\_ ahead

11. luster ('las tar) (n.) the quality of giving off light, brightness, glitter, brilliance shone with a starry \_\_\_\_\_

12. miscellaneous (mis e 'lā nē as) (adj.) mixed, of different kinds a collection of \_\_\_\_\_ items

13. oration (ō 'rā shən) (n.) a public speech for a formal occasion one of Cicero's \_\_\_\_\_

14. peevish ('pē vish) (adj.) cross, complaining, irritable; contrary became \_\_\_\_\_ when hungry

15. seethe (sēth) (v.) to boil or foam; to be excited or disturbed \_\_\_\_\_ with excitement

16. singe (sinj) (v.) to burn slightly; (n.) a burn at the ends or edges accidentally \_\_\_\_\_ her eyebrows

17. unique (yū 'nek) (adj.) one of a kind; unequalled; unusual; found only in a given class, place, or situation a \_\_\_\_\_ situation

18. upright ('ap rīt) (adj.) vertical, straight; good, honest; (adv.) in a vertical position in an \_\_\_\_\_ position

19. verify ('ver e fi) (v.) to establish the truth or accuracy of, confirm \_\_\_\_\_ the statement

20. yearn (yarn) (v.) to have a strong and earnest desire \_\_\_\_\_ to see old friends again

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

1. We put supports around the tree that had been partially uprooted by the storm, and it was soon standing \_\_\_\_\_ again.

2. Like some storm-tossed sea, her inventive brain \_\_\_\_\_ with all kinds of new and imaginative answers to old problems and questions.

3. When I saw how handsome my father looked in his brand-new jacket, I \_\_\_\_\_ for one exactly like it.

4. Larry has the \_\_\_\_\_ distinction of being the only student in our school ever to win varsity letters in four sports.

5. Many immigrants to the United States who cannot read and write English are \_\_\_\_\_ in their native languages.

6. The first mark of a good cook is the ability to choose the best possible \_\_\_\_\_ for the dishes he or she will prepare.

7. The Fourth of July \_\_\_\_\_ will be delivered in City Square by the Congressman from our district.

8. I believe in being careful, but Dan is \_\_\_\_\_ miserly when it comes to spending money.

9. "You're just supposed to \_\_\_\_\_ the meat," I shouted at him in dismay, "not burn it to a crisp!"

10. The dull conversation became much more \_\_\_\_\_ when it turned to a subject in which we were all interested.
11. The sunlight shining on her beautiful, copper-colored hair gave it an almost metallic \_\_\_\_\_.
12. Indian elephant keepers usually use a short wooden \_\_\_\_\_ to control and direct the movements of their huge charges.
13. The man was the prime suspect in the crime until two eyewitnesses came forward to \_\_\_\_\_ his alibi.
14. I'm normally fairly even-tempered, but I can become \_\_\_\_\_ and irritable when I'm tired or frustrated.
15. The resentment of the American colonists against the harsh policies of the British government \_\_\_\_\_ in armed rebellion.
16. Those books which do not fit logically under any of the subjects indicated will be placed in a group labeled \_\_\_\_\_.
17. Like the traffic guard at a school crossing, the mother hen directed her large \_\_\_\_\_ across the yard toward a torn sack of feed.
18. When storm clouds \_\_\_\_\_ on the horizon, we hurried to find shelter.
19. How pleasant it is for us city dwellers to smell the new-mown hay and listen to the \_\_\_\_\_ of bees in the clover patch!
20. I don't know which is worse—parents who are too strict with their children or parents who \_\_\_\_\_ them too much.

**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. an element, component, constituent, factor \_\_\_\_\_
2. to emerge, surface, appear, hover, tower \_\_\_\_\_
3. to seorch, char, sear \_\_\_\_\_
4. to end, conclude, terminate, climax \_\_\_\_\_
5. varied, assorted, molley \_\_\_\_\_
6. to oblige, humor; to coddle, pamper \_\_\_\_\_
7. perpendicular, vertical; honest, virtuous \_\_\_\_\_
8. educated, trained, able to read and write \_\_\_\_\_

9. total, out-and-out, unqualified \_\_\_\_\_
10. unparallelled, distinctive, singular \_\_\_\_\_
11. to boil, churn, foam \_\_\_\_\_
12. a formal speech or address, harangue \_\_\_\_\_
13. to prove, confirm, validate, substantiate \_\_\_\_\_
14. to ponder, meditate; to worry, agonize \_\_\_\_\_
15. a loater; to hum, buzz, purr \_\_\_\_\_
16. crabby, cranky, testy; stubborn \_\_\_\_\_
17. to crave, long for, desire, want \_\_\_\_\_
18. gloss, sheen, brilliance \_\_\_\_\_
19. lively, energetic, vigorous \_\_\_\_\_
20. to prod, urge, spur on, incite \_\_\_\_\_

**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 begin, initiate, kick off, commence \_\_\_\_\_
2. to curb, check, restrain \_\_\_\_\_
3. agreeable, amiable, even-tempered, pleasant \_\_\_\_\_
4. a hard worker, workaholic \_\_\_\_\_
5. horizontal, prone; dishonest, corrupt \_\_\_\_\_
6. unlettered, unschooled, ignorant \_\_\_\_\_
7. ordinary, commonplace, run-of-the-mill \_\_\_\_\_
8. to have no desire for \_\_\_\_\_
9. dull, lifeless, dead, flat \_\_\_\_\_
10. to deny, refuse \_\_\_\_\_
11. to disprove, refute, discredit \_\_\_\_\_
12. identical, uniform, homogeneous \_\_\_\_\_
13. tarnish, dullness \_\_\_\_\_
14. to be calm and placid \_\_\_\_\_
15. to burn to a crisp, incinerate \_\_\_\_\_

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

1. An important (**ingredient, oration**) of what is commonly called luck is the willingness to take chances when an opportunity appears. \_\_\_\_\_
2. The (**luster, loom**) of her reputation as a friend of humanity has grown brighter with the years. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Though the colonies long (**seethed, singed**) with resentment at the British, the caldron of their discontent did not boil over into rebellion until 1776. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Even those who do not like New York must admit that it is a truly (**unique, literate**) city, quite unlike any other in the world. \_\_\_\_\_
5. This magazine is published not for a mass circulation but for a very small audience of highly (**preevish, literate**) people. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Probably no (**oration, miscellany**) in American history is so well known and loved as Lincoln's address on the battlefield of Gettysburg. \_\_\_\_\_
7. By Friday afternoon, all of us were (**indulging, yearning**) for the weekend. \_\_\_\_\_
8. The man was not just "a little careless" in handling the club's funds: he was (**downright, upright**) dishonest! \_\_\_\_\_
9. Modern scientists often try to (**loom, verify**) their ideas and theories by conducting extensive experiments in their laboratories. \_\_\_\_\_
10. "If you choose to play with fire," I warned them, "you run the risk of (**animating, singeing**) your fingers." \_\_\_\_\_
11. I have my doubts about people who spend too much time telling the world how noble and (**upright, downright**) they are. \_\_\_\_\_
12. The American people must take action right now to deal with the pollution problem that (**looms, seethes**) so large on our horizons. \_\_\_\_\_
13. The last thing I heard before falling asleep was the (**goad, drone**) of their voices as they continued their endless discussion of politics. \_\_\_\_\_
14. You may make friends very easily, but if you continue to be so (**preevish, upright**), you aren't going to keep them long. \_\_\_\_\_
15. Instead of (**droning, brooding**) about the misfortunes that have befallen you, why don't you go out and do something to correct the situation? \_\_\_\_\_
16. In his many years in Congress, he has been (**animated, culminated**) mainly by a strong desire to help the underdogs in our society. \_\_\_\_\_
17. It's all right for us to disagree, but let's argue about the facts only, without (**indulging, yearning**) in name-calling. \_\_\_\_\_
18. Each year the professional football season (**culminates, broods**) in the Superbowl game between the champions of the two conferences. \_\_\_\_\_
19. Neither threats nor force will (**indulge, goad**) me into doing something that in my heart I know is wrong. \_\_\_\_\_
20. Glenn has such a store of (**miscellaneous, upright**) information in his head that we have nicknamed him "The Encyclopedia!" \_\_\_\_\_