

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.

- anecdote** ('an ek dōt)
(n.) a short account of an incident in someone's life
told a humorous _____
- consolidate** (kən 'səli ə di:t)
(v.) to combine, unite; to make solid or firm
_____ our forces
- counterfeit** ('kaun tər i:t)
(n.) an imitation designed to deceive; (adj.) not genuine, fake; (v.) to make an illegal copy
_____ stamps
- docile** ('dōs əl)
(adj.) easily taught, led, or managed; obedient
_____ children
- dominate** ('dām ə naɪ)
(v.) to rule over by strength or power, control; to lower over, command due to height
_____ the meeting
- entreat** (en 'treat)
(v.) to beg, implore, ask earnestly
_____ them for help
- fallible** ('fal ə bəl)
(adj.) capable of being wrong, mistaken, or inaccurate
_____ methods
- fickle** ('fik əl)
(adj.) liable to change very rapidly, erratic; marked by a lack of constancy or steadiness, inconsistent
a truly _____ person
- fugitive** ('fju:tə lɪv)
(n.) one who flees or runs away; (adj.) fleeing, lasting a very short time; wandering; difficult to grasp
a _____ from justice
- grimy** ('grɪ mə)
(adj.) very dirty, covered with dirt or soot
the _____ faces of the miners
- iota** ('i:ə)
(n.) a very small part or quantity
without an _____ of evidence
- maul** (mɔɪ)
(v.) to beat or knock about, handle roughly; to mangle; (n.) a heavy hammer
_____ by the lion
- potential** (pe 'ten chəl)
(adj.) possible, able to happen; (n.) something that can develop or become a reality
a _____ threat
- radiant** ('rā di ə nt)
(adj.) shining, bright; giving forth light or energy
a _____ smile.

15. rural ('rʊr əl)

(adj.) relating to farm areas and life in the co.
a _____ community

16. substantial (səb 'stæn shel)

(adj.) large, important; major, significant; prosperous; not imaginary; material
a _____ raise in salary

17. tactful ('takt fəl)

(adj.) skilled in handling difficult situations or people, polite
a _____ remark

18. tamper ('tæm pər)

(v.) to interfere with; to meddle rashly or foolishly with; to handle in a secret and improper way
_____ with the baggage

19. ultimate ('ʌl tə məl)

(adj.) last, final; most important or extreme; eventual; basic, fundamental
our _____ destiny

20. uncertainty (en 'sɜ: tən tē)

(n.) doubt, the state of being unsure
_____ about the future

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

- Though the UN has many lesser objectives, its _____ goal is to achieve lasting world peace.
- After living so long in a large city, I was happy to spend a few weeks in those beautiful _____ surroundings.
- The boat has been so badly _____ by the storm that it will have to be overhauled before it can be used again.
- Unwilling to bear the _____ any longer, I called the Dean of Admissions to find out if I had been accepted.
- To be _____ in everyday life means doing whatever you can to avoid hurting the feelings of other people.
- We discovered that there was not a(n) _____ of truth in the rumors that they had spread so eagerly.
- Since I had expected the children to be hard to handle, I was pleasantly surprised by their _____ behavior.
- I look my broken TV set to a qualified repair service, rather than run the risk of damaging it further by _____ with it myself.
- The Board of Education believes it would save considerable money to _____ three small schools into one big school.
- As she told us the good news, her face was _____ with joy.

11. The new book of Presidential _____ contains many amusing stories involving our Chief Executives, both past and present.
12. There is an old saying that pencils are made with erasers because human beings are _____.
13. Trying desperately to avoid the police, the _____ hid in the cellar of the abandoned house.
14. "As a mother," Mrs. Roerich said to the judge, "I _____ you to show leniency toward my son."
15. The taste of the public is so _____ that a TV performer who is a big hit one season may be out of a job the next.
16. Since all of our cashiers handle large sums of money, we have given them special training in recognizing _____ bills.
17. Despite the doctor's best efforts, there has been no _____ change in the patient's condition for weeks.
18. The windows had become so _____ and spotted that it took me some time to get them clean.
19. The wily old Senator had such a forceful and aggressive personality that he soon came to _____ his entire party.
20. Though Company A has very little chance of expanding in the near future, the _____ growth rate of Company B is staggering.

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. glowing, brilliant, dazzling, resplendent _____
2. farthest, furthest, final, terminal _____
3. a possibility, capability; possible _____
4. to meddle with, monkey with, fool with _____
5. significant, considerable; tangible _____
6. to rough up, manhandle; to mangle _____
7. filthy, sooty, soiled, dirt-encrusted _____
8. skillful; diplomatic, discreet _____
9. a speck, dab, jot, bit, smidgen _____
10. inconsistent, erratic; capricious _____

11. imperfect, open to error _____
12. false, fake, phony, bogus _____
13. to control, gain the upper hand _____
14. to strengthen, firm up; to combine, merge _____
15. to plead, beg, implore, beseech _____
16. obedient, manageable, teachable _____
17. doubtfulness, unsureness; hesitation _____
18. a runaway, deserter; elusive _____
19. a tale, story, sketch, vignette, yarn _____
20. countified, rustic _____

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. genuine, real, authentic, not fake _____
2. spotless, spick-and-span, immaculate _____
3. to handle with kid gloves _____
4. lasting, enduring, permanent _____
5. actual, real; unlikely, impossible _____
6. a flood, deluge, avalanche, glut _____
7. unruly, wayward, intractable, disobedient _____
8. constant, steady, invariable _____
9. minor, insignificant, negligible _____
10. first, initial; most immediate, nearest _____
11. urban, metropolitan, citified _____
12. to be under someone's thumb _____
13. to scatter, disperse, dissipate, separate _____
14. foolproof, unflinching, flawless _____
15. dull, tarnished, lackluster _____
16. clumsy, gauche, boorish, indiscreet _____
17. sureness, certainty; confidence _____
18. to demand forcefully, clamor for _____

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

1. Evidence showed that the lawyer had tried to (**consolidate, tamper**) with the witnesses by offering them bribes to change their testimony.
2. Throughout the course of its history, the United States has opened its gates to (**fugitives, counterfeiters**) from tyranny in other lands.
3. The only certain thing in life is that there will always be many (**fugitives, uncertainties**).
4. I suspected that his expression of happiness was (**potential, counterfeit**) and that he was really jealous of our success.
5. Although the ideals of my youth have been (**entreated, mauled**) by hard experience, they have not been totally destroyed.
6. It wasn't very (**docile, tactful**) of you to tell her that she seemed to have gained weight.
7. Larry got good grades on the midterm tests, but he is headed for trouble because he hasn't done an (**anecdote, iota**) of work since then.
8. The Mayor has no chance for reelection unless she can (**consolidate, mau**) the different groups and forces supporting her.
9. Imagine someone as changeable as George having the nerve to say that I'm (**radiant, fickle**)!
10. In modern hospitals, everything possible is done to prevent and control mistakes resulting from human (**fallibility, fickleness**).
11. I found his (**anecdotes, entreaties**) amusing, but I fail to see what they had to do with the central ideas of his talk.
12. If you want to see the (**iota, ultimate**) in shoe styles, ask Beth to show you the new sandals she bought for the spring dance.
13. The young man who seemed so quiet and (**docile, substantial**) turned out to be very well informed and to have strong opinions of his own.
14. As soon as 300-pound Horace settled down in that delicate little chair, we realized he should have something more (**grimy, substantial**) to sit on.
15. The (**ultimate, rural**) population of the United States is growing smaller, but the people living on farms are as important as ever to the nation.
16. How can we properly direct the (**uncertainties, potential**) for good and evil in each of us into useful channels?
17. There, in the very heart of the noisy and (**grimy, fallible**) city, was a truly beautiful little park with green lawns, flowers, and a fountain.
18. Rarely in our history has a single man so (**dominated, entreated**) the Federal government as Franklin D. Roosevelt did during the 1930's.
19. One of our best hopes of solving the energy problem lies in making direct use of (**radiant, fugitive**) energy from the sun.
20. I know from personal experience how much harm smoking can do, and I (**dominate, entreat**) you not to get started on that miserable habit.