

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. **anonymous**
(ə 'nɒn ə məs)
(*adj.*) unnamed, without the name of the person involved (writer, composer, etc.); unknown; lacking individuality or character
an _____ tip
2. **browse**
(braʊz)
(*v.*) to nibble, graze; to read casually; to window-shop
_____ through a book
3. **dupe**
(dʊp)
(*n.*) a person easily tricked or deceived; (*v.*) to deceive
_____ into betraying his trust
4. **dynamic**
(dɪ 'næ m ɪ k)
(*adj.*) active, energetic, forceful
a _____ personality
5. **eradicate**
(ɪ 'ræ d ə kæt)
(*v.*) to root out, get rid of, destroy completely
_____ a disease
6. **frustrate**
('frʌs treɪt)
(*v.*) to prevent from accomplishing a purpose or fulfilling a desire; to cause feelings of discouragement
_____ our plan
7. **grim**
(grɪm)
(*adj.*) stern, merciless; fierce, savage, cruel
the _____ prospect of famine
8. **inimitable**
(ɪn 'ɪ m ə tə bəl)
(*adj.*) not capable of being copied or imitated
her _____ smile
9. **makeshift**
('mæ kʃɪft)
(*n.*) a temporary substitute for something else;
(*adj.*) crude, flimsy, or temporary
_____ sleeping quarters
10. **marginal**
('mɑ:rl ə nəl)
(*adj.*) in, at, or near the edge or margin; only barely good, large, or important enough for the purpose
_____ farmland
11. **pending**
('pen dɪŋ)
(*adj.*) waiting to be settled; (*prep.*) until
_____ the judge's decision
12. **prescribe**
(prɪ 'skrɪb)
(*v.*) to order as a rule or course to be followed; to order for medical purposes
_____ complete rest
13. **preview**
('pri:vju:
(*n.*) something seen in advance; (*v.*) to view beforehand
a _____ of the new movie
14. **prominent**
('prɒm ə nənt)
(*adj.*) standing out so as to be easily seen; important, well-known
a _____ figure in society

15. **quaint**
(kwæɪnt)
(*adj.*) odd or old-fashioned in a pleasing way; clever, ingenious; skillfully made
_____ customs
16. **reluctant**
(rɪ 'lʌk tənt)
(*adj.*) unwilling, holding back
a _____ witness
17. **scrimp**
(skrɪmp)
(*v.*) to handle very economically or stingily; to supply in a way that is small, short, or scanty
forced to _____ and save
18. **snare**
(snɑ:
(*v.*) to trap, catch; (*n.*) a trap or entanglement
caught in a _____
19. **utmost**
('ʌt məst)
(*adj.*) greatest, highest, furthest; (*n.*) the extreme limit
tried her _____ to learn Greek
20. **vengeance**
('venʒəns)
(*n.*) punishment in return for an injury or a wrong; unusual force or violence
took _____ on their enemies

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. For weeks I _____ on everything to save enough money to buy the replacement tires for my bicycle.
2. The most _____ feature of the skyline of that little town in Iowa is the four-story grain elevator.
3. Many books have been written about boys, but none of them can match the _____ qualities of Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn.
4. Instead of seeking personal _____ for the wrong that has been done to you, why don't you look for justice under the law?
5. When we visited Salem, Massachusetts, last year, we were charmed by the _____ 18th-century houses in the town.
6. There is quite a contrast between the _____ administration that now runs that country and the "do-nothing" regime that preceded it.
7. Safety measures are of the _____ importance when you are planning a canoe trip over rivers filled with dangerous rapids.
8. Each unit in the textbook opens with a section that _____ and highlights the material in the chapters that follow.
9. When unexpected guests turned up on the doorstep, I hurriedly made a few _____ arrangements to accommodate them.
10. The suspect was held in the local police station _____ the outcome of the investigation.

11. I was _____ into trusting him, and I have paid a heavy price for being misled so easily.
12. After the fisherman _____ the fish, he unhooked it from his line and threw it back into the stream.
13. It took the druggist about an hour to prepare the medicine that the doctor had _____ for my cold.
14. After several unsuccessful attempts to catch the waiter's eye, I began to become a little _____.
15. Although we know who wrote such famous epics as the *Aeneid* and the *Iliad*, the author of *Beowulf* remains _____.
16. Ellen was _____ to tell the police all that she had seen, but we convinced her that it was the only right thing to do.
17. We may not be able to _____ crime in our community, but if we go about it in the right way, I am sure we can reduce it greatly.
18. Is there any sight in the world more restful than cows _____ in a meadow alongside a little brook?
19. I like to write _____ notes in a book alongside important material, but I never do so unless the book belongs to me.
20. When we saw the _____ expression on the poor man's face, we realized that the situation was indeed serious.

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. picturesque; peculiar, strange, curious _____
2. matchless, incomparable, unique _____
3. an advance showing; a foretaste _____
4. stern; dreadful, frightful; ferocious _____
5. to destroy, wipe out; root out _____
6. standing out, conspicuous, noticeable _____
7. borderline, minimal, peripheral _____
8. undecided, unsettled, awaiting action _____
9. to economize, pinch pennies, cut corners _____
10. a trap, pitfall; to trap, catch _____
11. to order, suggest, appoint, recommend _____

12. energetic, vigorous, high-powered _____
13. revenge, retaliation, reprisal _____
14. to skim, scan, dip into; to graze _____
15. to thwart, foil, baffle; to disappoint _____
16. hesitant, unwilling, loath, disinclined _____
17. temporary, stopgap; substitute; flimsy _____
18. nameless, unknown _____
19. highest, maximum, greatest, supreme, best _____
20. to fool, mislead, hoodwink, delude _____

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 splurge, throw money around _____
2. willing, eager, inclined _____
3. settled, decided, resolved _____
4. to implant, instill; to foster, promote _____
5. inconspicuous, unnoticeable, obscure _____
6. to help, assist, abet _____
7. familiar, commonplace; modern, contemporary _____
8. mild; merciful; delightful _____
9. central, pivotal, focal _____
10. to set straight, undeceive, disabuse _____
11. least, smallest possible _____
12. permanent, durable; solid, sturdy _____
13. lazy, lackadaisical, lethargic, sluggish _____
14. able to be copied or reproduced _____
15. forgiveness, pardon, turning the other cheek _____
16. to pore over, study carefully, scrutinize _____
17. with a known or identifiable author _____
18. to set free, let loose, liberate _____

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

1. He still doesn't realize that he has been used as a (**dupe**, **scrimp**) by our opponents to do their dirty work for them.
2. The new parking regulations are only a (**snare**, **makeshift**) that will have to be replaced by a better plan within a few years.
3. Even before we saw Alice, we heard her (**inimitable**, **grim**) high-pitched giggle and knew she was at the party.
4. It is very easy to say that our city government should (**scrimp**, **snare**) to balance its budget, but which departments should spend less?
5. We have many good musicians in our school orchestra, but they need a (**makeshift**, **dynamic**) conductor to make them play as a unit.
6. For months the winter was unusually mild, but when the cold weather did come, it struck with a (**vengeance**, **prominence**).
7. You must realize that, although we may find the customs of other lands (**anonymous**, **quaint**), they are just part of everyday life in those areas.
8. Although the announcement had promised us "a (**prominent**, **reluctant**) speaker," the person turned out to be a very minor public official.
9. Landing a man on the moon was a great achievement, but it is far from being the (**utmost**, **pending**) limit of our space program.
10. Since my job is only (**marginal**, **inimitable**), I'm afraid that if business falls off a little, they may let me go.
11. (**Pending**, **Eradicating**) the outcome of our national election, none of the foreign governments is willing to take any definite action.
12. His reference to a "historical downfall" after I had failed the history test struck me as a rather (**dynamic**, **grim**) joke.
13. As I was (**previewing**, **browsing**) my way lazily through the newspaper, I was shocked to see my own name in a headline!
14. The mistaken idea that the most important thing in life is to "have fun" is a (**snare**, **vengeance**) that leads to serious trouble for many young people.
15. Nothing can (**eradicate**, **scrimp**) the love of liberty from the hearts of a free people!
16. Although we cannot mention her by name, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude to the (**quaint**, **anonymous**) donor who gave us this generous gift.
17. The exhibition at the fair is intended to give people a (**preview**, **dupe**) of what life may be like fifty years from now.
18. I understand your (**reluctance**, **vengeance**) to be our candidate in the next election, but I think it is your duty to accept the nomination.
19. To improve your unsatisfactory school record, I would (**browse**, **prescribe**) regular doses of study, to be taken every day for as long as is necessary.
20. The wily champion used every tennis trick she knew to (**frustrate**, **scrimp**) her opponent's attempts to come to the net and hit a winner.