

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. **adulterate** (ə 'del tə rāt)
(v.) to corrupt, make worse by the addition of something of lesser value
_____ the milk with water
2. **ambidextrous** (am bi 'dek strəs)
(adj.) able to use both hands equally well; very skillful; deceitful, hypocritical
marveled at his _____ abilities
3. **augment** (ɔg 'ment)
(v.) to make larger, increase
_____ one's income
4. **bereft** (bi 'ret)
(part., adj.) deprived of; made unhappy through a loss
_____ of friends in his old age
5. **deploy** (di 'plɔɪ)
(v.) to position or arrange; to utilize; to form up
_____ troops for battle
6. **dour** (daʊr)
(adj.) stern, unyielding; gloomy, ill-humored
a _____ and sullen disposition
7. **fortitude** ('fɔr ti tʊd)
(n.) courage in facing difficulties
showed great _____ during the flood
8. **gape** (gæp)
(v.) to stare with open mouth; to open the mouth wide; to open wide
_____ in wonder at the sight
9. **gibe** (jɪb)
(v.) to utter taunting words; (n.) an expression of scorn
_____ at him for his cowardice
10. **guise** (ɡɪz)
(n.) an external appearance, cover, mask
the _____ of a police officer
11. **insidious** (ɪn 'sɪd i ə s)
(adj.) intended to deceive or entrap; sly, treacherous
an _____ scheme
12. **intimation** (ɪnt ə 'mæ shən)
(n.) a hint, indirect suggestion
gave no _____ of her difficulties
13. **opulent** ('ɒp yə lənt)
(adj.) wealthy, luxurious; ample; grandiose
_____ living quarters
14. **pliable** ('pli ə bəl)
(adj.) easily bent, flexible; easily influenced
three spools of _____ copper wire

15. **reiterate** (rē 'it ə rāt)
(v.) to say again, repeat
_____ a statement for emphasis
16. **stolid** ('stəl ɪd)
(adj.) not easily moved, mentally or emotionally; dull, unresponsive
a _____ person who takes everything in stride
17. **tentative** ('ten tə tɪv)
(adj.) experimental in nature; uncertain, hesitant
a _____ arrangement
18. **unkept** (ən 'kempt)
(adj.) not combed; untidy; not properly maintained; unpolished, rude
seemed to take pride in being _____
19. **verbatim** (vər 'bā tərɪm)
(adv., adv.) word for word; exactly as written or spoken
repeat _____
20. **warily** ('wār ə lē)
(adv.) cautiously, with great care
approach the mouth of the cave _____

Completing the Sentence

From the words for this unit, choose the one that best completes each of the following sentences. Write the word in the space provided.

1. At the risk of being boring, let me _____ my warning against careless driving.
2. In Shakespeare's famous tragedy *Othello*, Iago comes to Othello in the _____ of a friend but proves to be a deadly enemy.
3. Why would someone who is usually so neat and tidy appear in public in such a(n) _____ state?
4. America's earliest settlers faced the hardships of life on the frontier with _____ and faith.
5. Perhaps I would be bored with the _____ lifestyle of a millionaire, but I'm willing to try it.
6. Having learned to respect the power in his opponent's fists, the boxer circled _____ around the center of the ring.
7. The twigs that were to be woven into the basket were soaked in water to make them more _____.
8. How can you tell whether the chopped-meat patty you ate for lunch had been _____ with artificial coloring and other foreign substances?

9. We learned that beneath his _____ exterior there was a sensitive, highly subtle and perceptive mind.
10. The company commander called his troops together and asked for more volunteers to _____ the strength of the raiding party.
11. Since I need the speaker's exact words for my report, I have asked the stenographer to take down the speech _____.
12. His unchanging facial features and controlled voice as he received the news gave no _____ of his true feelings.
13. What a tragedy that in the twilight of her life the unfortunate woman should be _____ of all her loved ones!
14. Why should I be the object of all those _____ just because I'm wearing baby-blue Bermuda shorts on campus?
15. Many ballplayers can bat from either side of the plate, but they cannot throw well with each hand unless they are _____.
16. To this day, historians are still debating whether or not Aaron Burr was guilty of a(n) _____ plot to break up the United States.
17. Since his acceptance of the invitation was only _____, the hostess may be one man short at the dinner party.
18. The _____ expressions on the jurors' faces as they grimly filed back into the courtroom did not bode well for the defendant.
19. As the magician's beautiful blond assistant seemed to vanish into thin air, the entire audience _____ in amazement.
20. An experienced baseball manager _____ his outfielders according to the strengths or weaknesses of the opposing batters.

Synonyms

From the words for this unit, choose the one that is most nearly **the same** in meaning as each of the following groups of expressions. Write the word on the line given.

1. rich, lavish, plentiful, abundant _____
2. to ridicule, mock, deride, jeer _____
3. carefully, prudently, gingerly _____
4. to contaminate, pollute, sully _____
5. impassive, phlegmatic, unresponsive _____
6. a costume, semblance; a pretense _____
7. harsh, bleak, forbidding, saturnine _____
8. provisional, inconclusive _____

9. cunning, underhanded, perfidious _____
10. word for word, exact _____
11. sloppy, disheveled; disordered; rough _____
12. resolve, steadfastness, mettle _____
13. supple, adaptable, resilient _____
14. a clue, indication, inkling _____
15. to arrange, station, organize _____
16. to gawk, ogle; to open wide _____
17. deprived; saddened by loss, bereaved _____
18. equally skillful with both hands _____
19. to enlarge, supplement, amplify _____
20. to repeat, rehash _____

Antonyms

From the words for this unit, choose the one that is most nearly **opposite** in meaning to each of the following groups of expressions. Write the word on the line given.

1. poverty-stricken, wretched, destitute _____
2. to decrease, diminish _____
3. cheery, inviting, genial _____
4. fearfulness, timidity, faintheartedness _____
5. rigid, inflexible, recalcitrant _____
6. definite, conclusive, confirmed _____
7. to purify, purge, expurgate _____
8. paraphrased _____
9. emotional, oversensitive; high-strung _____
10. frank, ingenuous, aboveboard _____
11. a compliment, praise _____
12. well-groomed, tidy, neat, natty _____
13. recklessly, heedlessly, incautiously _____
14. clumsy, all thumbs, maladroit _____
15. a direct or blunt communication _____
16. replete, well provided with _____

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

1. Recruits who complain of the cold should try to show a little more intestinal (**fortitude, intimation**) in facing the elements.
2. The young prince, who much preferred blue jeans, had to dress in the (**stolid, opulent**) robes designed for the coronation.
3. Though all hope of victory had faded, the remaining troops continued to resist the enemy with a (**bereft, dour**) tenacity.
4. The speaker (**deployed, adulterated**) all the facts and figures at her command to buttress her argument.
5. I soon found out that my supposed friend had taken it upon himself to repeat (**unkempt, verbatim**) every word I said about Frieda's party.
6. What a bore to hear the same silly advertising slogans (**gaped, reiterated**) endlessly on TV programs!
7. Do you believe that the curriculum will be (**stolid, adulterated**) if courses like driver education and consumer science are introduced?
8. The ticking grew louder as the bomb squad (**warily, pliantly**) opened the package found on the grounds of the Governor's residence.
9. Let us not forget that the early fighters for women's rights were greeted with the (**gibes, guise**) of the unthinking mob.
10. What he calls his "**insidious, pliable**) outlook on life" seems to me simply a lack of any firm moral standards.
11. A sort of heaviness in the air and an eerie silence were the first real (**reiterations, intimations**) of the approaching cyclone.
12. One of the chief reasons for his dateless weekends is undoubtedly his (**opulent, unkempt**) appearance.
13. There we were at the very edge of the cliff, with our front wheels about to plunge into a (**gaping, intimidating**) ravine!
14. Do you expect me to listen to a lot of tired old ideas dressed up in the (**fortitude, guise**) of brilliant new insights?
15. In this scene of wild jubilation, my (**stolid, tentative**) roommate continued to eat his peanut butter sandwich as though nothing had happened.
16. Jane must have been (**bereft, pliable**) of her senses when she bought that old car!
17. By studying the reactions of simpler life forms, researchers have greatly (**augmented, adulterated**) our knowledge of human behavior.
18. Because of my inexperience, I did not recognize at first his (**insidious, ambidextrous**) attempts to undermine our employer's confidence in me.
19. Have you heard the joke about the (**ambidextrous, opulent**) loafer who was equally adept at not working with either hand?
20. Because the situation is changing so rapidly, any plans we make to deal with the emergency can be no more than (**verbatim, tentative**).