

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.

- adjourn** (ə 'jɔ:rn)
(v.) to stop proceedings for a time; to move to another place _____ the session until the next day
- alien** ('a li:ən)
(n.) a citizen of another country; (adj.) foreign, strange customs _____ to our way of life
- comely** ('kəm li:
(adj.) having a pleasing appearance a _____ child
- compensate** ('kɑ:m pən sɑ:t)
(v.) to make up for; to repay for services _____ him for his losses
- dissolute** ('dis ə lu:t)
(adj.) loose in one's morals or behavior a group of _____ "men-about-town"
- erratic** (ə 'ræt ik)
(adj.) not regular or consistent; different from what is ordinarily expected; undependable upset by his _____ behavior
- expulsion** (ek 'spəl ŋən)
(n.) the process of driving or forcing out order the _____ of aliens
- feint** (fi:nt)
(n.) a deliberately deceptive movement; a pretense, (v.) to make a deceptive movement; to make a pretense of the boxer's extraordinary ability to counter and _____
- fodder** ('fɒd ə:
(n.) food for horses or cattle; raw material for a designated purpose stored _____ in the silo
- fortify** ('fɔ: te fi)
(v.) to strengthen, build up _____ the city against attack
- illegible** (i 'le: ə bəl)
(adj.) difficult or impossible to read an _____ note
- jeer** (jɪ:
(v.) to make fun of rudely or unkindly (n.) a rude remark of derision _____ at strangers
- lucrative** ('lu: krə ti:v)
(adj.) bringing in money, profitable establish a _____ business
- mediocre** (mi: de 'ɔ: ke:
(adj.) average, ordinary, undistinguished a _____ player rather than a star

- proliferate** (prə 'lif ə ræt)
(v.) to reproduce, increase, or spread rapidly since some cells _____ more quickly than others
- subjugate** ('sʌb dʒu: gæt)
(v.) to conquer by force, bring under complete control a campaign to _____ the rebels
- sully** ('sul i:
(v.) to soil, stain, tarnish, defile, besmirch a reputation _____ by scandal
- tantalize** ('tæn tə li:z)
(v.) to tease, torment by teasing _____ by goodies in the window
- terse** (tɜ:s)
(adj.) brief and to the point a _____ remark
- unflinching** (ən 'flɪn tʃɪŋ)
(adj.) firm, showing no signs of fear, not drawing back faced danger with _____ courage

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.

- The thoroughly disgraceful behavior of a few dissolute officers effectively _____ the honor of the entire unit.
- In spite of all the adverse criticism her ideas have received, she remains _____ in her determination to improve our community.
- Despite all my efforts to make this a(n) _____ business, it continues to be a decidedly nonprofit organization.
- How can you be so cruel as to _____ the poor dog by offering him tidbits that you will never let him have?
- To enlarge the areas under their control, kings of old sent out their armies to _____ their neighbors.
- Our doctor's handwriting is so _____ that my brother used one of his prescriptions as a teacher's pass.
- The speaker advised us not to imitate the _____ kind of person who squanders time and money in the vain pursuit of pleasure.
- Milton drank quantities of lemon juice and swallowed vitamin C tablets in a valiant attempt to _____ himself against winter colds.
- A(n) _____ student is one who neither fails any subject nor receives any marks that are above average.
- Our laws protect not only citizens but also _____ legally residing in this country.

- 11. to pollute, defile; tarnish, taint, smear
- 12. food for animals, feed, provender
- 13. resolute, steadfast, unwavering
- 14. to pay back, reimburse, recompense
- 15. to conquer, subdue, vanquish, master
- 16. to strengthen, reinforce, shore up
- 17. to make fun of, laugh at, mock, taunt
- 18. profitable, gainful, moneymaking
- 19. to postpone, suspend, discontinue
- 20. unreadable, indecipherable, scribbled

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. unprofitable, losing, in the red _____
- 2. to be conquered, submit, surrender _____
- 3. wordy, diffuse, prolix, verbose _____
- 4. wavering, vacillating, irresolute _____
- 5. to call to order, open _____
- 6. virtuous, chaste, moral, seemly, proper _____
- 7. admittance, admission _____
- 8. decrease, diminish, slack off, dwindle _____
- 9. to cleanse, purify, decontaminate _____
- 10. readable, decipherable, distinct, clear _____
- 11. to weaken, undermine, sap, impair _____
- 12. applause, plaudits, accolades _____
- 13. outstanding, exceptional, distinguished _____
- 14. native, endemic, familiar _____
- 15. plain, homely; ugly, repulsive _____
- 16. steady, consistent, dependable _____
- 17. to satisfy, fulfill, gratify _____
- 18. to fail to reward, "stiff" _____

- 11. When the national economy is expanding, housing developments begin to _____, when times are lean, construction slacks off.
- 12. He was a changed young man after his _____ from West Point for "conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman."
- 13. his only response to my warnings was to _____ at me scornfully and go ahead with his plans
- 14. The fact that he says that he is truly sorry does not _____ for the pain I have suffered as a result of his cruelty.
- 15. Though she is not a beautiful woman by conventional standards, she is certainly _____ and appealing.
- 16. Since there is a change for every word used in it, a telegram is usually as _____ as possible.
- 17. When it is time to end one of our meetings, a member must make a motion to _____.
- 18. The farmer must provide storage facilities for the _____ he plans to set aside for his cattle during the long winter.
- 19. Though he had a great sinker ball, he was so _____ on the mound that fans started to call him "Wild Pitch Hickok."
- 20. Their so-called "peace initiative" proved to be nothing more than a clever _____ designed to lull the enemy into a false sense of security.
- 21. The planets move around the heavens in a regular fashion, but the course of a comet is decidedly _____.

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. an ejection, ouster, eviction _____
- 2. ordinary, average, run-of-the-mill _____
- 3. concise, succinct, crisp, short and sweet _____
- 4. irregular, inconsistent, unpredictable _____
- 5. foreign, strange, unfamiliar, exotic _____
- 6. to multiply, mushroom, burgeon, increase _____
- 7. good-looking, attractive, bonny _____
- 8. dissipated, debauched, immoral, corrupt _____
- 9. a trick, ruse, subterfuge; a bluff, dodge _____
- 10. to tempt, lead on, make one's mouth water _____