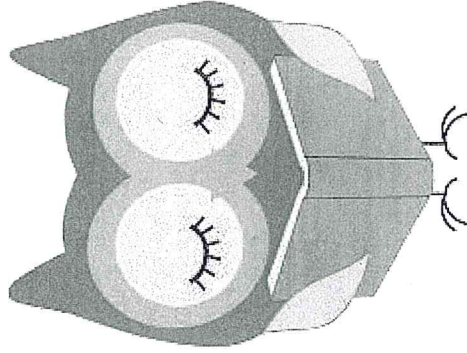


Definitions

Note the spelling, pronunciation, part(s) of speech, and definition(s) of each of the following words. Then write the appropriate form of the word in the blank spaces in the illustrative sentence(s) following. Finally, study the lists of synonyms and antonyms.

Vocabulary

Unit 7



1. **acme**
(ak' mē)

(n.) the highest point
A perfect game is the _____ of any pitcher's career in baseball.

SYNONYMS: summit, top, peak, pinnacle
ANTONYMS: low point, bottom, nadir

2. **attribute**
(n., at' trib' yūt;
v., ə trib' yət)

(n.) a quality or characteristic belonging to or associated with someone or something; (v.) to assign to, credit with; to regard as caused by or resulting from

The _____ I most admire in you is your willingness to give everyone's opinions a fair hearing.

The doctor _____ my runny nose and itchy eyes to multiple allergies.

SYNONYMS: (n.) trait; (v.) ascribe

3. **belittle**
(bi lit' əl)

(v.) to make something appear smaller than it is; to refer to in a way that suggests lack of importance or value

Candidates for public office may resort to negative ads that _____ their opponents' records.

SYNONYMS: minimize, underrate, disparage
ANTONYMS: exaggerate, magnify, overestimate

4. **convey**
(ken vā')

(v.) to transport; to transmit; to communicate, make known; to transfer ownership or title to

Please _____ our best wishes to your parents on their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

SYNONYMS: carry, send, impart

5. **doctrine**
(däk' trin)

(n.) a belief, principle, or teaching; a system of such beliefs or principles; a formulation of such beliefs or principles

No two religions see eye to eye on every fine detail of _____.

6. **excise**
(v., ek siz';
n., ek' sīz)

(v.) to remove by cutting; (n.) an indirect tax on the manufacture, sale, or distribution of a commodity or service

If you _____ that irrelevant remark, you will improve your essay.

The _____ imposed on products such as tobacco and alcohol have skyrocketed.

SYNONYMS: (v.) cut out, expunge
ANTONYMS: (v.) put in, interpolate

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- 7. exotic**
(íg zāt' ík)
(*adj.*) foreign; charmingly unfamiliar or strikingly unusual
A recipe may call for _____ herbs and spices that are difficult to obtain.
SYNONYMS: strange, alien, picturesque, colorful
ANTONYMS: native, indigenous, familiar, commonplace
- 8. haggard**
(hag' ard)
(*adj.*) thin, pale, and careworn as a result of worry or suffer wild-looking
The _____ refugees were given food, clothing, and temporary shelter.
SYNONYMS: drawn, gaunt, wasted
ANTONYMS: healthy, glowing, hale and hearty
- 9. jaunty**
(jōn' tē)
(*adj.*) lively, easy, and carefree in manner; smart or trim in appearance
I bought a _____ straw hat.
SYNONYMS: unconcerned, lighthearted
ANTONYMS: downcast, dejected, glum
- 10. juncture**
(jungk' cher)
(*n.*) a joining together; the point at which two things are joined
Our property ends at the _____ of the stone walls.
SYNONYMS: union, seam, joint, turning point
- 11. menial**
(mé' né əl)
(*adj.*) lowly, humble, lacking importance or dignity; (*n.*) a person who does the humble and unpleasant tasks
During the Great Depression, people were thankful to have work of any kind, no matter how _____.
Teenagers in need of work can often find jobs as _____ in grocery stores and restaurants.
SYNONYMS: (*n.*) underling, scullion, servant
ANTONYMS: (*adj.*) lofty, elevated; (*n.*) boss, master
- 12. parry**
(par' ē)
(*v.*) to ward off, fend off, evade, avoid; (*n.*) a defensive movement in fencing and other sports
An effective press secretary can _____ almost any question a reporter asks.
The challenger's swift _____ caught the champion completely off guard.
- 13. predatory**
(pred' ə tōr ē)
(*adj.*) preying on, plundering, or piratical
Owls and other _____ birds play an important role in maintaining the balance of nature.
SYNONYMS: looting, pillaging, ravenous, rapacious
- 14. ravage**
(rav' ij)
(*v.*) to destroy, lay waste, ruin; (*n.*) ruinous damage, destruction
Swarms of locusts _____ the farmer's fields and orchards.
No one can escape the _____ of time.
SYNONYMS: (*v.*) wreck, devastate
ANTONYM: (*v.*) spare
- 15. stance**
(stans)
(*n.*) a way of holding the body; an attitude or position on an issue
A fashion model's _____ is calculated to show off a designer's clothing to best advantage.
SYNONYMS: posture, bearing
- 16. tawdry**
(tō' drē)
(*adj.*) showy and flashy but lacking in good taste
An excess of gold braid and glittery beads gave the costumes a _____ look.
SYNONYMS: loud, gaudy, tacky, vulgar
ANTONYMS: refined, tasteful, subdued, muted
- 17. turncoat**
(tərn' kōt)
(*n.*) a person who switches to an opposing side or party
Strikers generally consider those workers who cross the picket lines to be _____.
SYNONYMS: quisling, deserter, renegade
ANTONYMS: loyalist, diehard
- 18. unassuming**
(ən ə sü' mīŋ)
(*adj.*) not putting on airs, unpretentious; modest
Many celebrities remain _____ despite their fame and wealth.
ANTONYMS: conceited, pretentious, self-important
- 19. wallow**
(wāl' ō)
(*v.*) to roll about in a lazy, clumsy, or helpless way; to overindulge in; to have in abundance; (*n.*) a wet, muddy, or dusty area used by animals as a sort of bath; a state of moral or physical collapse
After a strenuous hike, I was too tired to do anything but _____ blissfully in a hot bath.
On the Serengeti Plain, _____ offer animals much-needed relief from the sun's scorching rays.
SYNONYMS: (*v.*) delight in, bask in
- 20. waver**
(wā' vər)
(*v.*) to move to and fro, become unsteady; to show lack of firmness or decision
The committee _____ for several days before choosing the winner of the essay contest.
SYNONYM: hesitate
ANTONYMS: stand firm, be resolute

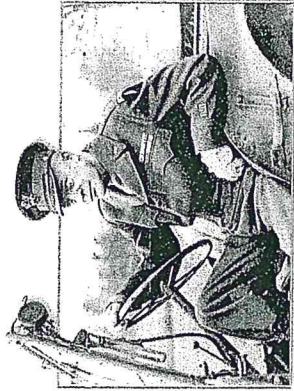
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Choosing the Right Word

Select the **boldface** word that better completes each sentence. You might refer to the passage on pages 88–89 to see how most of these words are used in context.

- For many years the towns and villages along the Normandy coast of France showed the (**ravages, doctrines**) of the great invasion of 1944.
- Instead of answering my question, the skillful debater (**parried, ravaged**) by asking a question of her own.
- The captain was deeply worried, even though he tried hard to appear confident and (**haggard, jaunty**) to the passengers.
- We were infuriated by the (**unassuming, tawdry**) speech in which he tried to portray himself as a great national leader.
- My mother's dream vacation is to spend several weeks on a(n) (**exotic, menial**) island in the South Pacific.
- After waiting for news of her loved ones for several days, the woman looked careworn and (**haggard, menial**).
- The immigrants never (**excised, wavered**) in their determination to become American citizens.
- Even after pitching two no-hit games this season, Stan was the same quiet and (**exotic, unassuming**) boy we had always known.
- Thieves are essentially a (**predatory, jaunty**) class of criminals because they live off what they can take from others.
- He hoped that election to the presidency would be the (**acme, juncture**) of his long and brilliant career in public service.
- One must be careful these days, as (**excise, predatory**) phone calls from dishonest companies are on the rise.
- During our trip to China, we sampled such (**predatory, exotic**) dishes as thousand-year-old eggs and bird's nest soup.
- Americans expect candidates to take a definite (**stance, parry**) on each of the important issues in a national election.
- So long as you continue to (**waver, wallow**) in self-pity, you will lack the strength needed to solve your problems.
- When asked about your commitment to your values, do not (**waver, convey**), but stand firm in your beliefs.



General Dwight D. Eisenhower gave the orders for the Allied invasion of Normandy.

- I am thoroughly disgusted by people who try to make themselves seem more important than they really are by (**belittling, conveying**) others.
- History teaches us that in any great conflict, there will be some (**turncoats, menials**) willing to go over to the enemy.
- The general (**belittled, attributed**) our failure to win the battle to a lack of sufficient forces rather than to a lack of courage.
- Did you know that pigs can't pant, so they (**ravage, wallow**) in mud to keep their bodies cool on hot summer days?
- "If we are to keep the body politic healthy," the senator remarked, "we must (**excise, attribute**) the cancer of racial prejudice from it."
- He is so conceited that it is hard to (**convey, wallow**) to him the simple idea that he did not win the essay competition.
- Our system of justice is based on the (**acme, doctrine**) that defendants are presumed innocent unless the prosecution can prove them guilty.
- No matter how (**menial, tawdry**) the assignment may be, take pride in your work, and do your best.
- When I arrived at the critical (**stance, juncture**) in my career, I realized that my whole future would depend on the decision I was about to make.
- My doctor (**attributed, parried**) my dizziness and vertigo to an inner ear infection.

SYNONYMS

Choose the word from this Unit that is the same or most nearly the same in meaning as the **boldface** word or expression in the phrase. Write that word on the line. Use a dictionary if necessary.

- a closet filled with **garish** outfits _____
- denounced as a **traitor** _____
- delete** an irrelevant clause _____
- looking **exhausted** after a long trek _____
- demolished** by a series of storms _____
- seldom **falters** under pressure _____
- had an unpopular **point of view** _____
- left the cleaning up to the **subordinates** _____
- the **policy** of equal justice for all _____
- sought to **deflect** the force of the assault _____

Antonyms

Choose the word from this Unit that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the **boldface** word or expression in the phrase. Write that word on the line. Use a dictionary if necessary.

1. insert the word *crucial* _____
2. undertaking a **grand** endeavor _____
3. an **advocate** for women's rights _____
4. someone who can **attract** a large audience. _____
5. a **radiant** expression on her face _____

Completing the Sentence

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

1. We will need several trucks to _____ all the books to the new library building.
2. The room was so overcrowded with gaudy furnishings that the overall effect was cheap and _____.
3. The author's first published work was a(n) _____ little pamphlet on the joys of fly fishing.
4. During our trip through Kenya, we took many pictures of hippos as they _____ in a mudhole.
5. Her happy expression and the _____ way she walked down the street gave the impression of someone "on top of the world."
6. I agree that we should not exaggerate her achievements, but we should not _____ them either.
7. A baseball player who improves his _____ at the plate usually improves his batting average, too.
8. When he switched parties, people called him a(n) _____, but he claimed he'd just had an honest change of opinion.
9. Since my boss has, as they say, "a short fuse," patience cannot be considered one of her outstanding _____.
10. The Monroe _____ sought to prevent the colonization of the American continents by European powers.

11. She sat there staring at the menu, _____ between the steak sandwich and the chef's salad.
12. In her most celebrated novels, such as *Pride and Prejudice* and *Emma*, Jane Austen reached the _____ of her literary art.
13. Because of his ability to _____ his opponents' blows, he was rarely hurt in his many fights in the ring.
14. In the early nineteenth century, Thomas Bowdler attempted to "clean up" the works of Shakespeare by _____ all words and phrases that he felt were coarse or offensive.
15. Even though you are starting at a(n) _____ job, you will gain valuable experience and knowledge of how the company works.
16. Though many _____ creatures prefer to hunt at night, lions and leopards are active during the daytime.
17. Two of our divisions were marching rapidly toward each other and hoped to effect a(n) _____ before the enemy attacked.
18. Disease had so _____ his once-handsome face that I scarcely recognized him!
19. Most Americans think of Australia as a strange and wonderful continent full of _____ plants and animals.
20. The drawn and _____ faces of the rescued miners clearly reflected the terrible ordeal they had survived.