

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. To enlarge the areas under their control, kings of old sent out their armies to _____ their neighbors.
2. Our laws protect not only citizens but also _____ legally residing in this country.
3. When the national economy is expanding, new housing developments begin to _____; when times are lean, construction slacks off.
4. In spite of all the adverse criticism her ideas have received, she remains _____ in her determination to improve our community.
5. Despite all my efforts to make this a(n) _____ enterprise, it continues to be a decidedly unprofitable organization.
6. Since there is a charge for every word used in it, a telegram is usually as _____ as possible.
7. The farmer must provide storage facilities for the _____ he plans to set aside for his cattle during the long winter.
8. The thoroughly disgraceful behavior of a few dissipated officers effectively _____ the honor of the entire unit.
9. How can you be so cruel as to _____ those poor dogs by offering them tidbits that you will never let them have?
10. Their so-called peace initiative proved to be nothing more than a clever _____ designed to lull the enemy into a false sense of security.
11. Though he had a great sinker ball, he was so _____ on the mound that fans started to call him "Wild Pitch Hickok."
12. Our doctor's handwriting is so _____ that my brother used one of his prescriptions as a teacher's pass.
13. When it is time to end one of our meetings, a member must make a motion to _____.
14. Though she is not a beautiful woman by conventional standards, she is certainly _____ and appealing.
15. The speaker advised us not to imitate the _____ kind of person who squanders time and money in the vain pursuit of pleasure.
16. He was a changed young man after his _____ from West Point for "conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman."
17. Their only response to my warnings was to _____ at me scornfully and go ahead with their plans.

18. Some people drink quantities of orange juice and swallow vitamin C tablets in a valiant attempt to _____ themselves against winter colds.
19. A(n) _____ student is one who neither fails any subject nor receives any marks that are above average.
20. The fact that you say you are truly sorry does not _____ for the pain I have suffered as a result of your cruelty.

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 given phrase. Write the word on the line provided.

1. found myself in **unfamiliar** territory _____
2. ordered to **reimburse** the victims of the swindle _____
3. tried to **master** my hot temper _____
4. a reputation for being **unpredictable** _____
5. ordered the **ouster** of seven career diplomats _____
6. **dodged** to the left and ran for a touchdown _____
7. an ample supply of **feed** for our livestock _____
8. written in an **indecipherable** scrawl _____
9. **suspend** the discussion because of the late hour _____
10. plans to seek more **gainful** employment _____
11. dandelions that seem to **multiply** overnight _____
12. conduct that **taints** the company's reputation _____
13. **tempted** by promises of adventure _____
14. **unwavering** in the pursuit of justice _____
15. **taunted** by the bully _____

Antonyms

Choose the word from this unit that is **most nearly opposite** in meaning to the **boldface** word or expression in the given phrase. Write the word on the line provided.

16. a person with a **plain** face _____
17. **undermined** the building's foundation _____
18. issued a **verbose** report on the economy _____
19. a thoroughly **virtuous** individual _____
20. judged the work to be **exceptional** _____