

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. Though I was hurt by the tactless comment, I tried to show pleasure in it by twisting my lips into a feeble _____ of a smile.
2. During a recent interdenominational service in our community center, the _____ of various faiths met to worship as one.
3. "That child may have an angel's _____ features, but at heart he is a little devil," I exclaimed in disgust.
4. A few of us who disagreed strongly with the committee's conclusions felt compelled to raise our voices in _____.
5. Although I am not a particularly argumentative person, last week I found myself involved in a heated _____ with a salesclerk.
6. The only way I could _____ the argument peacefully was to walk away abruptly.
7. "I think," said the salesclerk, "that the phrase 'hot under the collar' aptly describes the typical _____ customer that we have to deal with."
8. No one but a heartless scoundrel would _____ nickels and dimes from a charity's collection fund.
9. Although they have enough money to live on, the loss of most of their great wealth has left them feeling like _____.
10. "I am willing to wink at a harmless prank," the dean remarked, "but I will not _____ outright vandalism."
11. It is a real tribute to the ingenuity of the human mind that for thousands of years people have been _____ new and interesting theories of the universe.
12. After so many years of distinguished service in the United States Senate, he can properly be called a(n) _____ statesman.
13. It is only through the exercise of their intelligence that people can begin to _____ the difficulties they encounter in daily living.
14. The only lasting cure for _____ is to eat a great deal less and exercise a great deal more.
15. In this clever spoof of horror movies, the local witch doctor encounters hilarious difficulties when he tries to _____ an evil demon that has taken up residence in the heroine's body.
16. A screenplay or television drama with the same old boy-meets-girl plot can certainly be criticized as _____.
17. After driving the lawful ruler out of the country for good, the villainous duke _____ the throne and crowned himself king.

18. In order to fit the newspaper article into the space available, the editor had to _____ it by omitting secondary details.
19. Bands of _____ broke through the frontier defenses of the province and began to plunder the rich farmlands of the interior.
20. As the layer of clouds that hung over the city began to break up, the sun came pouring through the _____.

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. vowed to capture the notorious **freebooter** _____
2. tried to **dispel** our feelings of gloom and doom _____
3. maintained an **outward appearance** of friendliness _____
4. programs that aid **destitute persons** _____
5. **supporters** of the free market system _____
6. **filched** small change from the cash register _____
7. refuses to **turn a blind eye to** corrupt practices _____
8. bravely faced the **enraged** crowd _____
9. **commandeered** the reins of power _____
10. a positively **angelic** appearance _____
11. gets into one **quarrel** after another _____
12. tried to **make up** a credible alibi _____
13. a painful **split** between old allies _____
14. **conquered** every obstacle they faced _____
15. **condensed** the long and detailed report _____

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 major novel by an **obscure** writer _____
17. a prevailing mood of **harmony** among the members _____
18. treatment for the patient's **emaciation** _____
19. **initiated** talks between the warring parties _____
20. a **fresh** approach to a familiar story _____