

Note carefully the spelling, pronunciation, part(s) of speech, and definition(s) of each of the following words. Then write the word in the blank space(s) in the illustrative sentence(s) following. Finally, study the lists of synonyms and antonyms given at the end of each entry.

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1. admonish (ad män' ish)	(v.) to caution or advise against something; to scold mildly; to remind of a duty  The librarian had to the noisy students several times before they settled down.  SYNONYMS: warn, call on the carpet ANTONYMS: praise, pat on the back	
2. breach (brēch)	<ul> <li>(n.) an opening, gap, rupture, rift; a violation or infraction; (v.) to create an opening, break through</li> <li>Because of a serious of the rules, two players were ejected from the game.</li> <li>Our troops were unable to the enemy's lines during the battle.</li> <li>ANTONYMS: (v.) close, seal</li> </ul>	
<b>3. brigand</b> (brigʻ ənd)	<ul><li>(n.) a bandit, robber, outlaw, highwayman</li><li>Ancient caravans passing through desolate areas were sometimes attacked by</li></ul>	
4. circumspect (sər' kəm spekt)	(adj.) careful, cautious  It is important for a diplomat to behave in a manner that is both discreet and  SYNONYMS: wary, prudent, guarded ANTONYMS: incautious, rash, reckless, heedless	
5. commandeer (käm ən dēr')	(v.) to seize for military or official use  Under certain circumstances the U.S. government has the right to private property.  SYNONYMS: take over, requisition, expropriate	
6. cumbersome (kəm' bər səm)	(adj.) clumsy, hard to handle; slow-moving  The bus was filled to capacity with holiday shoppers carrying large and packages.  SYNONYMS: unwieldy, ponderous ANTONYMS: manageable, easy to handle	
7. deadlock (ded' läk)	(n.) a standstill resulting from the opposition of two equal forces or factions; (v.) to bring to such a standstill  After fifteen innings, the score remained a frustrating	

	The refusal of labor and	iliv their demands is regotiations.	
	ANTONYMS: (n.) agreement, according		
8. debris (də brē')	(n.) scattered fragments, wreckages as the		
	After the storm, the beach was littered was other	The state of the s	
	SYNONYMS: rubble, detritus, flotsam and jetsa		
9. diffuse (v., dif yüz'; adj., dif yüs')	(v.) to spread or scatter freely or widely; (adj. winded, or unfocused; scattered or widely sp	) wordy, long- oread	
	The scent of lilacs slowlythrough the open window.		
	The speech was so long and	that	
	most members of the audience were thoro		
	SYNONYMS: (v.) disperse; (adj.) rambling, verb ANTONYMS: (v.) concentrate; (adj.) brief, conc	* 1	
10. dilemma (di lem' ə)	(n.) a difficult or perplexing situation or proble	em ,	
	During the crisis the President found him painful	self caught in a	
	SYNONYMS: predicament, quandary, pickle, bi ANTONYM: cinch	nd	
11. efface	(v.) to wipe out; to keep oneself from being no	oticed	
(e fās')	Time had	_ almost all signs of	
	the struggle that took place on that famous battlefield.		
	SYNONYMS: blot out, erase, obliterate, expung	е	
<b>12. muddle</b> (məd' əl)	(v.) to make a mess of; muddle through: to ghopeless mess	get by; (n.) a	
	Too much stress and too little sleep will a	lmost certainly	
	a person's ab	ility to concentrate.	
	The was	principally caused	
	by their failure to carry out the general's orders properly.		
	SYNONYMS: $(v.)$ jumble, mess up; $(n.)$ confusion ANTONYMS: $(n.)$ orderliness, tidiness, neatness		
13. opinionated	(adj.) stubborn and often unreasonable in ho	lding to one's own	
(ə pin' yən āt id)	ideas, having a closed mind.		
	My boss is not too	to listen to	
	a reasonable proposal.		
	SYNONYMS: obstinate, pigheaded, inflexible ANTONYMS: open-minded reasonable		

ANTONYMS: restrained, held in check, muted

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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.	He is so that he won't even consider the ideas or suggestions offered by other people.				
2.	The nurse rushed into the hospital corridor to the visitors who were creating a disturbance.				
3.	Though all modern scholars accept <i>Macbeth</i> as Shakespeare's work, one or two of the scenes may be				
4.	I. I added a few drops of food coloring to the liquid and watched as they slowly through it.				
5.	Before I make an investment, I study all aspects of the situation in a most methodical and manner.				
6.	The water pouring through the in the dam threatened to flood the entire valley.				
7.	Many a teenager's room is strewn with clothing, CDs, and all sorts of				
8.	Though his partner lost everything, he was able to a few dollars from the wreckage of the bankrupt business.				
9.	The two sides in the lawsuit reached a(n) when neither was willing to meet the other partway.				
10.	The idea of a(n) like Robin Hood who helps the poor appeals strongly to the popular imagination.				
11.	The records of our club were in such a(n) that we couldn't even determine which members had paid their dues.				
12.	In order to capture the fleeing criminals, the police our car and raced after the vanishing truck.				
	Some people are subject to sudden seizures, during which their heads and legs may jerk about in a wild and manner.				
14.	Though my memory is getting dimmer and dimmer with the slow passage of time, I doubt that the exciting events of my childhood will ever be totally from my mind.				
15.	The doctor became more and more fearful that her patient's weakened condition would him to pneumonia.				
16.	The rug made such a(n) bundle that it took four of us to carry it up the stairs.				
17.	A man of towering pride and ambition, he stopped at nothing to achieve his goals as quickly and directly as possible				

		eas empire, she found that she had
	her position as a v	
	not want to replace the plants in a	our garden every year, we favor
	job, I won't have the money to do time. What a(n)	what I want; and if I do get a job, I !
Synonyms		that is <b>the same</b> or <b>most nearly</b> <b>Idface</b> word or expression in the the line provided.
1. requisition a	vehicle	
2. a rambling an	d confusing letter	
3. make suscept	tible to infection	
4. obliterated by	rerosion	
5. an uncontrolle	ed appetite for luxury	
6. frustrated by s	low-moving procedures	
7. captured by b	andits	
8. a stalemate in	the peace talks	
9. able to rescue	cherished mementos	,
10. plagued by a f	itful cough	
11. an unexpected	predicament	
12. recurring cam	paign issues	
13. made a mess	of the filing system	
14. a violation of	security procedures	
15. cleared the wr	eckage	
Antonyms	Choose the word from this unit the meaning to the <b>boldface</b> word on Write the word on the line provid	r expression in the given phrase.
16. a valid argume	ent	***************************************
17. tends to make	reckless decisions	
18. open-minded	neighbors	
19. retained title to	the plot of land	

20. praised my friends for their behavior

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Circle the **boldface** word that more satisfactorily completes each of the following sentences.

- 1. How can you expect to succeed at your new job when you are (diffused, predisposed) to believe that it is "not right" for you?
- 2. An economy in which the marketplace is considered "open" is one in which competition is more or less (muddled, unbridled).
- **3.** My mother broke the (**debris, deadlock**) in the quarrel between my brother and me by saying that neither of us could use the car.
- **4.** Thus, the nation was faced with a (**dilemma, brigand**) in which either to advance or to retreat might endanger its vital interests.
- **5.** The senator refused to (**efface, relinquish**) the floor to any other speaker before he had finished his statement.
- **6.** For the very reason that we are the most powerful nation in the world, we must be extremely (**circumspect**, **opinionated**) in our foreign policy.
- **7.** Developing nations in all parts of the world face the (**perennial**, **spurious**) problem of gaining a higher level of economic growth.
- **8.** The robber barons were a group of nineteenth-century captains of industry who amassed wealth by means that a (**brigand, salvager**) might use.
- **9.** Instead of trying to (admonish, commandeer) the support of the student body, we must earn it by showing our sincerity and ability.
- **10.** Our city government seems to have (**breached**, **muddled**) into a first-rate financial crisis.
- **11.** The evidence intended to show that some races or nationalities are superior to others proved to be completely (**spurious**, **cumbersome**).
- **12.** If only I could (**predispose**, **efface**) the memory of the look of shock and disappointment on my mother's face!
- **13.** Like the rings a pebble makes in a pool of water, the good feelings generated by the speech (**diffused**, **relinquished**) through the crowd.
- **14.** Even her refusal to dance with him did not seem to make a (**deadlock**, **breach**) in his gigantic conceit.
- **15.** The organization of some government agencies is so (**cumbersome**, **perennial**) that it is all but impossible to know who is responsible for various activities.
- **16.** The dean (**effaced, admonished**) the members of the team for neglecting their homework assignments.
- **17.** After the fire, investigators searched through the (**debris, dilemma**) for clues that might reveal the cause.
- **18.** Since she is so convinced that there is only one right way—her way—I find her too (**circumspect, opinionated**) for my liking.
- **19.** Is it too much to expect that I will be able to (**commandeer, salvage**) a few shreds of self-respect from my humiliating failure?
- **20.** His attempts to rid his administration of inefficiency were so (**unbridled**, **spasmodic**) that he came to be called the "reformer by fits and starts."

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Read the following passage, in which some of the words you have studied in this unit appear in boldface type. Then complete each statement given below the passage by circling the letter of the item that is the same or almost the same in meaning as the highlighted word.

(Line)

## Knox the Ox

Henry Knox, born in Boston in 1750, was renowned, not for tactical genius or stirring speeches, but for the unwavering determination to overcome any obstacle, resolve any dilemma. This quality, along with his impressive girth, earned him the nickname "Knox the Ox."

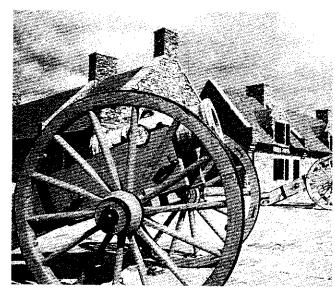
Henry Knox faced adversity early in life. His father died when Henry was only (5) 12, and the boy had to go to work in a bookstore. By the time he turned 21, he owned his own bookstore. This was an ideal business for him because a strong

interest in military affairs predisposed him to spend much of his time reading. (10) particularly about artillery.

In 1775, Knox joined the Continental Army and was made a colonel because of his considerable knowledge and his experience in a Boston militia. One of

(15) his first assignments was to transport 59 captured British cannons from Fort Ticonderoga, in New York, to Boston to fortify that besieged city. These cumbersome weapons weighed nearly (20) 60 tons.

> Knox applied both his ox-like determination and the power of real oxen to the task of pulling the cannons on wooden sledges. The procession of



Cannons at the restored Fort Ticonderoga

(25) men, horses, and oxen crossed the frozen Hudson River and made the 300mile journey to Boston. Despite three months of hardship, they managed to muddle through.

George Washington's troops put the cannons to good use and succeeded in forcing the British to relinquish control of Boston Harbor and evacuate the city. Knox became a friend and advisor to George Washington, who named him the new nation's secretary of war. The remarkable Knox the Ox continued to serve his country until 1794.

- 1. The meaning of **dilemma** (line 3) is
  - a. problem
- c. mystery
- b. quarrel
- d. question
- 2. Predisposed (line 8) most nearly means

3. Cumbersome (line 19) is best defined as

- a. taught
- c. tempted

- 4. Muddle through (line 27) means
  - a. get by
- c. regretted
- b. enjoyed
- d. messed up

- b. cautioned
- d. inclined
- 5. Relinquish (line 29) most nearly means
  - a. tighten b. accept
- c. abandon d. negotiate

- a. large
- c. dangerous
- b. unwieldy
- d. heavy

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