

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. abridge (ə brij')	(v.) to make shorter  Travel by air the time needed to reach far-distant places.  SYNONYMS: shorten, condense, abbreviate ANTONYMS: expand, enlarge, augment
2. adherent (ad hēr' ənt)	<ul> <li>(n.) a follower, supporter; (adj.) attached, sticking to  The senator's loyal</li></ul>
3. altercation (ôl tər kā' shən)	(n.) an angry argument  A noisy in the next apartment kept me awake for hours.  SYNONYMS: quarrel, dispute, squabble ANTONYMS: agreement, accord
4. cherubic (che rü' bik)	(adj.) resembling an angel portrayed as a little child with a beautiful, round, or chubby face; sweet and innocent  How well those photographs of the month-old twins capture the expressions on their faces!  SYNONYMS: angelic, seraphic, beatific ANTONYMS: impish, devilish, diabolic, fiendish
<b>5. condone</b> (kən dōn')	(v.) to pardon or overlook  Our parents have always made it crystal clear to us that they do not rude behavior.  SYNONYMS: ignore, wink at, turn a blind eye to ANTONYMS: censure, condemn, disapprove, deprecate
6. dissent (di sent')	(v.) to disagree; (n.) disagreement  Justices have an option to from a ruling issued by a majority of the Supreme Court.  Some people give voice to their on issues of public policy by writing letters to newspapers.  SYNONYMS: (v.) differ, dispute

ANTONYMS: (v.) agree, concur; (n.) unanimity, harmony

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7. eminent (em' ə nənt)	(adj.) famous, outstanding, distinguished; projecting  A group of scientists met to discuss long-term changes in Earth's climate.  SYNONYMS: illustrious, renowned ANTONYMS: obscure, nameless, unsung, lowly, humble	14.
8. exorcise (ek' sôr sīz)	(v.) to drive out by magic; to dispose of something troublesome, menacing, or oppressive  We must do all we can to the evils of hatred and prejudice from our society.  SYNONYMS: expel, dispel	15.
9. fabricate (fab' rə kāt)	(v.) to make, manufacture; to make up, invent  Threads from the cocoons of caterpillars called silkworms  are used to silk.  SYNONYMS: put together, devise, contrive, concoct  ANTONYMS: take apart, undo, destroy, demolish	16.
`10. irate (ī rāt′)	(adj.) angry  Long delays caused by bad weather are likely to make even the most unflappable travelers  SYNONYMS: incensed, infuriated, enraged, livid ANTONYMS: calm, composed, cool, unruffled	17.
11. marauder (mə rôd' ər)	(n.) a raider, plunderer  Edgar Allan Poe's story "The Gold Bug" concerns treasure buried by the Captain Kidd.  SYNONYMS: looter, pirate, freebooter	18
12. obesity (ō bē' sə tē)	(n.) excessive fatness  Sooner or later, leads to all sorts of serious health problems.  SYNONYMS: serious overweight, extreme corpulence ANTONYMS: emaciation, gauntness, scrawniness	19
13. pauper (pô' pər)	(n.) an extremely poor person  During the Great Depression, many people were reduced to leading the desperate lives of	20.

14. pilfer	(v.) to steal in small quantities
(pil' fər)	An employee who from the petty cash box will get caught sooner or later.
	SYNONYMS: filch, rob, swipe, purloin
15. rift	(n.) a split, break, breach
(rift)	Failure to repay a loan can be the cause of an angry between longtime friends.
	synonyms: çrack, fissure, gap, cleft anтonym: reconciliation
16. semblance	(n.) a likeness; an outward appearance; an apparition
(sem' blans)	Despite a bad case of stage fright, I tried to maintain a of calm as I sang my solo.
	SYNONYMS: appearance, air, aura, veneer, facade ANTONYMS: dissimilarity, contrast, total lack
17. surmount	(v.) to óvercome, rise above
(sər maünt')	Wilma Rudolph childhood illness and physical disabilities to win three Olympic gold medals.
	SYNONYMS: conquer, triumph over ANTONYMS: be vanquished, be defeated, succumb to
18. terminate	(v.) to bring to an end
(tər' mə nāt)	If you fail to perform your job satisfactorily, your boss may your employment.
	SYNONYMS: conclude, finish, discontinue ANTONYMS: begin, commence, initiate
19. trite	(adj.) commonplace; overused, stale
(trīt)	When you write an essay or a story, be especially careful to
	avoid using expressions. synonyms: banal, hackneyed, corny
A	ANTONYMS: original, novel, fresh, innovative
20. usurp	(v.) to seize and hold a position by force or without right
(yü sərp')	The general who led the coupthe office of the duly elected president.
	synonyms: seize illegally commandeer supplant

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## 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.

<ol> <li>Though I was hurt by the tactless comment, I my lips into a feeble</li> </ol>	tried to show pleasure in it by twisting
2. During a recent interdenominational service of various faiths met	in our community
a little devil," I exclaimed in disgust.	features, but at heart he is
4. A few of us who disagreed strongly with the co to raise our voices in	
<ul><li>5. Although I am not a particularly argumentative involved in a heated</li></ul>	person, last week I found myself
7. "I think," said the salesclerk, "that the phrase 'h the typical customer t	ot under the collar' aptly describes
from a charity's collection fund.	nickels and dimes
9. Although they have enough money to live on, th has left them feeling like	e loss of most of their great wealth
<b>10.</b> "I am willing to wink at a harmless prank," the de- ————————— outright vandalism."	ean remarked, "but I will not
11. It is a real tribute to the ingenuity of the human mi have been new and inte	Presting theories of the universe
properly be called a(n)	ne United States Senate, he can
13. It is only through the exercise of their intelligence	that people can begin to
exercise a great deal more.	. is to eat a great deal less and
<b>15.</b> In this clever spoof of horror movies, the local wite difficulties when he tries to residence in the heroine's body.	ch doctor encounters hilarious an evil demon that has taken up
<b>16.</b> A screenplay or television drama with the same of be criticized as	
17. After driving the lawful ruler out of the country for the throne and crowned	good, the villainous duke himself king.

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5. condensed the long and detailed report	
Choose the word from this unit that is a meaning to the <b>boldface</b> word or expression with the word on the line provided.	
6. a major novel by an <b>obscure</b> writer	
. a prevailing mood of <b>harmony</b> among the members	
3. treatment for the patient's emaciation	****

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

- 1. Either party has the right to (**terminate, surmount**) the agreement that has been made whenever the partnership proves unprofitable.
- 2. In a dictatorship, people who (abridge, dissent) from the official party line usually wind up in prison—or worse.
- **3.** I am very much flattered that you have referred to me as "an (**eminent, obese**) educator," but I prefer to think of myself as just a good teacher.
- **4.** The robber barons of an earlier era often acted more like (**adherents**, **marauders**) than ethical businessmen in their dealings with the public.
- 5. You had no right to (exorcise, usurp) for yourself the role of gracious host at my party!
- **6.** The few words that she grudgingly muttered were the only (**semblance**, **altercation**) of an apology that she offered for her rude behavior.
- 7. I feel like a (usurper, pauper) now that my part-time job has come to an end and I no longer have any spending money.
- **8.** Like all literary sneak thieves, he has a truly nasty habit of (**pilfering, fabricating**) other people's ideas and then claiming them as his own.
- **9.** The fact that many citizens are (**trite, irate**) over the new taxes does not mean that these taxes are unjustifiable.
- 10. My cousin has so much imagination that he can (dissent, fabricate) an excuse that even an experienced principal would believe!
- **11.** One can't become a good writer just by (**surmounting, adhering**) closely to rules laid down in standard grammar books.
- **12.** What began as a minor quarrel grew into a serious (altercation, exorcism) and then into an ugly brawl.
- **13.** Their (**irate, cherubic**) faces and ethereal voices almost made me believe that the music they were singing was coming from heaven.
- **14.** The fact that Abraham Lincoln was able to (**surmount, terminate**) the handicap of a limited education does not mean that you should quit school.
- **15.** I do not entirely (**usúrp, condone**) your misconduct, but I can understand, to a degree, why you behaved as you did.
- **16.** Unless we repair the (**rifts, semblances**) in our party and present a united front, we will go down to crushing defeat in the upcoming election.
- **17.** It is the sacred duty of all Americans to oppose any attempt to (**abridge, condone**) or deny the rights guaranteed to us in the Constitution.
- **18.** Anyone who wants to dine at that outrageously expensive restaurant had better carry a credit card or a truly (**obese, eminent**) wallet.
- 19. His speech was so (cherubic, trite) that one could almost anticipate the phrases he would use next.
- **20.** The comforting presence of relatives did much to (**exorcise**, **pilfer**) the patient's feelings of alarm at the thought of undergoing major surgery.

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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)

## **Angel Island**

Chinese immigrants came to America for the same reasons that other immigrants came: to seek a better life. They began to arrive in the late 1840s, drawn by the promise of California's gold fields. Later they helped build the railroads. Like other immigrants before and since, many newly arrived Chinese were willing to work for

- very low wages. Irate critics accused them of taking jobs away from American-born workers and European immigrants. These protests led to the passage of the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882. Although the law barred most Chinese
- (10) from entering the country, it contained exceptions for the wives and children of certain groups of Chinese, such as merchants and teachers. Soon a demand developed for papers fabricated to prove the existence of (15) such relatives.

Angel Island, located in San Francisco Bay, once served as a hideout for marauders. But from 1910 to 1940, it was used to enforce the exclusion laws. It became known as the



Poems carved into walls at Angel Island by Chinese immigrants

- "Guardian of the Western Gate." Unlike Ellis Island, which was truly a port of entry, Angel Island was a place of detention. New immigrants were held there, sometimes for months, until their claims could be checked. They endured repeated questioning about every detail of their lives in China. Many expressed their hopes and fears in poems written on the walls of their barracks. Despite the laws, thousands of
- (25) Chinese, including so-called paper sons and daughters, were able to surmount the obstacles that barred their way.

In 1943, Congress terminated the 1882 act. People of Chinese descent, along with people from many other parts of Asia, were finally free to come to America. Today a portion of the old station on Angel Island stands as a memorial

(30) to their struggle.

- 1. The meaning of irate (line 5) is
  - a. severe
- c. incensed
- b. unruffled
- d. biased
- 4. The meaning of surmount (line 25) is
  - a. overcome
- c. protest
- b. bypass
- d. face

- 2. Fabricated (line 14) most nearly means
  - a. purchased
- c. intended
- d. written
- 5. Terminated (line 27) most nearly means
  - a. replaced
- c. rejected

- b. concocted
- b. amended
- d. ended

- 3. Marauders (line 17) is best defined as a. celebrities
  - c. spies
  - b. pirates
- d. fugitives

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