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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.

	end of each entry.
1. abscond (ab skänd')	(v.) to run off and hide  The thieves who with several of the museum's most valuable paintings have never been found.  SYNONYMS: bolt, make off, skip town
2. access (ak' ses)	<ul> <li>(n.) approach or admittance to places, persons, things; an increase; (v.) to get at, obtain  to information on a seemingly unlimited number of topics is available over the Internet.  You need a password in order to your e-mail accounts.  SYNONYMS: (n.) entry, admittance, entrée ANTONYM: (n.) total exclusion</li> </ul>
<b>3. anarchy</b> (an' ər kē)	(n.) a lack of government and law; confusion In the final days of a war, civilians may find themselves living in
<b>4. arduous</b> (är' jü əs)	(adj.) hard to do, requiring much effort  No matter how carefully you plan for it, moving to a new home is an chore.  SYNONYMS: hard, difficult, laborious, fatiguing ANTONYMS: easy, simple, effortless
5. auspicious (ô spish' əs)	(adj.) favorable; fortunate  My parents describe the day that they first met as a most  occasion.  SYNONYMS: promising, encouraging, propitious ANTONYMS: ill-omened, ominous, sinister
6. biased (bī' əst)	(adj.) favoring one side unduly; prejudiced  Athletes in certain sports may complain that judges are  toward particular competitors.  SYNONYMS: unfair, partial, bigoted

ANTONYMS: fair, impartial, unprejudiced, just

<b>7. daunt</b> (dônt)	(v.) to overcome with fear, intimidate in dispersent, discourage  Despite all its inherent dangers, space flight did not		
8. disentangle (dis en taŋ' gəl)	(v.) to free from tangles or complications  Rescuers worked for hours to a whale from the fishing net wrapped around its jaws.  SYNONYMS: unravel, unwind, unscramble, unsnarl ANTONYMS: tangle up, ensnarl, snag		
9. fated (fā' tid)	(adj.) determined in advance by destiny or fortune  The tragic outcome of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet is  from the play's very first scene.  SYNONYMS: destined, preordained, doomed  ANTONYMS: accidental, fortuitous, chance, random		
10. hoodwink (hùd' wiŋk)	(v.) to mislead by a trick, deceive  Many sweepstakes offers people into thinking they have already won big prizes.  SYNONYMS: dupe, put one over on ANTONYMS: undeceive, disabuse, clue in		
11. inanimate (in an' ə mit)	(adj.) not having life; without energy or spirit  Although fossils are, they hold many clues to life on Earth millions of years ago.  SYNONYMS: lifeless, dead, inert, spiritless  ANTONYMS: living, alive, energetic, lively, sprightly		
12. incinerate (in sin' ər āt)	(v.) to burn to ashes  Because of environmental concerns, many cities and towns no longer their garbage.  SYNONYMS: burn up, cremate, reduce to ashes		
13. intrepid (in trep' id)	(adj.) very brave, fearless, unshakable  ———————————————————————————————————		
l <b>4. larceny</b> (lär' sə nē)	(n.) theft  Someone who steals property that is worth thousands of dollars commits grand		

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де	15. pliant (plī' ənt)	(adj.) bending readily; easily influenced  The branches of the sapling sagged but did not break under the weight of the heavy snow.  SYNONYMS: supple, flexible, elastic, plastic
	<b>16. pompous</b> (päm' pəs)	(adj.) overly self-important in speech and manner; excessively stately or ceremonious  Political cartoonists like nothing better than to mock
		public officials.  SYNONYMS: pretentious, highfalutin, bombastic  ANTONYMS: unpretentious, unaffected, plain
; ene.	17. precipice (pres' ə pis)	(n.) a very steep cliff; the brink or edge of disaster  During the Cuban missile crisis, the world hovered on the  of nuclear war.
		SYNONYMS: cliff, crag, bluff, promontory, ledge ANTONYMS: abyss, chasm, gorge
-	<b>18. rectify</b> (rek' tə fī)	(v.) to make right, correct  The senators debated a series of measures designed to  the nation's trade imbalance.
		SYNONYMS: remedy, set right ANTONYMS: mess up, botch, bungle
	19. reprieve (ri prēv')	(n.) a temporary relief or delay; (v.) to grant a postponement  A vacation is a kind of  from the cares and responsibilities of everyday life.
าร	• ·	A judge may a first-time offender from jail time until sentencing.  SYNONYMS: (n.) stay, respite; (v.) postpone, delay  ANTONYM: (v.) proceed
	• • • 20. revile (ri vīl')	(v.) to attack with words, call bad names  The enraged King Lear
gger		the daughters who have cast him out into a fierce storm. synonyms: inveigh against, malign, vilify, denounce antonyms: praise, acclaim, revere, idolize



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

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1.	With no government around to restore order, the small country remained in a state of
	for weeks after the revolution.
2.	The treasurer who had with the company's funds was quickly captured by alert federal agents.
3.	Since I did not feel well prepared, the three-day postponement of final exams was a most welcome
4.	No matter how much protective legislation we pass, there will probably always be gullible consumers for swindlers to
5.	Since I'm only an average linguist, mastering the irregular verbs in French was one
	of the most tasks I have ever undertaken.
6.	Though many people firmly believe that life-forms exist somewhere in outer space, everything that our astronauts have so far encountered has been decidedly
7.	The guardrail was reinforced to prevent cars from skidding over the edge of the
	and falling into the abyss below.
8.	The steak I'd accidentally left in the broiler too long wasn't just overdone; it was positively
9.	This master key will give you to any of the rooms in the building.
10.	The youths who had "borrowed" the car for joyriding were caught by the police and
	charged with
11.	For someone who believes in astrology, what is to happen to a person is determined by the stars.
12.	Since everything had gone so smoothly, we felt that the campaign to elect Ellen
	captain was off to a(n) beginning.
	The audiotape had gotten so badly entwined in the machinery that I had a hard time
	it.
14.	Without the slightest hesitation, firefighters will enter a blazing building to rescue anyone who may be trapped.
15.	One of the most controversial figures of his time, the former president was revered
	by some and by others.
6.	The overly ornate style of many nineteenth-century writers seems rather forced and to us today.
17.	As soon as I discovered that the project was being mismanaged, I tried my best to the situation.

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	ry faith in her own abilities enabled her f			
Synonyms	Choose the word from this unit that is <b>t the same</b> in meaning as the <b>boldface</b> given phrase. Write the word on the line	word or expression in the		
1. a plan that was	doomed to fail			
2. made off with a	all the cookies and candy			
3. editorials that d	lenounced the mayor's actions			
4. gained admitta	ance to an exclusive club			
5. scheduled to s	tand trial for <b>burglary</b>	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
6. courageous in	the face of danger			
7. duped into buy	ring a flawed diamond			
8. granted a thirty	v-day <b>postponement</b>			
9. tried to correct	their mistaken impression of me			
<b>10.</b> a house built o	n a <b>cliff</b>			
11. acres of forest	reduced to ashes			
<b>12.</b> lived through y	ears of <b>turmoil</b>			
<b>13.</b> made of a very	flexible material			
<b>14.</b> unable to <b>intin</b>	nidate my opponent	<u> </u>		
<b>15.</b> succeeded in	unscrambling all the clues			
Antonyms	Choose the word from this unit that is meaning to the <b>boldface</b> word or expressive the word on the line provided.	<b>nost nearly opposite</b> in ession in the given phrase.		
16. their unaffecte	ed way of expressing themselves			
17. prepared for a	n <b>easy</b> journey	<del></del>		
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Circle the **boldface** word that more satisfactorily completes each of the following sentences.

- 1. Only by admitting your fault and trying to make up for it can you obtain a(n) (reprieve, access) from the pangs of conscience.
- 2. Although the hero and the heroine were parted by circumstance, I knew that they were (intrepid, fated) to meet again before the last commercial.
- **3.** Though the dangers and uncertainties of a westward passage to the Orient cowed many a brave sailor, they did not (**rectify, daunt**) Columbus.
- **4.** There is a vast difference between democracy, under which everyone has duties and privileges, and (**larceny, anarchy**), under which no one has.
- **5.** The team of accountants spent hours trying to locate and then to (**rectify, incinerate**) the error I had so carelessly made.
- **6.** Like farmers separating the wheat from the chaff, the members of a jury must (**disentangle, daunt**) the truth from the evidence presented to them.
- **7.** Spring, with its ever-renewing promise of life, is for me the most (**arduous**, **auspicious**) of seasons.
- **8.** I feared that this latest misfortune would drive him over the (**precipice**, **access**) and into a depression from which he would not recover.
- **9.** Anyone who takes the writings of other people and presents them as his or her own is guilty of literary (**larceny, anarchy**).
- **10.** Far from being useless, mathematics will give you (**reprieve**, **access**) to many fields of scientific study.
- **11.** The voters may seem to be easily deceived, but in the long run they cannot be (**disentangled, hoodwinked**) by self-serving politicians.
- 12. His narrow education gave him a (biased, fated) view of cultures different from his own.
- **13.** His speech and manners were so (**auspicious**, **pompous**) and stiff that he cut a somewhat ridiculous figure at our informal little get-together.
- **14.** How can you accuse me of (**absconding, reviling**) with all your brilliant ideas when you have never had an original thought in your life!
- **15.** Despite the threats made against his life, the (**arduous, intrepid**) district attorney was able to obtain a conviction of the corrupt official.
- **16.** We should begin studying foreign languages at an early age because it is during those years that our minds are most (**pompous**, **pliant**) and receptive.
- **17.** For most retired athletes, the comeback trail is an (**arduous, inanimate**) one, and few ever get to the end of it.
- **18.** Instead of recognizing that he caused his own failure, he continues to (**revile**, **hoodwink**) all the people who were "unfair" to him.
- **19.** A great playwright's characters always seem to come alive; those of a third-rate hack stubbornly remain (**pliant, inanimate**).
- **20.** When her eyes suddenly blazed with such fury, I felt that the heat of her glance would all but (bias, incinerate) me.

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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.

## The Great Train Robbery

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Will the bad guys succeed in their dastardly attempts to abscond with the loot? The first movie to ask this question was the 1903 Western The Great Train Robbery. It was written, directed, and produced by Edwin S. Porter, who had been a camera

operator for Thomas Edison. Some

groundbreaking motion pictures had been made before 1903, but most were novelties that recorded ordinary events in motion. The Great Train Robbery, however, was the first film to tell a story. It became the model for

(10) countless tales of larceny perpetrated by the outlaws of the Old West and the triumph of the intrepid defenders of law and order.

The film was based on an actual event that occurred three years earlier, when four

(15) members of Butch Cassidy's notorious Hole in the Wall gang halted a train traveling toward Table Rock, Wyoming. The bandits made their way to the mail car, where they gained access to the safe. They then

(20) escaped with about \$5000, an enormous sum in those days.

> Porter embellished the story to thrill audiences, who had never before seen anything like it. The filming of the action scenes required arduous work with



Robbers gain on the train in the 1903 film classic, The Great Train Robbery.

(25) equipment that was primitive by today's standards. But the obstacles faced by Porter and his crew did not daunt them. They knew they were doing something truly innovative. And what a film they made! Audiences believed that they were seeing real events—a daring robbery, a posse chasing the fleeing outlaws on horseback, and the final showdown between the good guys and the bad guys.

(30) This one-reel silent film, only twelve minutes long, laid the foundation for narrative filmmaking.

- 1. The meaning of abscond (line 1) is
  - a. stay put
- c. run off
- b. get caught
- d. hide
- 2. Larceny (line 10) most nearly means
  - a. robbery
- c. plots
- b. scams
- d. charity
- 3. Intrepid (line 12) is best defined as
  - a. professional
- c. timid
- b. fearless
- d. kindly

- 4. The meaning of access (line 19) is
  - a. kevs
- c. entry
- b. combinations
- d. passwords
- 5. Arduous (line 24) most nearly means
  - a. boring
- c. dangerous
- b. effortless
- d. difficult
- 6. Daunt (line 26) is best defined as
  - a. discourage
- c. amuse
- b. reassure
- d. bore

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