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. that Finally, study the lists of synonyms and antonyms given at the ırd. end of each entry. (v.) to make up for 1. atone (Line) (ə tōn') At one time or another, everyone has done something he or she needs to \_\_\_\_\_\_ for. SYNONYMS: expiate, make amends for (5)(n.) slavery; any state of being bound or held down 2. bondage (bän' dij) Many people escaped the cruel \_ of slavery with the help of the Underground Railroad. SYNONYMS: servitude, captivity, subjection, dependence ANTONYMS: freedom, liberty, independence (10)3. credible (adj.) believable (kred' ə bəl) Do you have a \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ explanation for not completing your assignment on time? SYNONYMS: plausible, acceptable, likely (15)ANTONYMS: unbelievable, implausible, improbable 4. defray (v.) to pay for (dē frā') Corporate sponsors helped to \_\_\_\_\_ the cost of the charity's annual telethon. (20)SYNONYMS: settle, bear the cost, foot the bill 5. diligent (adj.) hardworking, industrious, not lazy (dil' ə jənt) \_\_\_\_ employees are likely to be well rewarded for their dedication and hard work. (25)SYNONYMS: assiduous, sedulous ANTONYMS: lazy, indolent, cursory, perfunctory 6. doleful (adj.) sad; dreary (dōl' fəl) One look at the players' \_\_\_\_\_ (30)faces told me that the team had lost the championship game. SYNONYMS: sorrowful, mournful, melancholy, dolorous ANTONYMS: cheerful, blithe, jaunty, buoyant (adj.) frightful, horrible; deathly pale 7. ghastly (gast' lē) ∍ans Some people are almost afraid to go to sleep because they suffer from \_\_\_\_\_\_ recurring nightmares. SYNONYMS: dreadful, appalling, gruesome, grisly ANTONYMS: pleasant, agreeable, attractive, delightful

8. hamper	(v.) to hold back	
(ham' pər)	Poor grades will you ir	ı your
	effort to get a college education.	
	SYNONYMS: hinder, obstruct, impede, inhibit	
	ANTONYMS: facilitate, ease, smooth the way	
9. hew	(v.) to shape or cut down with an ax; to hold to	
(hyü)	Even in a crisis, we must	to
	this nation's principles of liberty, equality, and justice.	
	SYNONYMS: chop, hack, fell, adhere, conform	
10. impoverished	(adj.) poor, in a state of poverty; depleted	
(im päv' risht)	After World War II, Eur	opean
	countries received U.S. aid under the Marshall Plan.	.,
	SYNONYMS: poverty-stricken, destitute, indigent	
	ANTONYMS: rich, wealthy, affluent, prosperous	
11. incessant	(adj.) never stopping, going on all the time	
(in ses' ənt)	The loud and chatter of	of the
	people at the next table made it hard for us to hear eac	h other.
	SYNONYMS: ceaseless, constant, uninterrupted	
	ANTONYMS: occasional, sporadic, intermittent	
12. intricate	(adj.) complicated; difficult to understand	
(in' trə kət)	Our teacher took us through the	
	solution to the equation step by step.	
	SYNONYMS: complex, convoluted	
	ANTONYMS: simple, uninvolved, uncomplicated	
13. lucid	(adj.) easy to understand, clear; rational, sane	
(lü' sid)	The ability to speak in a	_ and
	persuasive fashion is a great asset to a politician.	
	synonyмs: limpid, intelligible	
	ANTONYMS: murky, muddy, obscure, unintelligible	
14. posthumous	(adj.) occurring or published after death	
(päs' chə məs)	Many artists and writers have been ignored during their	ir
	lifetimes only to achieve fa	ame.
	SYNONYM: postmortem	
	ANTONYM: prenatal	

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your	<b>15. prim</b> (prim)	(adj.) overly neat, precise, proper, or formal; prudish  How is it that such a and tidy person and such a messy one can be such good friends?  SYNONYMS: fussy, fastidious, squeamish ANTONYMS: dowdy, frumpy, sloppy, untidy, loose, lax
_ to	<b>16. sardonic</b> (sär dän' ik)	(adj.) grimly or scornfully mocking, bitterly sarcastic  Great satirists save their most wit for the greedy, the corrupt, and the hypocritical.  SYNONYMS: caustic, mordant, acerbic, wry ANTONYMS: bland, mild, saccharine, good-natured
pean	17. superfluous (sü pər' flü wəs)	(adj.) exceeding what is sufficient or required, excess  Neat and well-organized people know how to eliminate all  clutter.  SYNONYMS: surplus, supererogatory  ANTONYMS: necessary, essential, vital, indispensable
the other.	<b>18. supplant</b> (sə plant')	(v.) to take the place of, supersede  Computers rapidly  typewriters in the workplace, just as photocopiers replaced carbon paper.  SYNONYMS: replace, displace, oust
and	<b>19. taunt</b> (tônt)	(v.) to jeer at, mock; (n.) an insulting or mocking remark  It is not at all unusual for brothers and sisters to tease and  one another good-naturedly.  For umpires and referees, the  of angry fans are just part of the job.  SYNONYMS: (v.) ridicule, deride  ANTONYMS: (v.) cheer, applaud, acclaim
∩e.	20. tenacious (tə nā' shəs)	(adj.) holding fast; holding together firmly; persistent  Athletes must be in the pursuit of excellence if they hope to become Olympic champions.  SYNONYMS: obstinate, stubborn, dogged ANTONYMS: yielding, weak, gentle, lax, slack



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.	. The huge piles of snow that cover the roads will greatly the efforts of the rescue team to reach the stranded skiers.				
2.	When the stock market collapsed in 1929, many wealthy speculators found themselves as as proverbial church mice.				
3.	A student who is and systematic in study habits will ofte do better than one who is brilliant but lazy.	n			
4.	For thousands of years Native Americans used stone implements to canoes out of logs and tree trunks.				
5.	Lincoln said: "Familiarize yourself with the chains of and you prepare your own limbs to wear them."	Ł			
6.	A woman of strong character and noble bearing, she endured the jibes and of her adversaries with great patience and fortitude.				
7.	. I shall never forget the sight that greeted us when we arrived at the scene of the accident.				
8.	Although the survivors were still in a state of shock, some of them were enough to answer the questions posed by the police.				
9.	"Since their heroic deeds clearly speak for themselves," the president remarked, "further comment on my part would be"				
0.	I know that he will say anything to save his own skin, but I feel that in this case his account of the incident is and should be accepted.	s			
1.	He is a rather sort of man whose sensibilities are easily shocked by other people's less exacting standards of conduct.				
2.	"Someone with such a(n) grip on life doesn't give up the ghost easily," I thought as I watched the old man's struggle to stay alive.				
13.	. I suppose bloodhounds may be as happy as other dogs, but they have the look of creatures who have lost their last friend.				
14.	In a touching scene on the steps of the Capitol, the president awarded  Medals of Honor to soldiers who had recently fallen in				
	defense of the country.				
15.	5. The wily old senator derived a certain amount of amusement from watching his enemies turn on and destroy one another.				
16.	Our football team would do a great deal better if we mastered a few simple plays, instead of trying to use all those, formations.				
17.	Since my home is located at a busy intersection, I have been forced to accuston myself to the hum of traffic outside.	n			

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	the expenses that I wgton, I worked as a baby-sitter.	ould incur on the senior class
Synonyms	Choose the word from this unit that is <b>the same</b> in meaning as the <b>boldface</b> given phrase. Write the word on the lin	word or expression in the
1. restrictions tha	at <b>impede</b> progress	<del></del>
2. averted my ey	es from the <b>gruesome</b> scene	
3. a fund to pay	for the cost of room and board	
4. freed the host	ages from <b>captivity</b>	
5. complex and	beautiful designs	
6. a postmorten	analysis of the patient's condition	
7. a target of the	writer's <b>caustic</b> criticism	
8. a clear explan	ation of what is at stake	<del> </del>
9. a dogged det	ermination to overcome all obstacles	
10. ousted my ard	chrival	
11. conforms to a	accepted standards of behavior	
12. writes melanc	holy songs about lost love	
13. gave us a pla	usible excuse for being late	
14. made amend	<b>s</b> for their misdeeds	
15. refuses to resp	oond to <b>insulting remarks</b>	
Antonyns	Choose the word from this unit that is <b>n</b> meaning to the <b>boldface</b> word or expression. Write the word on the line provided.	* * *
<b>16.</b> gained a repu	tation as a <b>lazy</b> individual	•
17. provided vital	information	
18. a rather lax at	titude toward the rules	
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Circle the **boldface** word that more satisfactorily completes each of the following sentences.

- 1. His feverish and (lucid, incessant) activity cannot hide the fact that he doesn't know what he's doing.
- 2. The penniless adventurer is a character so familiar to fiction readers as to render further description of the type (sardonic, superfluous).
- **3.** (Hampered, Impoverished) by the weight I had gained over the summer, I was dropped from the basketball squad after the first practice session.
- **4.** In a totalitarian state, people who do not (**hew, supplant**) firmly to the party line are likely to find themselves in hot water with the authorities.
- **5.** What real use is financial independence if a person remains forever in (**bondage**, **tenacity**) to foolish fears and superstitions?
- **6.** Frankly, I am tired of your endless (**credible, doleful**) complaints about all the people who have been unfair to you.
- 7. The author's writing style is as (lucid, intricate) as the sparkling waters of a mountain lake on a spring morning.
- **8.** The novel's grim humor and (**posthumous**, **sardonic**) portrayal of the futility of all human endeavor make it an intensely disturbing book.
- **9.** I was amazed when I looked through the microscope and observed the (**incessant, intricate**) pattern of blood vessels in the specimen's body.
- **10.** That village is famous all over the world for its demure cottages, well-manicured lawns, and (**prim, diligent**) gardens.
- **11.** She is very slow to form opinions; but once she does, she holds on to them (**tenaciously, dolefully**).
- **12.** "The witness has changed his story so often that no jury on earth is likely to find his testimony (**lucid, credible**)," the district attorney observed.
- **13.** If we want government to provide services, we must pay taxes to (**defray, hamper**) the costs.
- **14.** Even after the most systematic and (**ghastly, diligent**) search, we could not find the missing documents.
- 15. In some early societies, people who had committed certain crimes could (atone, defray) for them by paying sums of money to their victims.
- **16.** If we were to lose the basic freedoms guaranteed by the Bill of Rights, we would be truly (**taunted**, **impoverished**).
- **17.** I know that love is fickle, but I never expected to be (**atoned, supplanted**) in her affections by such an unworthy suitor.
- **18.** "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but names will never hurt me" is an old saying I try to keep in mind whenever someone (**hews, taunts**) me.
- 19. Loss of blood very quickly turned the victim's normally rosy face a (**prim, ghastly**) hue of white.
- **20.** Royalties from a novel that is published (**superfluously**, **posthumously**) normally go to the author's estate.

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Vocabulary in Context 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.

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## The Green Revolution

In the early 1960s, developing countries with low food production and booming populations were in dire need. Despite the best efforts of farmers and relief agencies, millions of people were starving. Without help, these countries would see the **ghastly** face of famine with increasing regularity. The response to this crisis came to be known as the *Green Revolution*. There was a massive

push to bring farm technology to impoverished countries and to find new ways to increase the food supply

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Agricultural experts proposed **lucid** 

(10) solutions to the problem. Their goals were to increase the amount of arable land, create more nutritious grain varieties, and develop new food sources. Through diligent research, tenacious scientists

(15) produced new strains of wheat, rice, corn, and other grains. These new varieties yielded more grain per plant, thrived in less than ideal growing conditions, and were less sensitive to light, which allowed

(20) farmers to plant crops year-round.

These solutions worked well in some areas, especially the rice-growing regions of South and East Asia. Between

Workers in East Asia tending rice crop

the mid-1960s and the mid-1990s, the region's rice output increased by a remarkable 83 percent. At the same time, however, the area's population increased by 85 percent, a pattern common around the world.

Farmers will remain under **incessant** pressure to produce more food in order to meet the needs of the world's growing population. New ways will have to be found to increase the food supply while preserving crop diversity and protecting

(30) the environment.

- 1. The meaning of ghastly (line 4) is
- a. ghostly
- c. thin
- b. strange
- d. grisly
- **2. Impoverished** (line 7) most nearly means
  - a. sickly
- c. destitute
- b. affluent
- d. troubled
- 3. Lucid (line 9) is best defined as
  - a. rational
- c. correct
- b. easy
- d. complex

- 4. The meaning of diligent (line 14) is
  - a. careful
- c. extensive
- b. assiduous
- d. costly
- 5. Tenacious (line 14) most nearly means
  - a. famous
- c. persistent
- b. anonymous
- d. cautious
- 6. Incessant (line 27) is best defined as
  - a. constant
- c. sporadic
- b. political
- d. understandable

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