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Definitions	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.
1. assurance (ə shür' əns)	(n.) a pledge; freedom from doubt, self-confidence The airport was built with the that all the people displaced by its construction would be fairly compensated. SYNONYMS: promise, sureness, poise, self-possession ANTONYMS: uncertainty, doubt, insecurity
2. asylum (ə sī' ləm)	 (n.) an institution for the care of children, elderly people, etc.; a place of safety Some refugees are political fugitives who have fled their homeland to seek in another country. SYNONYMS: sanatorium, sanctuary, refuge
3. console (v., kən sōl'; n., kän' sōl)	(v.) to comfort; (n.) the keyboard of an organ; a control panel for an electrical or mechanical device A neighbor tried to
4. dilate (dī' lāt)	(v.) to make or become larger or wider; to expand upon The ophthalmologist said she would the pupil before examining the injured eye. SYNONYMS: enlarge, expand, swell, prolong ANTONYMS: contract, compress, constrict
5. dross	(n.) refuse, waste products

6. dwindle (dwin' dəl)

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(v.) to lessen, diminish

During the coldest weeks of winter, the pile of firewood slowly _____ until there were no logs left.

____ from the manufacturing

SYNONYMS: decrease, shrink, fade, peter out ANTONYMS: increase, enlarge, swell, proliferate

process turned out to be highly toxic. SYNONYMS: rubbish, trash, detritus, dregs, scum

- 41	(adj.) lacking in seriousness; disrespectful, saucy	14
7. flippant	Parents and other adults are often upset by a teenager's	
(flip' ənt)	responses.	
	SYNONYMS: frivolous, impudent, impertinent, insolent	
	ANTONYMS: serious, respectful, deferential, obsequious	a 4 15
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8. immunity	(n.) resistance to disease; freedom from some charge or obligation	F
(i myü' nə tē)	Most babies are vaccinated so that they develop an	ř
	to measles.	\$
	SYNONYMS: exemption, impunity ANTONYMS: vulnerability, susceptibility, exposure	16
9. institute (in' stə tüt)	(ν .) to establish, set up; (n .) an organization for the promotion of learning	
,	Congress has been reluctant to	Å
	new guidelines for campaign spending.	; ; 17
	After graduating from high school, I plan to attend an	
	accredited of technology.	
	SYNONYMS: (v) found, bring about; (n) academy ANTONYMS: (v) terminate, discontinue, demolish, raze	To the second se
10. liability	(n.) a debt; something disadvantageous	· 18
(lī ə bil' ə tē)	A limited attention span is his biggest	
	as a student.	
	SYNONYMS: handicap, difficulty, impediment, drawback ANTONYMS: advantage, asset	•
11. preposterous	(adj.) ridiculous, senseless	19
(prē päs' tər əs)	The theory that Stonehenge was constructed by alien life-forms	
·	is utterly	
	SYNONYMS: nonsensical, absurd, incredible ANTONYMS: sensible, reasonable, realistic, plausible	
12. pugnacious	(adj.) quarrelsome, fond of fighting	
(pəg nā' shəs)	The fox terrier is a particularly	3
·	breed of dog known for its aggressive behavior.	20
	SYNONYMS: argumentative, combative, belligerent ANTONYMS: peace-loving, friendly, amicable, congenial	
13. rabid (rab' id)	(adj.) furious, violently intense, unreasonably extreme; mad; infected with rabies	No.
(.u=/	Police arrived in force to quell the riot set off by	•
	soccer fans.	
	SYNONYMS: fanatical, zealous, raving, infuriated, berserk ANTONYMS: moderate, restrained, blasé, indifferent	
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14. realm	(n.) a kingdom; a region or field of study
(relm)	While astronomy falls within the
	of science, astrology does not.
	SYNONYMS: domain, duchy, bailiwick, jurisdiction
15. rejuvenate	(v.) to make young again; to make like new
(ri jü' və nāt)	A few minutes of conversation with my best friend helped
	to my flagging spirits.
	SYNONYMS: revitalize, renew
	ANTONYMS: wear out, exhaust, enervate, debilitate
16. remunerate	(v.) to reward, pay, reimburse
(ri myü' nə rāt)	The couple promised to
	the artist handsomely for a portrait of their child.
	SYNONYMS: compensate, satisfy, profit, benefit
17. sparse	(adj.) meager, scant; scattered
(spärs)	Unlike its neighboring metropolis, the area has quite a
	population.
	SYNONYMS: thin, scanty, few and far between
	ANTONYMS: plentiful, abundant, profuse, teeming
18. sterling	(adj.) genuine, excellent; made of silver of standard fineness
(stər' liŋ)	The reviewer noted the young actor's
	performance in A Midsummer Night's Dream.
	SYNONYMS: first-rate, outstanding, worthy, pure
	ANTONYMS: mediocre, shoddy, second-rate, sham
19. venture	(n.) a risky or daring undertaking; $(v.)$ to expose to danger; to dare
(ven' chər)	An overseas voyage was a daunting
	during the age of exploration.
·	It takes courage to out into
	unknown territory.
	SYNONYMS: (n.) gamble; (v.) try, chance, undertake ANTONYMS: (v.) withdraw, retire, shrink from, shy away
20. warp	(v.) to twist out of shape; $(n.)$ an abnormality
(wôrp)	The carpenter explained that humidity caused the kitchen
	door to
	Criminal behavior often shows a striking lack of judgment
	or a in thinking.
	SYNONYMS: (v.) bend, distort, misshape; (n.) irregularity
	ANTONYMS: (v.) straighten, unbend, rectify

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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.

	Because his army was stronger than his rival's, the pretender to the throne was able to seize power throughout the entire
2.	Calling upon her many years of experience, the retired warden discussed with great the topic of the evening—"Can Criminals Be Rehabilitated?"
3.	Can any amount of money someone for years sacrificed to a hopeless cause?
4.	You will need experience, ability, financing, and good luck to have any chance of succeeding in so risky a business
5.	Despite intense heat, meager rainfall, and vegetation, many animals have adapted to life in the desert.
6.	Weary from months of hard work, she was hopeful that a week at a spa would her.
7.	As days passed without a phone call, a note, or an e-mail, his hopes for a reconciliation until he no longer thought about her at all.
	All the riches of this world, said the minister, are so much worthless without spiritual values and faith.
9.	He is such a(n) sports enthusiast that he spends almost all of his spare time either playing ball or watching ball games on TV.
10.	As the snake came into view and slithered across her path, the archaeologist's eyes with fear.
11.	The wooden staircase we had worked so hard to build was now irregularly curved because the boards had
12.	Doctors hope to lessen the number, length, and severity of common colds, even if they cannot provide complete from them.
13	The idea that an incoming President can miraculously solve all of the nation's problems is simply
14	Although I cannot support her in the election, I fully appreciate her many qualities.
15	The philanthropist devoted his time, energy, and funds to establishing a(n) for promoting world peace.
16	The English word <i>bedlam</i> was taken from the name of an infamous for the insane in medieval London.
17	. When my pet hamster died suddenly, my friends were unable to me during my hours of grief.

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	llent ball handler and a very good shot as a basketball player is lack	_
_	self a very peaceful person, but if anyone manner, I am prepared to def	
Synonyms	Choose the word from this unit that is the same in meaning as the boldface given phrase. Write the word on the lin	word or expression in the
1. a potion to rev	vitalize and energize	
2. seek refuge fr	rom incessant strife	
3. free from all de	ebt	
4. the refuse of a	molten metal	
5. build resistan	ice to bee stings	
6. a quarrelsom	e person ready to take offense	
7. comfort the fa	amily in their sorrow	
8. distorted her	judgment	
9. compensate	the babysitter for his time	
I 0. cause blood v	ressels to expand	
l1. bring about a	change in policy	
2. fall within the	queen's domain	
1 3. resent their im	pertinent attitude	
14. chance a long	g pass for a touchdown	
15. the fanatical	ravings of a rabble-rouser	
Antonyms	Choose the word from this unit that is n meaning to the boldface word or expre Write the word on the line provided.	* * *
16. walked with a	n air of uncertainty	
17. a plausible e	xplanation for the noise	
18. gradually inc	rease in size	
19. an area of abu	undant resources	<u> </u>
20. a person of m	ediocre reputation	`

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

- 1. The outworn ideas of the past cannot be (**rejuvenated**, **dilated**) simply by expressing them in snappy, modern slang.
- 2. Today scientists smile wryly at the (preposterous, pugnacious) notion that the earth is flat, but in earlier times it was an accepted fact.
- 3. We must clear away the (**immunity**, **dross**) of false ideas from our minds and take a long, hard look at reality.
- **4.** Generally, (**pugnacious**, **sterling**) behavior on the football field is more effective in drawing penalties than in gaining ground.
- 5. As usual, there are plenty of talkers, but the supply of doers is (flippant, sparse).
- **6.** Patriotism is a fine quality, but not when it is (**dwindled**, **warped**) into a hatred of other nations.
- 7. A sound understanding of the principles of freedom and self-government is the best way to gain (**immunity**, **liability**) from totalitarian propaganda.
- **8.** Many Americans think that the United States should continue to provide (**assurance**, **asylum**) for people fleeing from tyranny in other lands.
- **9.** I agree with some of the speaker's ideas, but I find his (**rabid**, **sparse**) enthusiasm for crackpot causes hard to take.
- **10.** I support the team captain because of the (**sterling, preposterous**) leadership she has given us during the long, hard season.
- **11.** Do you expect me to be (**instituted**, **consoled**) by the fact that I was not the only one to fail the exam?
- **12.** When you write so imaginatively about "life on other planets," you are entering the **(realm, dross)** of science fiction.
- **13.** In spite of all his talk about his great wealth, I noticed that the penny-pincher did not offer to (**console, remunerate**) us for expenses.
- **14.** I would not agree to run for public office before receiving (**assurance**, **asylum**) of support from important groups in the community.
- **15.** An unwillingness to listen to suggestions from others is a grave (**liability, realm**) in a leader.
- **16.** No doubt the instructor knows a great deal about ecology, but is there any need for her to (**venture**, **dilate**) on threats to the environment at such great length?
- 17. How quickly interest in the program (dwindles, rejuvenates) when students realize that it calls for so much work, with little chance for glory!
- **18.** In order to meet stricter industry standards, manufacturers will have to (**institute**, **remunerate**) new systems of quality control.
- **19.** I know better than to (warp, venture) into a canoe that a novice will paddle upstream against a crosswind.
- **20.** I like humor as well as anyone, but I don't believe in being (**flippant, rabid**) on so solemn an occasion.

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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.

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No pioneer or explorer ever departs with an ironclad **assurance** of success, or even of survival itself. And so it was when British adventurer Ernest Shackleton (1874–1922) set out to be the first person to cross the Antarctic continent on foot.

In December, 1914, Shackleton and his crew set sail on the *Endurance*, a sailing ship with coal-fired steam engines. On their way to Antarctica, they navigated through dense, shifting pack ice, "a gigantic and interminable jigsaw puzzle devised by nature," which eventually trapped the

(10) Endurance. The twenty-eight men, sixty-nine sledge dogs, and one cat camped aboard the ice-bound ship for weeks. In late January, the ice shifted; the Endurance warped, cracked, split apart, and sank beneath the icy waters.

(15) Shackleton and his crew camped on the ice, living on food they salvaged from the *Endurance*. As supplies **dwindled**, they hunted penguins and seals. But the unstable ice provided only temporary **asylum**. The men climbed into three

(20) open lifeboats, struggling through blizzards and heaving seas until they reached tiny Elephant Island. There, Shackleton boldly decided to sail for help, taking with him five men. They had few

Ernest Shackleton's ship, Endurance, trapped in the ice of Antarctica in 1916.

navigation tools, meager supplies, and no shelter, but **consoled** themselves with the belief that they would reach a whaling station 800 miles away.

Seventeen days later, their **venture** paid off. Shackleton reached the whaling station and returned to Elephant Island with a rescue team. Miraculously, every crew member survived. So, although the voyage failed in its goal—Antarctica was not traversed on foot until 1957—it was a success in terms of the resourcefulness

(30) of the crew.

- 1. The meaning of assurance (line 1) is
 - a. waste
- c. undertaking
- b. argument
- d. pledge
- 2. Warped (line 13) most nearly means
 - a. renewed
- c. expanded
- b. bent
- d. contracted
- 3. The meaning of dwindled (line 17) is
 - a. increased
- c. decreased
- b. spoiled
- d. distorted

- 4. Asylum (line 19) most nearly means
 - a. distress
- c. resistance
- b. uncertainty
- d. sanctuary
- **5. Consoled** (line 24) is best defined as
 - a. expanded
- c. teased
- b. comforted
- d. renewed
- 6. The meaning of venture (line 26) is
 - a. gamble
- c. refuge
- b. difficulty
- d. domain

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