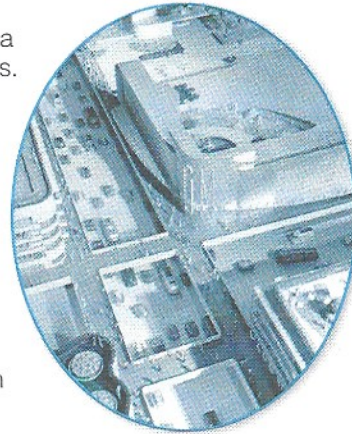


Choosing the Right Word

Select the **boldface** word that better completes each sentence. You might refer to the passage on pages 70–71 to see how most of these words are used in context.

- The exhibition at the fair was intended to give visitors a (**preview**, **dupe**) of what life might be like in twenty years.
- The mistaken idea that the most important thing in life is to “have fun” is a (**snare**, **vengeance**) that leads to trouble for many people.
- He still doesn't realize that he has been used as a (**dupe**, **makeshift**) by our opponents to do their dirty work for them.
- As I was (**previewing**, **browsing**) my way lazily through the newspaper, I was shocked to see my own name in a headline!
- We have many good musicians in our school orchestra, but they need a (**makeshift**, **dynamic**) conductor to make them play as a unit.
- Although the announcement had promised us “a (**prominent**, **reluctant**) speaker,” she turned out to be a minor public official.
- I understand your (**reluctance**, **vengeance**) to be our candidate in the next election, but I think it is your duty to accept the nomination.
- Although we cannot mention her by name, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude to the (**quaint**, **anonymous**) donor who gave us this generous gift.
- (**Pending**, **Eradicating**) the outcome of the national election, none of the foreign governments is willing to take any definite action.
- His reference to a “historic downfall” after I had failed the history test struck me as a rather (**dynamic**, **grim**) joke.
- For months the winter was unusually mild, but when the cold weather finally came, it struck with a (**vengeance**, **prominence**).
- The new parking regulations are only a (**snare**, **makeshift**) that will have to be replaced by a better plan within a few years.
- The wily champion used every tennis trick she knew to (**frustrate**, **scrimp**) her opponent's attempt to come to the net and hit a winner.
- To improve your unsatisfactory school record, I would (**browse**, **prescribe**) regular doses of study, to be taken every day for as long as is necessary.
- It is very easy to say that our city government should (**scrimp**, **snare**) to balance its budget, but which departments should spend less?



At the 1939 World's Fair, the Futurama exhibit modeled a view of “the America of 1960.”

16. "Try as they may, they will never (**eradicate**, snare) me!" said the thief just before he was caught.
17. Even before we saw Alice, we heard her (inimitable, **grim**) high-pitched giggle and knew she was at the party.
18. After the big hurricane destroyed our homes, many of us lived in (**pending**, makeshift) shelters.
19. The most effective advertising is honest advertising that does not try to (**browse**, dupe) the public.
20. Nothing can (**eradicate**, **scrimp**) the love of liberty from the hearts of a free people.
21. The (**anonymous**, **pending**) decision, once it is given, will be one of the most important of the year.
22. My job is only (marginal, **inimitable**); if business falls off a little, my employer might let me go.
23. Landing a man on the moon was a great achievement, but it is far from being the (utmost, **pending**) limit of our space program.
24. You must realize that, although we may find the customs of other lands (**anonymous**, quaint), they are just part of everyday life in those areas.
25. It is wise to (**dupe**, preview) the contents of a book before you buy it.

Synonyms

Choose the word from this Unit that is the same or most nearly the same in meaning as the **boldface** word or expression in the phrase. Write that word on the line. Use a dictionary if necessary.

1. the **harsh** terms delivered by the enemy
2. got an **early glimpse** of the new spring clothing
3. wanted to **wipe out** poverty
4. was of **minimal** help to the team
5. is an issue that is still **undecided**
6. tried to **save money** on unimportant items
7. wanted to **capture** the rabbit
8. waited to hear what the doctor would **recommend**
9. gave a very **vigorous** effort
10. will demand swift **revenge**

_____ **grim**

_____ **preview**

_____ **eradicate**

_____ **marginal**

_____ **pending**

_____ **scrimp**

_____ **snare**

_____ **prescribe**

_____ **dynamic**

_____ **vengeance**

Antonyms

Choose the word from this Unit that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the **boldface** word or expression in the phrase. Write that word on the line. Use a dictionary if necessary.

1. loved to **spend** money on food and clothing _____ **scrimp** _____
2. remained a **little-known** playwright _____ **prominent** _____
3. brought a spirit of **mercy** to the land _____ **vengeance** _____
4. decided to **release** the tiger _____ **snare** _____
5. heard the **pleasant** news on the radio _____ **grim** _____

Completing the Sentence

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

1. Is there any sight in the world more restful than cows _____ **browsing** _____ in a meadow alongside a little brook?
2. When unexpected guests turned up on the doorstep, I hurriedly made a few _____ **makeshift** _____ arrangements to accommodate them.
3. After the angler _____ **snared** _____ the fish, he unhooked it from his line and threw it back into the stream.
4. When we visited Salem, Massachusetts, last year, we were charmed by the _____ **quaint** _____ eighteenth-century houses in the town.
5. I like to write _____ **marginal** _____ notes in a book alongside important material, but I never do so unless the book belongs to me.
6. Instead of seeking personal _____ **vengeance** _____ for the wrong that has been done to you, why don't you look for justice under the law?
7. After several unsuccessful attempts to catch the waiter's eye, I became more than a little _____ **frustrated** _____.
8. Safety measures are of the _____ **utmost** _____ importance when you are planning a canoe trip over rivers filled with dangerous rapids.
9. When we saw the _____ **grim** _____ expression on the poor man's face, we realized that the situation was indeed serious.
10. There is quite a contrast between the _____ **dynamic** _____ administration that now runs that country and the "do-nothing" regime that preceded it.

11. For months I scrimped on everything to save enough money to buy the replacement tires for my bicycle.
12. Many books have been written about boys, but none of them can match the inimitable qualities in the tales of Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn.
13. We may not be able to eradicate crime in our community, but if we go about it in the right way, I am sure we can reduce it greatly.
14. I was duped into trusting him, and I have paid a heavy price for being misled so easily.
15. Although we know who wrote such famous epics as the *Aeneid* and the *Iliad*, the author of *Beowulf* remains anonymous.
16. The suspect was held in the local police station, pending the outcome of the investigation.
17. The eyewitness was reluctant to tell the police all that she had seen, but we convinced her that it was the only right thing to do.
18. It took the pharmacist about an hour to prepare the medicine that the doctor had prescribed for my illness.
19. Each unit in the textbook opens with a section that previews the chapter materials.
20. The most prominent feature of the skyline of that little town in Iowa is the four-story grain elevator.

Writing: Words in Action

Answers to both prompts will vary.

1. Look back at "Nazca Lines" (pages 70–71). Of the theories mentioned in the passage, which do you think is the most likely explanation of how the Nazca Lines came to be? In a detailed argument, state and support your opinion, using at least two details from the passage and three Unit words to support your claim.
2. The world is full of mysterious places. Some might be on a distant continent, while others might be in your own hometown. Write a brief essay in which you describe a mysterious place that you know of and explain what makes it strange and unusual. Suggest possible explanations for the characteristics that make the place "mysterious." Include specific examples from your observations, studies, reading (refer to pages 70–71), or personal experience. Write at least two paragraphs, and use three or more words from this Unit.

Writing prompt #2 is modeled on that of standardized tests.

Vocabulary in Context

Literary Text

The following excerpts are from Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*. Some of the words you have studied in this Unit appear in **boldface** type. Complete each statement below the excerpt by circling the letter of the correct answer.

1. I had never seen my friend's face so **grim** or his brow so dark as it was when we turned from the scene of this investigation. ("The Adventure of the Speckled Band")

A **grim** face is one that does NOT look

- a. tired c. pleasant
b. dirty d. serious

2. "This, I take it, belongs to the room in which you used to sleep . . . ?"

"Exactly so. But I am now sleeping in the middle one."

"**Pending** the alterations, as I understand. By the way, there does not seem to be any very pressing need for repairs at that end wall." ("The Adventure of the Speckled Band")

Pending the alterations means

- a. once c. still
 b. until d. before

3. "Again I laughed very heartily at the funny stories of which my employer had an immense repertoire, and which he told **inimitably**." ("The Adventure of the Copper Beeches")

A story told **inimitably** is told

- a. with humor c. in an original way
b. with emotion d. in a dramatic way

4. "On the very day that I saw him last he cut himself in the bedroom, and yet I in the dining room rushed upstairs instantly with the **utmost** certainty that something had happened." ("The Man with the Twisted Lip")

Someone who feels the **utmost** certainty is

- a. unsure c. mostly sure
b. never sure d. completely sure

5. "Had I been recognized in that den my life would not have been worth an hour's purchase; for I have used it before now for my own purposes, and the rascally Lascar who runs it has sworn to have **vengeance** upon me." ("The Man with the Twisted Lip")

The act of **vengeance** involves

- a. friendship c. argument
 b. punishment d. forgiveness



Sherlock Holmes is perhaps the world's most famous and recognizable fictional detective.

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