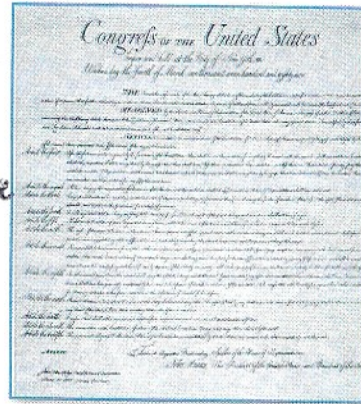


Choosing the Right Word

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

- If we were to lose the basic freedoms guaranteed by the Bill of Rights, we would be truly (**taunted**, **impoverished**).
- When I looked through the microscope, I observed the (**necessant**, **intricate**) pattern of blood vessels in the specimen's body. *intricate*
- The penniless adventurer is a character so familiar to fiction readers that further description of the type is (**sardonic**, **superfluous**).
- Loss of blood very quickly turned the victim's normally rosy face a (**prim**, **ghastly**) hue of white.
- 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.
- That village is famous all over the world for its demure cottages, well-manicured lawns, and (**prim**, **diligent**) gardens.
- "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.
- (**Hampered**, **Impoverished**) by the weight of my backpack, it took me longer than usual to reach the bus stop.
- Frankly, I am tired of your endless (**credible**, **doleful**) complaints about all the people who have been unfair to you.
- If we want government to provide services, we must pay taxes to (**defray**, **hamper**) the costs.
- "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.
- The author's writing style is as (**lucid**, **intricate**) as the sparkling waters of a mountain lake on a spring morning.
- In some early societies, people who had committed certain crimes could (**atone**, **defray**) for them by paying sums of money to their victims.
- The novel's grim humor and (**posthumous**, **sardonic**) portrayal of the futility of all human endeavor make it an intensely disturbing book.
- What real use is financial independence if a person remains forever in (**bondage**, **tenacity**) to foolish fears and superstitions?



The first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution are known as the Bill of Rights.

16. Royalties from a novel that is published (**superfluously**, posthumously) normally go to the author's estate.
17. She is very slow to form opinions; but once she does, she holds on to them (tenaciously, **dolefully**).
18. Even after the most systematic and (**ghastly**, diligent) search, we could not find the missing documents.
19. His feverish and (**lucid**, incessant) activity cannot hide the fact that he doesn't know what he's doing.
20. I know that love is fickle, but I never expected to be (**atoned**, supplanted) in her affections by a man like that.
21. The details of the peace accord among the four nations, worked out by a host of foreign affairs officials over a period of months, were (**tenacious**, intricate).
22. I refuse to (**taunt**, atone) for something that I still believe was the right thing to do, even if no one else agrees with me.
23. The gold medal was completely (**incessant**, superfluous), as the pleasure of winning was all that mattered to her.
24. Once he adopted the puppy, his enjoyment of the new pet began to (supplant, **defray**) the sadness he felt over the death of the dog he'd had since childhood.
25. She could never quite forget her sister's hurtful childhood (**bondage**, taunts).

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. a **prudish** way of dress
2. averted my eyes from the **gruesome** scene
3. a fund to **settle** the cost of room and board
4. freed the hostages from **captivity**
5. **complex** and beautiful designs
6. a **postmortem** analysis of the patient's condition
7. a target of the writer's **caustic** criticism
8. writes **melancholy** songs about lost love
9. **made amends** for their misdeeds
10. refuses to respond to **derision**

prim

ghastly

defray

bondage

intricate

posthumous

sardonic

doleful

atoned

taunts

Antonyms

1. a **cheerful** individual
2. a **delightful** sight
3. a rather **lax** attitude toward
4. a **mild** response
5. **applaud** the competitor

Completing the Sentence

1. For thousands of years _____
new
2. I shall never forget the _____
arrived at the scene of the _____
3. Although the survivors were _____
lucid
4. When the stock market _____
themselves as _____ imp
5. The wily old senator derived _____
amusement from watching _____
6. A student who is _____
do better than one who _____
7. Because my home is located _____
accustom myself to the _____
8. I suppose bloodhounds _____
doleful
9. He is a rather _____
people's less exacting _____
10. Saying "I'm sorry" is a _____
suffering or harm that you _____

The synonyms and antonyms here do not appear on the Definitions page.

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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. a **cheerful** individual doleful
2. a **delightful** sight ghastly
3. a rather **lax** attitude toward the rules prim
4. a **mild** response sardonic
5. **applaud** the competitor taunt

Completing the Sentence

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

1. For thousands of years Native Americans used stone implements to hew canoes out of logs and tree trunks.
2. I shall never forget the ghastly sight that greeted us when we arrived at the scene of the incident.
3. Although the survivors were still in a state of shock, some of them were lucid enough to answer the questions posed by the police.
4. When the stock market collapsed in 1929, many wealthy speculators found themselves as impoverished as proverbial church mice.
5. The wily old senator derived a certain amount of sardonic amusement from watching his enemies turn on and destroy one another.
6. A student who is diligent and systematic in study habits will often do better than one who is brilliant but lazy.
7. Because my home is located at a busy intersection, I have been forced to accustom myself to the incessant hum of traffic outside.
8. I suppose bloodhounds may be as happy as other dogs, but they have the doleful look of creatures who have lost their last friend.
9. He is a rather prim sort of man who is easily shocked by other people's less exacting standards of conduct.
10. Saying "I'm sorry" is a good way to begin to atone for the suffering or harm that you have done to another person.

11. To help defray the expenses that I would incur on the senior class trip to Washington, I worked as a babysitter.
12. Our football team would do a great deal better if we mastered a few simple plays instead of trying to use all those intricate formations.
13. A woman of strong character and noble bearing, she endured the jibes and taunts of her adversaries with great patience and fortitude.
14. The huge piles of snow that cover the roads will greatly hamper the efforts of the rescue team to reach the stranded skiers.
15. On the steps of the Capitol, the president awarded posthumous Medals of Honor to soldiers who had recently fallen in defense of the country.
16. "Since their heroic deeds clearly speak for themselves," the president remarked, "further comment on my part would be superfluous."
17. 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 credible and should be accepted.
18. Lincoln said: "Familiarize yourself with the chains of bondage and you prepare your own limbs to wear them."
19. "Someone with such a(n) tenacious grip on life doesn't give up the ghost easily," I thought as I watched the old man celebrate another birthday.
20. During World War II, artificial rubber began to supplant natural rubber in American automobile tires.

Writing: Words in Action

Answers to both prompts will vary.

1. Look back at "Modernize the School Calendar" (pages 70–71). Which of the author's arguments in favor of a year-round school calendar do you believe is the strongest? Write a persuasive essay explaining the single best reason for extending students' time in school. Use at least two details from the passage and three unit words to support your argument.
2. "To find out what one is fitted to do and to secure an opportunity to do it is the key to happiness."— John Dewey

Do you agree that happiness comes from discovering one's talents and finding work that utilizes them? Does Dewey's idea refer only to finding the right occupation, or is his idea broader than that? How can schooling help with this quest for "the right work"? In a brief essay, support your opinion with examples from your studies, readings, or your own experiences. Write at least three 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 novel *The Hound of the Baskervilles*, featuring the famous detective 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. All day today the rain poured down, rustling on the ivy and dripping from the eaves. I thought of the convict out upon the bleak, cold, shelterless moor. Poor devil! Whatever his crimes, he has suffered something to **atone** for them.

To **atone** for something means to

- a. make up for it c. repeat it
b. be punished for it d. be very hurt by it

2. Our conversation was **hampered** by the presence of the driver of the hired wagonette, so that we were forced to talk of trivial matters when our nerves were tense with emotion and anticipation. It was a relief to me, after that unnatural restraint, when we at last passed Frankland's house and knew that we were drawing near to the Hall and to the scene of action.

Something that is **hampered** is

- a. overheard c. enjoyed
b. enhanced d. hindered

3. He spoke unconcernedly, but his small light eyes glanced **incessantly** from the girl to me.

If someone's eyes move **incessantly**, they are moving

- a. fiercely c. questioningly
b. continually d. sleepily

4. "...[S]everal people had seen a creature upon the moor which corresponds with this Baskerville demon, and which could not possibly be any animal known to science. They all agreed that it was a huge creature, luminous, **ghastly**, and spectral.... [A]ll tell the same story of this dreadful apparition...."

Something that is **ghastly** is

- a. smelly c. frightful
b. wet d. colorful

5. It was not a brutal countenance, but it was **prim**, hard, and stern, with a firm-set, thin-lipped mouth, and a coldly intolerant eye.

Something that is **prim** is NOT

- a. proper c. neat
b. formal d. relaxed



Poster for the 1939 film *The Hound of the Baskervilles*, starring Basil Rathbone as Sherlock Holmes.

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