

UNIT 8 VOCABULARY WORKSHEET

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

1. I trust you will never have the experience of trying to cross the desert with a(n) _____ mule that wants to remain where it is.
2. The _____ problems facing any President in the last years of the 20th century have made his job one of the most demanding in the world.
3. If you think of all the different kinds of food that human beings are able to consume, you will realize that we are truly a(n) _____ species.
4. It is surprising how often people with very different personalities turn out to be _____ when they get to know one another.
5. This monument, said the speaker, is _____ to the memory of the men who fought and died in defense of their country.
6. If we increase our tariff rates on the goods of other countries, we can be sure that they will raise their own rates in _____.
7. In totalitarian regimes, censorship and violence are often employed to suppress critics and _____ dissent.
8. It was difficult for us to believe that this _____ and cultured gentleman was a member of a gang of international jewel thieves.
9. Technological advances are so rapid that a particular computer may be "state-of-the-art" one day and _____ the next.
10. Throughout the hot, dusty journey, we _____ in the thought that soon we would be swimming in the cool lake.
11. So there I was, having accepted invitations to two different parties on the same evening. What a(n) _____ to be in!
12. I think that the phrase "on its last legs" is an apt description of that _____ old house down the block.
13. In spite of all the elaborate safety precautions, I couldn't help feeling _____ as she set out for her first sky-diving lesson.
14. Now that I am a senior, it is hard to believe that I was ever as innocent and _____ as the members of the new freshman class.
15. Struggling to overcome his _____ inclinations, he finally reached into his pocket and handed me one thin dime!
16. Simple _____ seems to be the main reason such a large percentage of those eligible to vote fail to cast ballots in any elections.
17. From all his growling and snapping, you would think our beagle felt a personal _____ toward every other dog on the block.
18. Don't you think it was in bad taste for you to _____ openly Sam's first inept attempts to dance?
19. The board of directors voted to _____ him for the skill and enthusiasm with which he had managed the charity drive.
20. Although I was unable to visit my old friend's widow in person, I offered my _____ in a heartfelt letter.

1. infirm, broken-down, rickety, dilapidated
2. to devote, dedicate; to sanctify
3. naive, artless, guileless, candid
4. varied, manifold, heterogeneous
5. to praise, give a pat on the back
6. worried, nervous, fretful, jittery
7. retaliation, revenge, retribution
8. commiseration, solace, sympathy
9. sophisticated, urbane, polished
10. indifference, disinterest, detachment
11. frugal, niggardly, penny-pinching, "cheap"
12. to smother, stifle; to neutralize, negate
13. all-devouring, voracious
14. to relish, savor, bask in; to carouse
15. confusion; a dilemma, predicament
16. unruly, obstinate, contrary, ornery
17. enmity, rancor, antipathy
18. outmoded, antiquated, passé, "old hat"
19. to mock, scorn, disparage, jeer at
20. harmonious, in agreement, like-minded

1. generous, openhanded
2. to desecrate, defile, profane, dishonor
3. to praise, extol, acclaim, applaud
4. current, up-to-date, band-new
5. assured, confident, unworried, certain
6. obedient, docile, cooperative, compliant
7. artful, crafty; worldly, sophisticated
8. mismatched, incongruous, antagonistic
9. vigorous, robust, sturdy, hale and hearty
10. unpolished, crude, clumsy, oafish, loutish
11. homogeneous, uniform, unvaried
12. to arouse, excite, inspire, stimulate
13. affection, fondness, rapport, amity
14. enthusiasm, fervor, ardor; concern
15. to abhor, loathe

choosing the Right word: Encircle the **boldface** word that more satisfactorily completes each of the following sentences.

1. Sue is a(n) (**omnivorous**, parsimonious) reader, with a lively appetite for all types of fiction and nonfiction.
2. The address was so dull and long-winded that it seemed to (**consecrate**, stultify) rather than inspire the audience.
3. Two of the chief strengths of modern American society are the variety and vitality that arise from its (**multifarious**, decrepit) cultures.
4. When Meg appeared with a stack of record albums, we realized that our crash study session might become an all-day (**reprisal**, revel).
5. Your unwillingness to study foreign languages is in no way (**compatible**, omnivorous) with your ambition to get a job in the Foreign Service.
6. I must give you the sad news that correct spelling and good grammar are not, and will never be, (**obsolete**, decrepit)
7. The diplomat was so (**suave**, ingenuous) and self-assured in his manner that we took him for a headwaiter.
8. Yes, there is some (**animosity**, apathy) between different racial and ethnic groups, but it can be overcome by education and experience.
9. Those students who have been doing their work all term need not feel (**apprehensive**, recalcitrant) about the final examination.
10. The handfuls of (**recalcitrant**, parsimonious) students who refuse to obey study hall regulations are violating the rights of the majority.
11. So we are faced with that old (**quandary**, reprisal)-an income that simply can't be stretched to cover the things that we simply must have.
12. If you can't (**deride**, commend) me for my efforts to help you, at least don't criticize me for not doing everything you want.
13. I think we should offer congratulations, rather than (**revels**, condolences), for the disappearance of that battered old heap you called a car.
14. Her moods seem to go from one extreme to the other-from deepest (**apathy**, animosity) to unlimited enthusiasm.
15. He is so absorbed in himself that he has become (**parsimonious**, suave) in the normal expression of the human sympathy and affection.
16. As we begin the third century of our nation's life, we should (**commend**, consecrate) ourselves anew to the ideals of human freedom.
17. Although our society must punish criminals, I don't think we should do so simply as a (**reprisal**, quandary) for the wrongs they have committed.
18. Obviously jealous of Peter's fine talk before the school assembly, Dan tried to (**revel**, deride) him as "the boy orator of East 7th Street."
19. Can you be so (**parsimonious**, ingenuous) that you don't realize she is paying us all those phony compliments to get something out of us?
20. Our constitution is 200 years old, but far from being (**suave**, decrepit), it is still a vital, dynamic, and highly practical plan of government.