

**Word Bank:**

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| 1. Available | 5. Entrepreneur | 9. Indifference   | 13. Mutual | 17. Regime      |
| 2. Cater     | 6. Firebrand    | 10. Indignant     | 14. Pelt   | 18. Retard      |
| 3. Customary | 7. Hazard       | 11. Indispensable | 15. Plaque | 19. Transparent |
| 4. Dissuade  | 8. Homicide     | 12. Lubricate     | 16. Poised | 20. Unscathed   |

**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.

- Having spent many years as political opponents, the two senators have developed a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ respect for each other.
- Though they have done nothing to hasten passage of the bill, they haven't tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the process either.
- It takes a special kind of bravery to face the \_\_\_\_\_ of life in the jungle.
- Until it was almost too late, the hunters did not see the leopard crouching in a tree \_\_\_\_\_ to leap on them.
- When the wounded shopkeeper died, the charges against the person who had been arrested were raised from robbery to \_\_\_\_\_.
- Eventually, the army toppled the country's democratic \_\_\_\_\_ and set up a military dictatorship in its place.
- It took the authorities quite some time to put down the riot that a few rash \_\_\_\_\_ had managed to start.
- Although we arrived at the stadium only a few minutes before the game, we found that many good seats were still \_\_\_\_\_.
- Angry at the call, the crowd began to \_\_\_\_\_ the referee with all kinds of refuse.
- Since the seat covers in the car were \_\_\_\_\_, we could see the attractive pattern of the upholstery underneath.
- Most of the homeowners in this area have tried in vain to overcome the \_\_\_\_\_ of crabgrass that threatens to overrun their lawns.
- At the front desk, a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ guest was angrily complaining about the shabby treatment he had received from the staff of the hotel.
- Though the habit of taking a siesta in the afternoon may seem strange to a foreigner, it is quite \_\_\_\_\_ in this part of the world.
- With the emergence of market economies in Eastern Europe have come hordes of \_\_\_\_\_ seeking business opportunities there.
- No one has ever been able to explain to my satisfaction how Indian holy men can walk \_\_\_\_\_ across beds of hot coals.
- Mother prepares wholesome, tasty meals, but she says she is not going to \_\_\_\_\_ to special tastes of six different children.
- A sense of humor is \_\_\_\_\_ if you are to cope with all the strains and difficulties of everyday life.
- Only a really hard-hearted person could show such \_\_\_\_\_ to the plight of the homeless who wander our streets.
- The guidance counselor tried to \_\_\_\_\_ me from taking the job because she thought the work would be too pressured for me.
- When we \_\_\_\_\_ the engine of a car, we try to cut down the friction at every point.

**ANTONYMS:** Choose the word from this unit that is **most nearly the opposite** in meaning as the **boldface** word or expression in the given phrase. Write the word on the line provided.

1. Was **overjoyed** when the candidate lost \_\_\_\_\_
2. Was **harm**ed in the explosion \_\_\_\_\_
3. Became a matter of **concern** to the coach \_\_\_\_\_
4. Would **hasten** his recovery \_\_\_\_\_
5. Used **unusual** healing methods \_\_\_\_\_

**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 given phrase. Write the word on the line provided.

6. Met the new **impresario** of sports entertainment \_\_\_\_\_
7. Is **vital** to the good of the community \_\_\_\_\_
8. Found guilty of **murder** \_\_\_\_\_
9. Entered into a **joint** agreement \_\_\_\_\_
10. Began to **bombard** the windshield with hailstones \_\_\_\_\_
11. Had a very **obvious** allegiance to the interest group \_\_\_\_\_
12. Is considered a **rabble-rouser** by colleagues \_\_\_\_\_
13. A law that would **vex** the firm for years to come \_\_\_\_\_
14. Was needed to **grease** the bicycle chain \_\_\_\_\_
15. Hired to **provide** the wedding supper \_\_\_\_\_
16. Is a **danger** to motorists and pedestrians \_\_\_\_\_
17. Thrived under the new **administration** \_\_\_\_\_
18. Uses any excuse **at hand** \_\_\_\_\_
19. Wants to **discourage** her from taking the job \_\_\_\_\_
20. Is **ready** to serve on the jury \_\_\_\_\_

**CHOOSING THE RIGHT WORD:** Circle the word within the parentheses that more satisfactorily completes each of the following sentences.

1. The aid that we have (indignantly, mutually) given each other during the years has enabled both of us to overcome many problems.
2. All during that nightmarish period, I found myself (plagued, dissuaded) by doubts and fears about the future.
3. It seems that only last year she was an awkward child, but now she is a charming and (poised, unscathed) young woman.
4. When the new (hazard, regime) took power, it canceled or reversed most of the policies of its predecessor.
5. Innocent or guilty, no one involved in a major political scandal ever comes away from it entirely (dissuaded, unscathed).
6. The public's (indifference, hazard) to government may be measured in the number of citizens who do not bother to vote.
7. The judge explained to the jury that killing someone in self-defense may be considered justifiable, or noncriminal, (homicide, Plague).
8. When my 8-year-old sister started up a chain of lemonade stands, I knew we had a budding (entrepreneur, firebrand) in the family.
9. Unfortunately, nothing any of us said could (dissuade, cater) Ned from his plan to quit his job.

10. Your excuse for missing practice was so (transparent, indispensable) that even a child would have seen right through it.
11. You cannot ignore me for months on end and then take it for granted that I will be (available, customary) whenever you want me.
12. Southern (firebrands, Hazards) agitating for a complete break with the Union helped speed the coming of the Civil War.
13. A little courtesy can do much to (dissuade, lubricate) the machinery of our everyday social life.
14. Do you agree with the criticism that many television programs shamelessly (cater, retard) to the lowest tastes?
15. When the salesclerk replied rudely to my polite inquiry about the price of the garment, I became a bit (transparent, indignant).
16. Since I am a creature of habit, I find that I can't do anything in the morning without first having my (customary, mutual) cup of coffee.
17. In Shakespeare's day, an actor who displeased the audience might find himself (poised, pelted) with a barrage of rotten vegetables.
18. On our long camping trip, we learned that we could get along without many things that we had considered (indispensable, indifferent).
19. Though I have no means of knowing for sure where they happen to be, may I (hazard, lubricate) the guess that they're in the gym?
20. Modern medicine has found that antibiotics are a very effective means of (catering, retarding) or arresting the spread of some diseases.