

### UNIT 3 Vocabulary Packet

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

1. **Adversary** (n.) an enemy, opponent  
(**AD** ver sar y)

A best friend off the tennis court can also be a fierce \_\_\_\_\_ on it.

**Synonyms:** antagonist, rival, foe

**Antonyms:** friend, ally, supporter, confederate

2. **Alienate** (v.) to run away; to make indifferent or hostile; to transfer, convey  
( **AY** lee uh nate)

Gossiping and backstabbing are bad habits that are bound to \_\_\_\_\_ friends.

**Synonyms:** separate, drive apart, estrange

**Antonyms:** befriend, attract, captivate, reconcile.

3. **Artifice** (n.) a skillful or ingenious device; a clever trick; a clever skill; trickery  
**AHR** ti fiss)

Even the most renowned art experts were completely taken in by the forger's \_\_\_\_\_.

**Synonyms:** ruse, stratagem, contrivance

4. **Coerce** (v.) to compel, force  
(co **ERCE**)

Dictators try to \_\_\_\_\_ their subjects into obedience by threatening them or their families with punishment.

**Synonyms:** pressure, bully, intimidate, constrain

**Antonyms:** persuade, cajole

5. **Craven** (adj.) cowardly; (n.) a coward  
(**CRA** ven)

Those who urged Great Britain to make peace with Hitler were criticized for their \_\_\_\_\_ attitude.

**Synonyms:** (adj.) fearful, fainthearted, pusillanimous

**Antonyms:** (adj.) brave, courageous, valiant

6. **Culinary** (adj.) of or related to cooking or the kitchen  
(**CUHL**-lih-nar-ee)  
(**KYOO** -lih-nar-ee)

Cooking shows on television have helped many people to master the secrets of the \_\_\_\_\_ arts.

7. **Delete** (v.) to erase, wipe out, cut out  
(duh **LETE**)

Crime labs can determine whether an attempt has been made to \_\_\_\_\_ material from audiotapes.

**Synonyms:** remove, cancel, expunge

**Antonyms:** insert, add, retain, include

8. **Demise** (n.) a death, especially of a person in a lofty position  
(duh **MIZE**)

Traditionally, the tolling of church bells announces the \_\_\_\_\_ of a monarch.

**Synonyms:** de cease, passing away

**Antonyms:** birth, beginning, commencement

9. **Exhilarate** (v.) to enliven, cheer, give spirit or liveliness to  
(ex **HILL** ar ate)

The first landing on the moon, in the summer of 1969, \_\_\_\_\_ the nation.

**Synonyms:** stimulate, excite, gladden

**Antonyms:** discourage, dispirit, dishearten, inhibit

10. **Fallow** (adj.) plowed but not seeded; inactive; reddish-yellow; (n.) land left unseeded; (v.) to plow but not seed  
(**FAHL** ow)

After a month without a date, I decide that my social life was definitely in a \_\_\_\_\_ period.

In the drought- stricken region, there were millions of acres of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Synonyms:** (adj.) unproductive, inert, dormant

**Antonyms:** (adj.) productive, fertile, prolific

11. **Harass** (v.) to disturb, worry; to trouble by repeated attacks  
(**HA** rass --sometimes hair-**ESS**)

The judge repeatedly cautioned the prosecuting attorney not to \_\_\_\_\_ the witness.

**Synonyms:** annoy, pester, bedevil, beleaguer

12. **Inclement** (adj.) stormy, harsh; severs in attitude or action  
(in **CLEM** ent)

During an \_\_\_\_\_ New England winter, heavy snowfalls may bring highway traffic to a standstill.

**Synonyms:** blustery, tempestuous, implacable

**Antonyms:** mild, gentle, balmy, tranquil

13. **Muse** (v.) to think about in a dreamy way, ponder  
(**MEWS**)

Philosophers have always \_\_\_\_\_ on the meaning of life.

**Synonyms:** meditate, contemplate, daydream

14. **Negligible** (adj.) so unimportant that it can be disregarded  
(**NEG** li gi ble)

After taxes are deducted, a small raise in salary may result in \_\_\_\_\_ increase in take-home pay.

**Synonyms:** trivial, inconsequential, insignificant

**Antonyms:** significant, crucial, momentous

15. **Perpetuate** (v.) to make permanent or long lasting  
(per **PET** u ate)

In most cultures, people try to \_\_\_\_\_ the customs of their ancestors

**Synonyms:** continue, preserve, prolong indefinitely

**Antonyms:** discontinue, abolish, abandon

16. **Precedent** (n) an example that may serve as a basis for imitation or later action  
(**PRESS** e dent)

We hope that students at other schools in our city will follow our \_\_\_\_\_ in volunteer work and charitable contributions.

**Synonyms:** guide, tradition, model

17. **Punitive** (adj.) inflicting or aiming at punishment  
(**PEW** ni tive)

The general led a \_\_\_\_\_ expedition against the rebel forces.

**Synonyms:** penalizing, retaliatory

18. **Redress** (v.) to set right, remedy; (n.) relief from wrong or injury  
(re **DRESS** or **RIH**-dress)

An apology can go a long way to \_\_\_\_\_ the hurt feelings caused by an insensitive comment or a thoughtless act.

The accident will seek \_\_\_\_\_ for the injuries they suffered in the train crash.

**Synonyms:** (v.) rectify, correct, mitigate

19. **Sojourn** (n.) a temporary stay; (v.) to stay for a time  
**SO** journ/n so **JOURN v**)

No matter how short your \_\_\_\_\_ in Paris, you must take time to go to the Louvre.

Many American graduates \_\_\_\_\_ abroad before they begin working full-time at home.

**Synonyms:** (n.) visit, stopover, brief stay

20. **Urbane** (adj.) refined in manner or style, suave  
(ur **BANE**)

An \_\_\_\_\_ host puts guests at ease by appearing totally confident and unruffled no matter what happens.

**Synonyms:** elegant

**Antonyms:** crude, uncouth, boorish

## Completing the Sentence

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

1. The deserted building and the land lying \_\_\_\_\_ hinted at the troubles the farmers in the area were experiencing.
2. His charmingly \_\_\_\_\_ manner and keen wit made him a much sought-after guest at social gatherings.
3. The full extent of my \_\_\_\_\_ skill is preparing scrambled eggs on toast.
4. Since both cars had virtually come to a halt by the time their bumpers met, the damage was \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Magicians rely on sleight of hand and other forms of \_\_\_\_\_ to deceive their unsuspecting audiences.
6. As I lay under the old apple tree, I began to \_\_\_\_\_ on the strange twists of fate that had led to the present situation.
7. Their bad manners and insufferable conceit \_\_\_\_\_ even those who were most inclined to judge them favorably.
8. The coach emphasized that the way to stop our opponents' passing game was to \_\_\_\_\_ their receivers and blitz their quarterback.
9. I advise you to \_\_\_\_\_ from your statement all the words that people are likely to find personally offensive.
10. The coach took me off the starting team as a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ measure for missing two days of practice.
11. When planning our trip to the Southwest, we made sure to set aside two days for a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ at the Grand Canyon.
12. At first we watched the game with relatively little emotion, but we became so \_\_\_\_\_ by our team's strong comeback that we began to cheer loudly.
13. If we continue to elect unworthy people to public office, we will simply \_\_\_\_\_ the evils that we have tried so hard to correct.
14. Their \_\_\_\_\_ behavior at the first sign of danger was disgrace to the uniform they wore,
15. When the snowstorm lasted into a second day, we listened attentively to the radio to find out if our school was among those closed because of the \_\_\_\_\_ weather.
16. The \_\_\_\_\_ of an administration in the United States is never a crisis because a newly elected administration is waiting to take over.
17. When citizens feel that something is wrong, they have a right under the first Amendment to ask their government for a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ of grievances.
18. In 1858, Abraham Lincoln held a series of debates with Stephen Douglas, his \_\_\_\_\_ in the contest for U.S. Senator from Illinois.

19. When Grandfather stubbornly refused to eat his vegetables, he set a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ that was immediately followed by the children.
20. There are far more subtle ways of \_\_\_\_\_ a person into doing what you want than twisting his or her arm.

### Synonyms

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

1. **pestered** by flies and mosquitos \_\_\_\_\_
2. a **retaliatory** campaign against a political rival \_\_\_\_\_
3. a relaxing **stopover** on a tropical island \_\_\_\_\_
4. **meditated** on the possibility of a raise \_\_\_\_\_
5. an attempt to **rectify** past mistakes \_\_\_\_\_
6. **intimidated** into making a deal \_\_\_\_\_
7. a graduate of a **cooking** school in Rome \_\_\_\_\_
8. a common **ruse** used to fool unwary customers \_\_\_\_\_
9. a dangerous **rival** who will stop at nothing \_\_\_\_\_
10. became a **model** for future generations \_\_\_\_\_
11. **continued** the search for a cure \_\_\_\_\_
12. a speech that **excited** the crowd \_\_\_\_\_
13. **removed** offensive language from the next \_\_\_\_\_
14. a **fearful** follower of those in power \_\_\_\_\_
15. **driven apart** by a misunderstanding \_\_\_\_\_

### Antonyms

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

16. a generally **tranquil** climate \_\_\_\_\_
17. a very **crude** performance \_\_\_\_\_
18. the **beginning** of an era of prosperity \_\_\_\_\_
19. **significant** gains in reading scores \_\_\_\_\_
20. a writer's **productive** years \_\_\_\_\_

### Choosing the Right Word

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

1. We need a supervisor who can maintain good discipline in the shop without (**harassing, exhilarating**) the workers.
2. We must reject the (**craven, fallow**) advice of those who feel we can solve social problems by abandoning our democratic freedoms.
3. Only when the attempt to get the British government to (**redress, delete**) injustices proved unsuccessful did the American colonists resort to arms.
4. Since we are making (**negligible, craven**) progress in our fight against pollution, the time has come for us to adopt completely new methods.
5. It is all very well to (**muse, perpetuate**) on what might have been, but it is far better to take action to make good things happen.
6. The highlight of my trip to Europe came when I (**sojournered, redressed**) in the birthplace of my ancestors.
7. I admit we did some foolish things after the game, but you must remember how (**mused, exhilarated**) we were by the victory.
8. After a long (**urbane, fallow**) period during which she scarcely touched her brushes, the painter suddenly produced a series of major canvases.
9. The coach ran the risk of (**exhilarating, alienating**) influential graduates of the school when she suspended a star player who had broken training.
10. When he blocked my jump shot, took the rebound, drove down the court, and scored, I realized that I was facing a worthy (**artifice, adversary**).
11. I want to know by whose authority my name was (**deleted, coerced**) from the list of students eligible to take the scholarship examinations.
12. And now I want you all to try my (**inclement, culinary**) masterpiece—a salmon soufflé, garnished with sour cream.
13. If we do not take steps now to clear their names, we will be (**perpetuating, redressing**) an injustice that has already lasted far too long.
14. When Washington refused to serve a third term as a President, he set a(n) (**artifice, precedent**) that was to last for 150 years.
15. May I remind you that the (**punitive, urbane**) action we are authorized to take does not include physical force of any kind.
16. Our city government needs basic reforms; clever little (**sojourns, artifices**) will not solve our problems.
17. Our history shows us how the (**demise, adversary**) of one political party provides an opportunity for the formation of a new one.
18. Do you really expect me to believe that your friends (**coerced, alienated**) you into cutting class to go to the movies?
19. Because of the severe sentences she often handed down, she gained the reputation of being an extremely (**inclement, negligible**) judge.
20. The critics unanimously praised the actor for the (**urbane, punitive**) charm with which he played the well-bred English gentlemen.

