



Note carefully the spelling, pronunciation, part(s) of speech, and definition(s) of each of the following words. Then write the word in the blank space(s) in the illustrative sentence(s) following. Finally, study the lists of synonyms and antonyms given at the end of each entry.

- aegis**
(ē' jīs)
(n.) protection; patronage; sponsorship
The arts and education programs of the United Nations are under the _____ of UNESCO.
SYNONYM: auspices
- apprise**
(ə prīz')
(v.) to inform of; to make aware of by giving oral or written notice
The spokesperson will _____ us of the latest developments.
SYNONYMS: acquaint, notify
ANTONYMS: keep secret, withhold information
- bibulous**
(bib' yə ləs)
(adj.) fond of or inclined to drink; absorbent
The retired sailor was a _____ old codger.
SYNONYMS: inebrious, alcoholic
ANTONYMS: teetotaling, abstemious, temperate
- claque**
(klak)
(n.) a group of people hired to applaud a performer or performance; enthusiastic or fawning admirers; an opera hat
The soprano's _____ was in attendance, as usual.
SYNONYMS: fan club, flatterers, hangers-on
- deracinate**
(di ras' ə nāt)
(v.) to pull up by the roots; to root out, uproot, or dislocate; to eliminate all traces of
One way to _____ prejudice from our society is to heighten public awareness.
SYNONYMS: extirpate, eradicate, expunge
ANTONYMS: implant, nurture, foster, instill
- eleemosynary**
(el i mos' ə ner ē)
(adj.) charitable; dependent upon or supported by charity; derived from or provided by charity
Some _____ institutions use phone solicitations to obtain contributions.
SYNONYMS: philanthropic, beneficent
ANTONYMS: selfish, self-seeking, uncharitable

- 7. indigenous**
(in dij' ə nəs)
(*adj.*) originating in the country or region where found, native; inborn; inherent
Grizzly bears and mountain lions are two examples of wildlife _____ to the Rockies.
SYNONYMS: endemic, domestic, homegrown
ANTONYMS: foreign, alien, exoteric, imported
- 8. lachrymose**
(lak' rə mōs)
(*adj.*) given to tears or weeping; causing to shed tears; mournful; lugubrious
It was a _____ tale of poverty and v
SYNONYMS: tearful, doleful, dolorous
ANTONYMS: dry-eyed, cheerful, merry, hilarious
- 9. lexicon**
(lek' sə kən)
(*n.*) a dictionary of a language; the special vocabulary of a person, group, or subject; a compendium
The _____ of computer technology is large and growing.
SYNONYMS: wordbook, glossary
- 10. melee**
(mā' lā)
(*n.*) a confused struggle; a violent free-for-all; a tumultuous mingling
Many fans were hurt in the _____ that followed the soccer match.
SYNONYMS: fracas, brawl, scuffle, donnybrook
ANTONYMS: friendly chat, peace and quiet
- 11. microcosm**
(mī' krə kos əm)
(*n.*) a miniature world or universe; a group or system viewed as the model of a larger group or system
The ocean liner is a _____ of society in the novel *Ship of Fools*.
SYNONYMS: epitome, world in little
ANTONYMS: universe, macrocosm, cosmos, totality
- 12. minuscule**
(min' əs kyül)
(*adj.*) very small, tiny; (*n.*) a lowercase letter
I ate only a _____ portion of the dessert.
In the typeface that the poet chose, every letter used in the poem is a _____.
SYNONYMS: (*adj.*) infinitesimal, insignificant
ANTONYMS: (*adj.*) huge, massive, monumental
- 13. obfuscate**
(ob' fə skāt)
(*v.*) to darken or obscure; to confuse or bewilder
The pedantic lecturer's long-winded explanation served only to _____ the meaning of the thesis
SYNONYM: muddy the waters
ANTONYMS: clarify, elucidate, explicate

- 14. paternalism**
(pə tûr' nə liz əm) (n.) the policy or practice of treating or governing people in the manner of a father dealing with his children
The President won over the worried populace with his attitude of kind _____.
SYNONYMS: benevolence, solicitude, fatherliness
- 15. polarize**
(pō' læ rīz) (v.) to cause to concentrate around two conflicting or contrasting positions; to cause light to vibrate in a pattern
The debate served to _____ public opinion on the issue.
SYNONYMS: split, divide, alienate, estrange
ANTONYMS: unite, unify, reconcile
- 16. purview**
(pər' vyü) (n.) the range, extent, or scope of something; in law, the scope or limit of what is provided in a statute
The subject was outside the _____ of the mayor's authority.
SYNONYMS: jurisdiction, orbit
- 17. sanguine**
(san' gwīn) (adj.) having a ruddy complexion; of a naturally cheerful, confident, or optimistic outlook
Scientists remain _____ about the chances of finding a cure for the deadly disease.
SYNONYMS: flushed, rosy
ANTONYMS: bloodless, ashen, pessimistic, gloomy
- 18. solecism**
(sol' ə siz əm) (n.) a substandard or ungrammatical usage; a breach of etiquette; any impropriety or mistake
One common _____ is "irregardless."
SYNONYMS: misusage, blunder, faux pas
ANTONYM: correct usage
- 19. vassal**
(vas' el) (n.) a person under the protection of a feudal lord to whom he or she owes allegiance; a subordinate or dependent; a servant; (adj.) subservient
The duke's _____ was forced to fight for the king, to whom the duke owed allegiance.
As a _____ nation, India provided troops for British armies.
SYNONYMS: (n.) menial, minion; (adj.) servile
ANTONYM: (n.) overlord
- 20. verisimilitude**
(ver ə si mil' ə tüd) (n.) the quality of appearing to be true, real, likely, or probable
The play's _____ won praise from critics.
SYNONYMS: realism, lifelikeness, authenticity