

Two-Word Completions

Circle the pair of words that best complete the meaning of each of the following passages.

- The Emancipation Proclamation _____ Southern blacks once and for all from the _____ that bound them to a life of servitude and humiliation.
 - immersed . . . arrears
 - liberated . . . manacles
 - subordinated . . . memoranda
 - retrieved . . . tints
- During "Operation Dragnet," the police _____ the entire city in search of the two _____ who had pulled off the daring bank robbery.
 - immersed . . . fatalities
 - quashed . . . innovators
 - scoured . . . culprits
 - deluged . . . subordinates
- Joan of Arc spent most of her brief career as the "warrior maiden of France" attempting to _____ lands that the French had been forced to _____ to England as a result of English victories in the initial stages of the Hundred Years' War.
 - partition . . . expend
 - avenge . . . authorize
 - liberate . . . misrepresent
 - retrieve . . . cede
- The _____ of their sudden collision left one of the players _____ on the ice in agony, while the other was hurled five feet into the air.
 - format . . . cringing
 - impact . . . writhing
 - fatality . . . verging
 - onset . . . scouring
- The bully down the block is so big and so _____ that I find myself unconsciously _____ in fear every time he looks in my direction.
 - intimidating . . . cringing
 - rotund . . . prevaricating
 - sinister . . . dawdling
 - martial . . . sauntering
- After Grandpa _____, then lost, half of his nest egg in an obviously crooked scheme, I stressed that he could no longer be so _____ when it came to taking the advice of financial "wizards."
 - reminisced . . . jovial
 - intimidated . . . taut
 - deluged . . . giddy
 - invested . . . gullible

Choosing the Right Meaning

Read each sentence carefully. Then circle the item that best completes the statement below the sentence.

Not only was Abraham Lincoln a master of English prose, but by all accounts he possessed a keen sense of humor and relished a good story.

- The word **relished** in line 2 is used to mean
 - enjoyed
 - told
 - collected
 - concocted

Our teacher wrote " $x + 9$ " on the board to give an example of a mathematical expression containing a variable.

- In line 2 the word **variable** is best defined as
 - difficult problem
 - mistake
 - unknown value
 - solution

With the death of Stonewall Jackson in May of 1863, Confederate commander Robert E. Lee lost his ablest subordinate.

- In line 2 the word **subordinate** is best defined as
 - adviser
 - strategist
 - ally
 - lieutenant

By the time of Lee's surrender at Appomattox in April 1865, the war-making capacity of the South had been destroyed outright.

- The word **outright** in line 2 most nearly means
 - quickly
 - completely
 - gradually
 - partially

Over the years countless students have recited the rotund lines of Edgar Allan Poe's famous poem "The Raven."

- The word **rotund** in line 1 most nearly means
 - plump
 - stout
 - round
 - sonorous

Antonyms

In each of the following groups, circle the word or expression that most nearly the **opposite** of the word in **boldface** type.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> manacle <ol style="list-style-type: none"> emancipate delete befuddle expand | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> optional <ol style="list-style-type: none"> new interesting required difficult | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> perishable <ol style="list-style-type: none"> foreign expensive colorful durable | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> relish <ol style="list-style-type: none"> consider loathe examine invent |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> illicit <ol style="list-style-type: none"> permissible explicit illegal coarse | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> expend <ol style="list-style-type: none"> spend avoid save require | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> liberate <ol style="list-style-type: none"> shackle study rule visit | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> gullible <ol style="list-style-type: none"> rich silly tall suspicious |

9. persevere

- a. pursue
- b. quit
- c. reply
- d. spend

11. sluggish

- a. thoughtful
- b. friendly
- c. active
- d. sleepy

13. rotund

- a. round
- b. dark
- c. frightening
- d. lanky

15. crotchety

- a. new
- b. agreeable
- c. former
- d. overworked

10. pathetic

- a. funny
- b. unusual
- c. inadequate
- d. sad

12. affluence

- a. wealth
- b. poverty
- c. heaviness
- d. confusion

14. minimum

- a. only
- b. latest
- c. usual
- d. most

16. scour

- a. dirty
- b. cower
- c. hide
- d. believe

Word Families

A. On the line provided, write the word you have learned in Units 7–9 that is related to each of the following nouns.

EXAMPLE: intimidation—**intimidate**

1. retrieval, retriever, retrievability _____

2. dissection, dissector _____

3. immersion _____

4. nimbleness _____

5. joviality _____

6. avenger _____

7. misrepresentation _____

8. liberation, liberator, liberationist _____

9. perseverance, perseveration _____

10. authorization _____

11. dawdler _____

12. prevarication, prevaricator _____

13. logic _____

14. reminiscence _____

15. gullibility _____

16. option _____

B. On the line provided, write the word you have learned in Units 7–9 that is related to each of the following verbs.

EXAMPLE: inflame—**inflammatory**

17. innovate _____

18. perish _____

19. minimize _____

20. vary _____

Word Associations

In each of the following groups, circle the word that is best defined or suggested by the given phrase.

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|---|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. read the report
a. culprit | b. innovation | c. memorandum | d. affluence |
| 2. will not allow ourselves to be bullied
a. avenged | b. impacted | c. immersed | d. intimidated |
| 3. a highway death
a. deluge | b. memorandum | c. onset | d. fatality |
| 4. enjoyed the military music
a. gullible | b. martial | c. illicit | d. jovial |
| 5. pulled the rope tight
a. taut | b. nimble | c. crotchety | d. immobile |
| 6. the effect of the new factory
a. innovation | b. manacle | c. subordinate | d. impact |
| 7. on the brink of collapse
a. verge | b. manacle | c. variable | d. tribute |
| 8. put down a revolt
a. quash | b. deluge | c. expend | d. partition |
| 9. get even for a wrong
a. authorize | b. avenge | c. dawdle | d. cringe |
| 10. the layout of the catalog
a. affluence | b. format | c. impact | d. memorandum |
| 11. showed outstanding judgment
a. onset | b. discretion | c. relish | d. tint |
| 12. divide the country
a. liberate | b. cascade | c. partition | d. reminisce |
| 13. dye the canvas
a. cede | b. deluge | c. immerse | d. tint |
| 14. a flood of letters
a. deluge | b. manacle | c. parcel | d. tribute |
| 15. the blocked country road
a. inflammatory | b. illicit | c. jovial | d. impassable |
| 16. in a merry mood
a. pathetic | b. jovial | c. sluggish | d. wholesome |
| 17. the start of flu symptoms
a. onset | b. cascade | c. impact | d. encounter |
| 18. a heartfelt commendation
a. memorandum | b. format | c. subordinate | d. tribute |
| 19. a memorable date
a. fatality | b. rendezvous | c. impact | d. onset |
| 20. strolling along
a. avenging | b. writhing | c. countering | d. immersing |

**Building with
Classical Roots**

log, logue—speech, word, discourse
This Greek root appears in **logical** (page 99). Some other words in which this root appears are listed below.

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| apology | dialogue | eulogy | neologism |
| decalogue | epilogue | monologue | prologue |

From the list of words above, choose the one that corresponds to each of the brief definitions below. Write the word in the blank space in the illustrative sentence below and its definition.

1. a long speech made by one person; a speech that monopolizes conversation; a series of jokes or comedic stories delivered by one comedian
The opening _____ given by talk-show hosts, consisting of light banter and political humor, has become a staple of late-night television.
2. a conversation between two or more people or characters; the lines in a script that are to be spoken; an airing of ideas or views
Abbott and Costello's wacky routine "Who's on first?" is one of the funniest baseball _____ in American comedy.
3. a speech or written tribute composed to honor someone who has died
Lincoln's Gettysburg Address was delivered on November 19, 1863, to dedicate a national cemetery and as a _____ to those who died at the Battle of Gettysburg.
4. words of regret to express remorse and ask pardon for an accident, fault, failure, or offense; an explanation, defense, or excuse
"If you'd like me to accept your _____," he explained, "I need to believe that you know what you did wrong and that you will strive to do better."
5. an introductory statement, act, or event; a preface; opening remarks
The novel's _____ offers background on the main character so that the action can begin immediately in Chapter 1.
6. a concluding section at the end of a play or literary work, intended to provide further comment, interpretation, or information; an afterword
After the curtain fell, a narrator gave a brief _____ to tie up loose ends.
7. a newly invented word, expression, or usage; new meaning for an old word
Evolving technology has led to many _____, such as CD-ROM, that have become part of our everyday language.
8. a set of ten authoritative rules or laws; (*usu. cap.*) the Ten Commandments (in the Bible)
The stained-glass window shows Moses holding the _____ above his head.

From the list of words on page 112, choose the one that best completes each of the following sentences. Write the word in the blank space provided.

1. The man scolded us with an angry _____ about the decline of manners.
2. The best way to achieve lasting peace is for both parties to engage in ongoing, meaningful _____ to address their fundamental desires and demands.
3. The acting governor delivered a heartfelt _____ at the funeral of her former boss.
4. An authentic _____ should be more than a bunch of meaningless words.
5. The author included a _____ to clarify her intentions in writing her latest book.
6. Stay tuned until the very end or you will miss the surprising _____.
7. Many _____ first achieve notice when they are introduced by popular culture's trendsetters.
8. The board of directors drafted a _____ to specify the fundamental rules and procedures for the organization.

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

1. The intensely dramatic (**monologue, decalogue**) lasted for nearly an hour—a stunning success for one actor alone on a bare stage.
2. What an unexpectedly productive (**eulogy, dialogue**) between the anti-war protesters and the police officers who were assigned to protect them!
3. The ushers have been instructed not to seat anyone who arrives at the theater after the (**epilogue, prologue**) has begun.
4. No one who heard the inspiring (**eulogy, neologism**) given for the young hero will ever forget the deeply felt emotions of that sad moment.
5. The first British edition of *Moby Dick* accidentally omitted the (**epilogue, apology**), which tells how Ishmael alone survived, and justifies his first-person narrative.
6. The Biblical source of the (**Decalogue, Dialogue**) is Chapter 20 of the Book of Exodus.
7. Today's most original (**monologue, neologism**) may one day become woven into conventional standard usage.
8. When he realized that he had forgotten his mother's birthday, he drafted a thoughtful and loving (**apology, prologue**), which he tucked into a bouquet of roses for her.