

11. I was surprised that so trivial an incident should have provided such a fearful _____ in the popular press.
12. We are still looking for a(n) _____ answer to the question of whether or not our prisons can rehabilitate as well as punish.
13. I see no point in your applying for that job when it is perfectly clear that you lack the _____ qualifications.
14. The circumstances surrounding the death are so _____ that the police are not even sure that a crime was committed.
15. Attached to every bill for the merchandise was a brief notice asking the customer to _____ payment promptly.
16. By talking so much about your _____ that “we’re going to have an accident,” you are making me nervous and preventing me from driving properly.
17. By getting the students to apologize for their thoughtless discourtesy, we _____ the anger of the elderly elevator operator.
18. He was willing to compromise on many issues, but elimination of the ridiculous requirements for those jobs was the one point on which he was absolutely _____.
19. He was so _____ with his inheritance that he consumed in a few years the fortune it had taken his parents a lifetime to accumulate.
20. At first, I was glad to see my old classmate again, but he embarrassed me with his _____ talk about “those wonderful, golden school days.”

Writing: Words in Action

1. Look back at “New Tribe Discovered in Amazon” (pages 184–185). Suppose you were hired to persuade Brazilian officials and others that we should not interfere with the way of life of indigenous peoples in the Amazon. Write your argument using at least two details from the passage and three unit words.
2. What, if anything, do you think citizens or governments should do to protect indigenous peoples? What responsibility do nations have to respect indigenous people’s way of life and protect the areas where they live? In a brief essay, support your opinion with specific details from your observations, studies, and the reading (pages 184–185). Write at least three paragraphs, and use three or more words from this unit.