

11. The “Old 400” was a very small and exclusive _____ of prominent families that dominated East Coast society for decades.
12. Recent developments in that part of the world have intensified rather than _____ our fears of a renewed conflict.
13. At the Casablanca Conference in 1943, President Roosevelt and his military aides met with their British _____ to map military strategy for the Western Allies.
14. A good deal of sad experience has taught me that my youthful hopes of getting something for nothing are entirely _____.
15. Though I don’t consider myself much of a diplomat, I think I handled that delicate situation in a particularly _____ manner.
16. “If at first you don’t succeed, try, try again” seems to be the motto of that _____ young woman.
17. In the Victorian era, designers _____ women’s dresses with all sorts of elaborate frills and flounces.
18. The _____ movie palaces of an earlier era have given way to smaller theaters, decorated in a simpler, more austere style.
19. Many a now-forgotten “movie great” has discovered to his or her chagrin that fame may indeed be as _____ as a passing shower.
20. He had the _____ to come into my own home to tell me what I should do to help him.

Writing: Words in Action

1. Look back at “John Lennon’s Legacy” (pages 88–89). In it, the author mentions Lennon’s “dream of fame” and his confidence that he would achieve it through his music. How important is fame to you? Would you include it as part of your definition of being successful or happy? Write an essay in which you explain your opinion of fame. Use at least two details from the passage and three unit words to explain your ideas.
2. Think about the power celebrities have to influence individual people as well as society as a whole. Do you think celebrities—including singers, actors, and professional athletes—should become politically active, or should they stay out of politics? In a brief essay, support your opinion with specific examples from current events, your reading (refer to pages 88–89), your media viewing, or your personal observations and experience. Write at least three paragraphs, and use three or more words from this unit.