

11. By \_\_\_\_\_ in a loud, confident voice, he tried to convince us that he had nothing to do with the accident.
12. Our team suffered a tough \_\_\_\_\_ when our best player was hurt in the first few minutes of play.
13. Anyone who has never had a sprained ankle will find it hard to imagine how \_\_\_\_\_ the pain is.
14. Because of our inexperience and haste, we \_\_\_\_\_ the little repair job so badly that it became necessary to replace the entire motor.
15. We had eaten only a light breakfast before hiking for hours in the crisp mountain air, so you can imagine how \_\_\_\_\_ we were by lunchtime.
16. The newscaster on my favorite TV program not only tells the facts of the news but also offers a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ that helps us to understand it.
17. Do you think it is a good idea to try to \_\_\_\_\_ the weeping child by giving her a lollipop?
18. When my two sisters began their bitter quarrel, only Mother had enough nerve to enter the \_\_\_\_\_ and tell them to stop.
19. Since the convicted felon had shown no \_\_\_\_\_ for his crimes, the judge sentenced him to the maximum prison term allowed.
20. The accused person must be given every chance to \_\_\_\_\_ the charges against him or her.

## Writing: Words in Action

1. Look back at “Continue Space Exploration, Now!” (pages 60–61). What is your position on funding space exploration? Should the United States continue to spend federal money to support NASA? Write an editorial persuading your audience either to support or oppose funding space travel. Clearly state your position and use at least two details from the passage and three Unit words to support your claim.
2. A current argument states that privately held aerospace businesses, and not government agencies like NASA, should invest in and develop the spacecraft and new technologies that will transport people into space. What are the pros and cons of leaving space program development in the hands of private entrepreneurs and non-government-affiliated aerospace companies? Consider issues such as inspecting for safety, training, sharing of knowledge, and profit. Write a brief essay in which you support your opinion with specific examples, your studies, and the reading (refer to pages 60–61). Write at least three paragraphs, and use three or more words from this Unit.