

11. Can you imagine my \_\_\_\_\_ when I was told I would have to take over the lead role in the play immediately, with no rehearsals!
12. Our study of American history has taught us to \_\_\_\_\_ the great men and women who founded this nation.
13. Instead of moving steadily upwards or steadily downwards, the price of oil has been \_\_\_\_\_ all year.
14. We will donate the proceeds of the cake sale to any \_\_\_\_\_ charity you may select.
15. “When I was living in the Australian outback, I learned many curious skills and \_\_\_\_\_ from the local people,” the explorer said.
16. We had hoped to have a wonderful time at the party, but the sad news of the principal’s accident cast a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ over the gathering.
17. She was very fortunate to have had talented and sympathetic teachers who \_\_\_\_\_ her career.
18. The audience was \_\_\_\_\_ not only by the lovely voice of the soprano but also by her youthful good looks.
19. Statements \_\_\_\_\_ out in anger may often be regretted for a long time afterward.
20. Educators report that there is often a vast difference between a child’s mental age and his or her \_\_\_\_\_ age.

## Writing: Words in Action

1. Look back at “The Last Flight of the *Hindenburg*” (pages 164–165). Think about how air travel has changed since the flight of the *Hindenburg*. Do you think air travel is safer today than it was in 1936? Write a persuasive essay in which you state and support your opinion, using at least two details from the passage and three Unit words.
2. People often face both human-made and natural disasters. What should people do to prepare for disasters? How can people help others after a disaster? Write a brief essay about disaster preparedness and assistance. Support your ideas with specific examples, observations, your studies, the reading (refer to pages 164–165), or personal experience. Write at least three paragraphs, and use three or more words from this Unit.