

Choosing the Right Word

Select the **boldface** word that better completes each sentence. You might refer to the passage on pages 184–185 to see how most of these words are used in context.

- The city is hosting a conference to celebrate Mark Twain's (**legacy, feud**) and discuss his landmark novels and witty essays.
- In the period ahead, there may be shortages of some foodstuffs, but we will only make things worse if we resort to (**patronizing, hoarding**).
- Life cannot be all happiness; we must expect tears as well as (**legacies, mirth**).
- The (**clamor, feud**) that the two sides of the family have been waging for years is about whether chili should be made with beans.
- Learning to drive, graduating from high school, and entering college or the job market are all part of a teenager's (**rites, hoards**) of passage.
- We cannot accept the idea that capital and labor must constantly (**feud, coincide**) with each other.
- One reason the coach is so popular is that he is firm and even tough with his players but never acts like a (**bankrupt, despot**).
- I was (**hardy, indisposed**) to accept the halfhearted invitation that reached me only a day before the party.
- During the winter, there are always a few (**hardy, partial**) souls who take a dip in the icy waters off Atlantic Beach.
- No matter how efficient the new chairperson may be, the meeting will not proceed (**authoritatively, harmoniously**) unless the members cooperate.
- The jury was impressed by the fact that the testimony of two witnesses who were complete strangers (**coincided, clamored**) in every detail.
- Although Aunt Helen serves delicious pumpkin pie on Thanksgiving, I must say that I am (**partial, harmonious**) to apple pie.
- A party that cannot offer new ideas to deal with the pressing problems of the day must be considered politically (**legitimate, bankrupt**).
- Why (**haggle, officiate**) over minor details when we are in agreement overall?
- If you're looking for a witty, charming personality to (**officiate, coincide**) at the awards dinner, need I say that I'm available?



Mark Twain's most famous creations are the characters Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn.

16. Your healthy body is a (legacy, rite) you have received from your parents, and you should strive to protect it from harmful influences.
17. Did you know that our play-off game (officials, coincides) with spring break, and the players on the roster can't be changed?
18. We will give careful attention to (cynical, legitimate) complaints, but we will not be influenced by silly faultfinding.
19. The (harmonious, authoritative) tone in which she gave the order left no doubt in anyone's mind that she expected full obedience.
20. Isn't it (cynical, feuding) of you to ask other people to support a candidate in whom you yourself have no confidence?
21. A good sports official pays no attention to the (clamor, mirth) of the crowd when a decision goes against the home team.
22. Each answer will be considered either right or wrong; no (sagacious, partial) credit will be given.
23. I am annoyed by the (haggling, patronizing) way in which they keep reminding me "how a well-bred person behaves."
24. She may give the impression of being simple and uncomplicated, but we have found her to be unusually (sagacious, indisposed) in judging people.
25. In the winter, Alice grows kale, as it is such a (hardy, sagacious) vegetable.



Choose the word from this Unit that is the same or most nearly the same in meaning as the **boldface** word or expression in the