

Completing the Sentence

From the words in this Unit, choose the one that best completes each of the following sentences. Write the correct word form in the space provided.

1. When you say that "everyone is out to take advantage of everyone else," I think you're being much too cynical.
2. The students were urged to patronize the local merchants who advertised in the school paper.
3. About five minutes before feeding time, all the babies in the nursery start to clamor for their bottles.
4. The referee who officiates at a hockey game needs the stamina to keep up with the players and the patience to put up with them.
5. I think your price for the tennis racket is too high, but as I'm in no mood to haggle with you, I'll take it.
6. Where can I get a(n) authoritative estimate of how the population of the United States is likely to change in the years ahead?
7. We must be prepared to defend the legacy of freedom that we have inherited from earlier generations of Americans.
8. My aunt called to say that she would not be able to visit us today because she was indisposed with an asthma attack.
9. Historians are still examining the deadly feud that arose between the Hatfield and McCoy families more than 100 years ago.
10. Nothing will be accomplished unless the members of the committee work together in a(n) harmonious fashion.

11. Is it true that squirrels _____ **hoard** _____ nuts and other foods that they can use during the winter?
12. Although she had no previous experience as a treasurer, she showed herself to be highly _____ **sagacious** _____ in the way she handled money.
13. The pioneers who settled the West were _____ **hardy** _____ people who could cope with difficulties and dangers of all kinds.
14. Our supervisor became extremely unpopular with us because he acted like a(n) _____ **despot** _____ toward everyone in the department.
15. True, business has been poor, but we are covering our expenses and can assure you that there's no danger of our going _____ **bankrupt** _____.
16. Your program for cleaning up the neighborhood _____ **coincides** _____ with ours, so why don't we work together?
17. The fact that the baseball season is opening today is certainly not a(n) _____ **legitimate** _____ excuse for being absent from school.
18. I am making only a(n) _____ **partial** _____ payment at the present time and will pay off the balance in installments.
19. I like a good laugh as much as anyone, but I realized that such a solemn ceremony was not the time for _____ **mirth** _____.
20. The pagan religions of ancient times revolved around the performance of various _____ **rites** _____ designed to ensure the fertility of the land.