

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.

Writing: Words in Action

Answers to both prompts will vary.

1. Look back at "A Brief History of Gold" (pages 184–185). Suppose that people used gold instead of paper money as currency today. People's wealth would actually be measured by their "weight in gold." Do you think people would be more conscientious about spending and saving if this were the case? Write a persuasive essay in which you support your opinion, using at least two details from the passage and three Unit words.
2. *"All that glitters is not gold."*—William Shakespeare
Shakespeare's famous quotation from *The Merchant of Venice* suggests that some things we desire may not actually be valuable. In a brief essay, state whether you agree with Shakespeare on this point. Support your ideas with specific examples, observations, your studies, personal experiences, or the reading (refer to pages 184–185). Write at least three paragraphs, and use three or more words from this Unit.