

11. An earthworm moves by first elongating and then contracting its wonderfully elastic body.
12. Modern technology has provided us with the computer, a device for collecting, sorting, and transmitting information quickly.
13. I don't expect you to throw yourself on your knees, but I wish you'd show a little gratitude for the things I've done for you.
14. Refusing to be oppressed by unjust laws, the American colonists rose in revolt against the British government.
15. Superstars and other celebrities are usually very much in evidence at gala events, such as opening night of a new Broadway show.
16. Because I am a very close friend of his, you cannot expect me to be totally impartial in judging your criticisms of him.
17. Have you ever tried to inflate a bicycle tire with one of those old-fashioned hand pumps?
18. Most of us are so busy with everyday concerns that we can find little or no time to meditate on the larger issues of life.
19. After beating off the enemy's initial assault, our brave troops delivered a series of crippling counterattacks that vanquished the foe.
20. The family lawyer proved that the young man claiming to be the missing heir was no more than a(n) impostor.

Writing: Words in Action

Answers to both prompts will vary.

1. Look back at "Celebrating the Death of a Killer" (pages 174–175). Suppose that you were working for Dr. Henderson. You want to persuade others to join the World Health Organization team, travel to different countries, and assist with vaccinations. Write a persuasive editorial stating why this venture is a worthy cause. Use at least two details from the passage and three Unit words.
2. Vaccinations have virtually wiped out certain diseases, yet they have become a source of controversy in recent years. Some people believe that vaccinations can lead to harmful side effects. As a result, some parents are so concerned that they refuse to allow their children to receive required vaccinations. In a brief essay, argue in favor of requiring vaccinations or of exercising the right to refuse them. Consider what might be some of the consequences of not vaccinating children. Support your opinion with specific examples, observations, and the reading (refer to pages 174–175). Write at least three paragraphs, and use three or more words from this Unit.