

## Unit 2 Completing Sentences

**Word Bank:** accost, animadversion, avid, brackish, celerity, devious, gambit, halcyon, histrionic, incendiary, maelstrom, myopic, overt, pejorative, propriety, sacrilege, summarily, suppliant, talisman, undulate

1. To our dismay, we discovered that the water we had worked so hard to bring to the surface was too \_\_\_\_\_ for human consumption.
2. As an employee of the local polling service last summer, it was my job to \_\_\_\_\_ people on the street and asks their opinions.
3. Many a rich southern planter saw all his or her financial resources swallowed up in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Civil war
4. After the prisoner had been found guilty of treason, he was led before a firing squad and \_\_\_\_\_ executed.
5. Saying that “people who live in glass houses shouldn’t throw stones” is not an effective response to their \_\_\_\_\_ on your conduct.
6. During the rainy season, the highway sank at so many points that its surface began to \_\_\_\_\_ like the track for a roller coaster.
7. I stand before you an abject \_\_\_\_\_, hoping against hope for a sign of your forgiveness.
8. My brother is such a (n) \_\_\_\_\_ collector of toy soldiers that I sometimes think our house has been invaded by a pint-sized army.
9. The suffix *-ling* often has a (n) \_\_\_\_\_ connotation, as in the word *princeling*, derived from prince.
10. On the return trip, we cut straight across the meadows rather than take the more \_\_\_\_\_ path along the river.
11. In Grandmother’s day, standards of \_\_\_\_\_ required that a young lady wear a hat and gloves when she went of in public.
12. The \_\_\_\_\_ with which he accepted our invitation to dinner suggested that he was badly in need of a good meal.

13. The tons of \_\_\_\_\_ material ignited and turned the waste disposal plant into a roaring inferno.

14. In the eyes of most Americans, people who burn or spit on our flag are guilty of an intolerable \_\_\_\_\_.

15. We looked back on those \_\_\_\_\_ years before the war broke out as a kind of "golden age" in our history.

16. Any book on chess strategy usually discusses the standard opening moves, such as the "knight's \_\_\_\_\_."

17. The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor was a (n) \_\_\_\_\_ act of war.

18. Down in the main square, a wrinkled old peasant was selling charms and \_\_\_\_\_ to ward off the evil eye.

19. To be really convincing on stage, an opera singer must possess both vocal and \_\_\_\_\_ abilities.

20. His pale face, hunched shoulders, and \_\_\_\_\_ stare showed that he had spent his life poring over old books and documents.