

15. **proliferate** (prō 'lif ə rāt) (v.) to reproduce, increase, or spread rapidly
since some cells proliferate more quickly than others
16. **subjugate** ('səb jū gāt) (v.) to conquer by force, bring under complete control
a campaign to subjugate the rebels.
17. **sully** ('səl ē) (v.) to soil, stain, tarnish, defile, besmirch
a reputation sully by scandal
18. **tantalize** ('tan tə līz) (v.) to tease, torment by teasing
tantalize by goodies in the window
19. **terse** (tərs) (adj.) brief and to the point
a terse remark
20. **unflinching** (ən 'flin chɪŋ) (adj.) firm, showing no signs of fear, not drawing back
faced danger with unflinching courage

**Completing
the Sentence**

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

- The thoroughly disgraceful behavior of a few dissolute officers effectively _____ the honor of the entire unit.
- In spite of all the adverse criticism her ideas have received, she remains _____ in her determination to improve our community.
- Despite all my efforts to make this a(n) _____ business, it continues to be a decidedly nonprofit organization.
- How can you be so cruel as to _____ the poor dog by offering him tidbits that you will never let him have?
- To enlarge the areas under their control, kings of old sent out their armies to _____ their neighbors.
- Our doctor's handwriting is so _____ that my brother used one of his prescriptions as a teacher's pass.
- The speaker advised us not to imitate the _____ kind of person who squanders time and money in the vain pursuit of pleasure.
- Milton drank quantities of lemon juice and swallowed vitamin C tablets in a valiant attempt to _____ himself against winter colds.
- A(n) _____ student is one who neither fails any subject nor receives any marks that are above average.
- Our laws protect not only citizens but also _____ legally residing in this country.