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Session 1: Word List

prehistoric

adj. belonging to or existing in times before recorded history; no longer fashionable

synonym: ancient, primitive, archaic

(1) **prehistoric** settlements, (2) **prehistoric** times

Scientists often fail to date archeological or **prehistorical** findings.

virus

n. a tiny infectious organic material that causes disease in people, animals, and plants

synonym: bacterium, germ, ailment

(1) spread of the **virus**, (2) a strain of **virus**

An infected person in the hospital will likely pass the **virus** to others.

preserve

v. to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed

synonym: conserve, care for, maintain

(1) **preserve** my strength, (2) **preserve** a country's heritage

They worked hard to **preserve** the nature of their native lands.

permafrost

n. a layer of soil that is permanently below freezing, usually in polar regions

(1) **permafrost** area, (2) thawing **permafrost**

Permafrost is crucial to soil stability in arctic areas.

isolate

v. to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things

synonym: separate, sequester, insulate

(1) **isolate** a compound, (2) **isolate** a patient

You should not **isolate** them from the community.

lab

n. a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory

synonym: workshop, laboratory, research chamber

(1) **lab** instrument, (2) medical **lab**

The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's **lab**.

emergency

n. a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action

synonym: crisis, trouble, difficulty

(1) **emergency** action, (2) acute **emergency**

The president declared a state of **emergency**.

generator

n. a machine that produces electricity

synonym: dynamo, alternator, creator

(1) random number **generator**, (2) major revenue

generator

Most data centers have emergency **generators** on standby at all times.

alarm

n. a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger

synonym: notice, warning, panic

(1) give the **alarm**, (2) an **alarm** clock

The **alarm** announcing an enemy attack went off this morning.

confirm

v. to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case

synonym: affirm, verify, assure

(1) **confirm** the diagnosis, (2) **confirm** a transaction

Please write to **confirm** your reservation.

vial

n. a small glass container, especially one containing liquid medicine or perfume

synonym: container, bottle, flask

(1) glass **vials**, (2) insulin **vial**

This medication is sealed in a **vial**.

vent

n. a small opening to escape or release gas, air, liquid, etc.; activity or process that frees or expresses strong creative energy or emotion

synonym: duct, outlet, venthole

(1) volcanic **vent**, (2) **vent** tube

He gave **vent** to his anger by playing the guitar.

unleash

v. to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled

synonym: discharge, free, release

(1) **unleash** a hound, (2) **unleash** her anger

The general was still reluctant to **unleash** his troops in pursuit of an enemy.

airborne

adj. moved or conveyed by or through the air; in the air

synonym: flying, aerial, floating

(1) **airborne** troop, (2) **airborne** particles

The amount of **airborne** pollen this year is higher than usual.

plague

n. any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body

synonym : epidemic, pandemic, pest

(1) catch the **plague**, (2) deadly **plague**

Our farm experienced a **plague** of locusts this year.

hesitation

n. the act of pausing or being slow before saying or doing something, especially because you feel uncertain or nervous

synonym : unwillingness, indecision, uncertainty

(1) perform without **hesitation**, (2) after some **hesitation**

There was a **hesitation** in her speech.

grab

v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

synonym : clutch, snatch, grasp

(1) **grab** an audience, (2) **grab** an opportunity

Shall we **grab** a bite to eat?

suit

n. a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for

synonym : clothes, lawsuit, (verb) fit

(1) **suit** and tie restaurant, (2) **suit** at law

Six **suits** are awaiting trial or verdict.

compound

n. an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements

synonym : combination, mixture, blend

(1) aquatic **compound**, (2) harmful **compound**

Common salt is a sodium and chlorine **compound**.

adjacent

adj. next to, close to, or adjoining something

synonym : next, adjoining, neighboring

(1) **adjacent** to his house, (2) **adjacent** houses

Our country has military alliances with **adjacent** countries.

airlock

n. a chamber between two areas that can be sealed against pressure, allowing the passage of people and objects to go from one area to the other

(1) an **airlock** chamber, (2) **airlock** module

The mechanic has just inspected the jammed **airlock**.

contaminate

v. to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture

synonym: defile, pollute, adulterate

(1) **contaminate** with a disease, (2) **contaminate** his ego

We strive not to **contaminate** the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.

destruction

n. the act of causing so much damage to something

synonym: devastation, annihilation, ruin

(1) path of **destruction**, (2) cyclonic **destruction**

The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat **destruction**.

lockdown

n. an emergency policy for people, communities, or a country to stay where they are, usually due to specific risks, such as COVID-19

(1) go on **lockdown**, (2) **lockdown** area

The country's prime minister has decided to implement a nationwide **lockdown** measure.

survive

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

synonym: endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash

These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

pause

v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

synonym: halt, break, intermit

(1) **pause** a moment, (2) **pause** for a reaction

The man **paused** before opening the door.

instinct

n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

synonym : intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**

When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

graph

n. a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other

synonym : chart, diagram, figure

(1) **graph** theory, (2) a **graph** sample

This bar **graph** shows sales over the past five years.

grid

n. a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region

synonym : gridiron, battery grid, power system

(1) a **grid** design, (2) a wire **grid**

Grid pattern roads often appear in urban areas.

puzzle

n. a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

synonym : plight, maze, (verb) perplex

(1) crossword **puzzle**, (2) mathematical **puzzle**

This jigsaw **puzzle** is challenging because there are no pictures.

mathematics

n. the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

synonym : arithmetic, calculation, calculus

(1) a good grounding in **mathematics**, (2) **mathematics** competition

He has a flair for **mathematics**.

sufficient

adj. adequate; enough for a particular purpose or requirement

synonym: acceptable, ample, satisfactory

(1) **sufficient** time, (2) self- **sufficient** economy

That candidate does not have **sufficient** means to win an election with certainty.

propose

v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

synonym: suggest, offer, recommend

(1) **propose** the amendment, (2) **propose** changes

I want to **propose** a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.

verify

v. to check that something exists or is true, or to prove that something is correct

synonym: affirm, ascertain, confirm

(1) **verify** a document, (2) **verify** identity

We always **verify** all critical information independently.

reliable

adj. worthy of being relied on; trustworthy

synonym: dependable, trustworthy, dedicated

(1) **reliable** access, (2) guarantee **reliable** delivery

Trains are **reliable**, inexpensive, and ideal for long-distance travel.

formula

n. a group of symbols, letters, or numbers that represent a rule, law, or mathematical statement

synonym: expression, recipe, procedure

(1) structural **formula**, (2) a binomial **formula**

The teacher told the students to memorize the math **formula**.

shortcut

n. an alternative route shorter or quicker than the usual one

synonym: bypass, cutoff, alternative

(1) take a **shortcut**, (2) keyboard **shortcuts**

There is no **shortcut** to success.

- rely** v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
synonym : depend, count, lean
(1) **rely** on convenience stores, (2) **rely** entirely on him
Babies heavily **rely** on others for food.
- twist** v. to bend or turn something into a certain shape
synonym : wrench, turn, twirl
(1) **twist** around to the left, (2) **twist** a wet towel
He **twisted** pieces of rope out of straw.
- configuration** n. the arrangement or pattern of something or a group of related things
synonym : arrangement, composition, formatting
(1) **configuration** of the system, (2) engine **configuration**
The **configuration** of molecules in steel changes significantly with temperature.
- consideration** n. the act or process of giving careful thought to something; a fee charged in advance to retain the services of someone
synonym : debate, regard, deliberation
(1) mature **consideration**, (2) take into **consideration**
We can rule this possibility out from our **consideration**.
- checkerboard** n. a board having 64 squares of two alternating black and white colors used for playing draughts, also known as checker
synonym : check, plaid, patchwork
(1) **checkerboard** pattern, (2) **checkerboard** frame
This historic city is famous for its **checkerboard** streets.
- alternate** *adj.* occurring or existing one after the other regularly
synonym : substitute, back up, equivalent
(1) **alternate** choice, (2) every **alternate** year
The cleaning lady comes on **alternate** Wednesdays.

epidemic

n. the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time

synonym: outbreak, contagion, plague

(1) a worldwide **epidemic**, (2) health **epidemic**

The disease is now reaching **epidemic** proportions in our country.

apocalyptic

adj. describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world

synonym: fateful, prophetic, ominous

(1) **apocalyptic** event, (2) have **apocalyptic** overtones

The **apocalyptic** landscape of burnt-out villages and bombed-out ruins spread out before them.

proportion

n. a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole

synonym: ratio, balance, consonance

(1) direct **proportion**, (2) a building of vast **proportions**

He is more concerned about the **proportion** of his body fat than usual because of an upcoming bodybuilding competition.

episode

n. a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness

synonym: event, chapter, seizure

(1) end of the first **episode**, (2) **episode** of vertigo

I want to put that **episode** of my life behind me.

salesperson

n. a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers

synonym: dealer, seller, vendor

(1) a **salesperson** in a store, (2) a drapery **salesperson**

He received the title of the best **salesperson** in all our branches worldwide.

Session 2: Spelling

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|----------------------------|---|
| 1. major revenue ge_____or | <i>n.</i> a machine that produces electricity |
| 2. crossword pu___e | <i>n.</i> a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge;
<i>v.</i> to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand |
| 3. catch the pl___e | <i>n.</i> any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body |
| 4. harmful co_____nd | <i>n.</i> an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements |
| 5. l_b instrument | <i>n.</i> a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory |
| 6. pr_____e the amendment | <i>v.</i> to make a proposal, declare a plan for something |
| 7. con_____te his ego | <i>v.</i> to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture |
| 8. cyclonic des_____on | <i>n.</i> the act of causing so much damage to something |
| 9. pre_____ic settlements | <i>adj.</i> belonging to or existing in times before recorded history; no longer fashionable |

ANSWERS: 1. generator, 2. puzzle, 3. plague, 4. compound, 5. lab, 6. propose, 7. contaminate, 8. destruction, 9. prehistoric

10. an ai_____k chamber *n.* a chamber between two areas that can be sealed against pressure, allowing the passage of people and objects to go from one area to the other
11. health ep_____ic *n.* the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time
12. ve____y identity *v.* to check that something exists or is true, or to prove that something is correct
13. perform without hes_____on *n.* the act of pausing or being slow before saying or doing something, especially because you feel uncertain or nervous
14. apo_____ic event *adj.* describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world
15. keyboard sh_____uts *n.* an alternative route shorter or quicker than the usual one
16. volcanic v__t *n.* a small opening to escape or release gas, air, liquid, etc.; activity or process that frees or expresses strong creative energy or emotion
17. mature con_____ion *n.* the act or process of giving careful thought to something; a fee charged in advance to retain the services of someone
18. un_____h her anger *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
19. mat_____cs competition *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

ANSWERS: 10. airlock, 11. epidemic, 12. verify, 13. hesitation, 14. apocalyptic, 15. shortcut, 16. vent, 17. consideration, 18. unleash, 19. mathematics

20. ai____ne particles *adj.* moved or conveyed by or through the air; in the air
21. g__b an opportunity *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
22. take a sh____ut *n.* an alternative route shorter or quicker than the usual one
23. an al__m clock *n.* a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger
24. insulin v__l *n.* a small glass container, especially one containing liquid medicine or perfume
25. deadly pl____e *n.* any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body
26. ai____ne troop *adj.* moved or conveyed by or through the air; in the air
27. a good grounding in mat____cs *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
28. s__t and tie restaurant *n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for
29. a building of vast pro____ons *n.* a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole

ANSWERS: 20. airborne, 21. grab, 22. shortcut, 23. alarm, 24. vial, 25. plague, 26. airborne, 27. mathematics, 28. suit, 29. proportion

30. tw__t a wet towel *v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape
31. a binomial fo____a *n.* a group of symbols, letters, or numbers that represent a rule, law, or mathematical statement
32. a strain of vi__s *n.* a tiny infectious organic material that causes disease in people, animals, and plants
33. ve___y a document *v.* to check that something exists or is true, or to prove that something is correct
34. v__t tube *n.* a small opening to escape or release gas, air, liquid, etc.; activity or process that frees or expresses strong creative energy or emotion
35. co____m the diagnosis *v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case
36. take into con_____ion *n.* the act or process of giving careful thought to something; a fee charged in advance to retain the services of someone
37. thawing per_____st *n.* a layer of soil that is permanently below freezing, usually in polar regions
38. tw__t around to the left *v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape
39. al_____te choice *adj.* occurring or existing one after the other regularly
40. engine con_____ion *n.* the arrangement or pattern of something or a group of related things

ANSWERS: 30. twist, 31. formula, 32. virus, 33. verify, 34. vent, 35. confirm, 36. consideration, 37. permafrost, 38. twist, 39. alternate, 40. configuration

41. aggressive in_____ct *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
42. gr__h theory *n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
43. after some hes_____on *n.* the act of pausing or being slow before saying or doing something, especially because you feel uncertain or nervous
44. che_____ard frame *n.* a board having 64 squares of two alternating black and white colors used for playing draughts, also known as checker
45. give the al__m *n.* a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger
46. g__b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
47. every al_____te year *adj.* occurring or existing one after the other regularly
48. acute em_____cy *n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
49. a g__d design *n.* a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region

ANSWERS: 41. instinct, 42. graph, 43. hesitation, 44. checkerboard, 45. alarm, 46. grab, 47. alternate, 48. emergency, 49. grid

50. structural fo____a *n.* a group of symbols, letters, or numbers that represent a rule, law, or mathematical statement
51. random number ge_____or *n.* a machine that produces electricity
52. pr_____e changes *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
53. a wire g__d *n.* a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region
54. is_____e a patient *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
55. s__t at law *n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for
56. go on lo_____wn *n.* an emergency policy for people, communities, or a country to stay where they are, usually due to specific risks, such as COVID-19
57. em_____cy action *n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
58. che_____ard pattern *n.* a board having 64 squares of two alternating black and white colors used for playing draughts, also known as checker

ANSWERS: 50. formula, 51. generator, 52. propose, 53. grid, 54. isolate, 55. suit, 56. lockdown, 57. emergency, 58. checkerboard

59. su_____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
60. guarantee re_____le delivery *adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
61. lo_____wn area *n.* an emergency policy for people, communities, or a country to stay where they are, usually due to specific risks, such as COVID-19
62. aquatic co_____nd *n.* an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements
63. is_____e a compound *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
64. r__y entirely on him *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
65. pa__e a moment *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
66. r__y on convenience stores *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
67. ad_____nt houses *adj.* next to, close to, or adjoining something
68. con_____ion of the system *n.* the arrangement or pattern of something or a group of related things
69. pr_____ve a country's heritage *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed

ANSWERS: 59. survive, 60. reliable, 61. lockdown, 62. compound, 63. isolate, 64. rely, 65. pause, 66. rely, 67. adjacent, 68. configuration, 69. preserve

70. suf_____nt time *adj.* adequate; enough for a particular purpose or requirement
71. pr_____ve my strength *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
72. un_____h a hound *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
73. glass v__ls *n.* a small glass container, especially one containing liquid medicine or perfume
74. have apo_____ic overtones *adj.* describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world
75. per_____st area *n.* a layer of soil that is permanently below freezing, usually in polar regions
76. pa__e for a reaction *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
77. in_____ct for self-preservation *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
78. co_____m a transaction *v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case
79. a gr__h sample *n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
80. ai_____k module *n.* a chamber between two areas that can be sealed against pressure, allowing the passage of people and objects to go from one area to the other

ANSWERS: 70. sufficient, 71. preserve, 72. unleash, 73. vial, 74. apocalyptic, 75. permafrost, 76. pause, 77. instinct, 78. confirm, 79. graph, 80. airlock

81. pre_____ic times *adj.* belonging to or existing in times before recorded history; no longer fashionable
82. su_____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
83. ep_____e of vertigo *n.* a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness
84. end of the first ep_____e *n.* a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness
85. medical l_b *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
86. mathematical pu_____e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
87. a sal_____on in a store *n.* a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers
88. spread of the vi__s *n.* a tiny infectious organic material that causes disease in people, animals, and plants
89. a drapery sal_____on *n.* a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers

ANSWERS: 81. prehistoric, 82. survive, 83. episode, 84. episode, 85. lab, 86. puzzle, 87. salesperson, 88. virus, 89. salesperson

90. direct pro_____on *n.* a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole
91. ad_____nt to his house *adj.* next to, close to, or adjoining something
92. self-suf_____nt economy *adj.* adequate; enough for a particular purpose or requirement
93. con_____te with a disease *v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
94. a worldwide ep_____ic *n.* the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time
95. path of des_____on *n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
96. re_____le access *adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy

ANSWERS: 90. proportion, 91. adjacent, 92. sufficient, 93. contaminate, 94. epidemic, 95. destruction, 96. reliable

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He is more concerned about the _____ of his body fat than usual because of an upcoming bodybuilding competition.
 - n.* a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole

2. When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial _____ was to flee.
 - n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

3. He gave _____ to his anger by playing the guitar.
 - n.* a small opening to escape or release gas, air, liquid, etc.; activity or process that frees or expresses strong creative energy or emotion

4. There is no _____ to success.
 - n.* an alternative route shorter or quicker than the usual one

5. The disease is now reaching _____ proportions in our country.
 - n.* the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time

6. The mechanic has just inspected the jammed _____.
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ANSWERS: 1. proportion, 2. instinct, 3. vent, 4. shortcut, 5. epidemic, 6. airlock, 7. consideration

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n. a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
9. The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat _____.
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n. a tiny infectious organic material that causes disease in people, animals, and plants
11. Please write to _____ your reservation.
v. to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case
12. That candidate does not have _____ means to win an election with certainty.
adj. adequate; enough for a particular purpose or requirement
13. The _____ of molecules in steel changes significantly with temperature.
n. the arrangement or pattern of something or a group of related things
14. This medication is sealed in a _____.
n. a small glass container, especially one containing liquid medicine or perfume
15. The cleaning lady comes on _____ Wednesdays.
adj. occurring or existing one after the other regularly

ANSWERS: 8. graph, 9. destruction, 10. virus, 11. confirm, 12. sufficient, 13. configuration, 14. vial, 15. alternate

16. There was a _____ in her speech.

- n.* the act of pausing or being slow before saying or doing something, especially because you feel uncertain or nervous

17. The _____ announcing an enemy attack went off this morning.

- n.* a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger

18. The amount of _____ pollen this year is higher than usual.

- adj.* moved or conveyed by or through the air; in the air

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- v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

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ANSWERS: 16. hesitation, 17. alarm, 18. airborne, 19. lockdown, 20. Grid, 21. survive, 22. checkerboard, 23. compound

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- n.* a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness

25. They worked hard to _____ the nature of their native lands.

- v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed

26. He _____ pieces of rope out of straw.

- v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape

27. The president declared a state of _____.

- n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action

28. The general was still reluctant to _____ his troops in pursuit of an enemy.

- v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled

29. Scientists often fail to date archeological or _____ findings.

- adj.* belonging to or existing in times before recorded history; no longer fashionable

30. This jigsaw _____ is challenging because there are no pictures.

- n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

31. Six _____ are awaiting trial or verdict.

- n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for

ANSWERS: 24. episode, 25. preserve, 26. twisted, 27. emergency, 28. unleash, 29. prehistorical, 30. puzzle, 31. suits

32. He has a flair for _____.
- n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
33. _____ is crucial to soil stability in arctic areas.
- n.* a layer of soil that is permanently below freezing, usually in polar regions
34. We strive not to _____ the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.
- v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
35. You should not _____ them from the community.
- v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
36. The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's _____.
- n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
37. I want to _____ a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.
- v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
38. He received the title of the best _____ in all our branches worldwide.
- n.* a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers
39. The _____ landscape of burnt-out villages and bombed-out ruins spread out before them.
- adj.* describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world

ANSWERS: 32. mathematics, 33. Permafrost, 34. contaminate, 35. isolate, 36. lab, 37. propose, 38. salesperson, 39. apocalyptic

40. Most data centers have emergency _____ on standby at all times.
n. a machine that produces electricity
41. Our farm experienced a _____ of locusts this year.
n. any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body
42. The man _____ before opening the door.
v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
43. Trains are _____ inexpensive, and ideal for long-distance travel.
adj. worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
44. The teacher told the students to memorize the math _____.
n. a group of symbols, letters, or numbers that represent a rule, law, or mathematical statement
45. Our country has military alliances with _____ countries.
adj. next to, close to, or adjoining something
46. We always _____ all critical information independently.
v. to check that something exists or is true, or to prove that something is correct
47. Shall we _____ a bite to eat?
v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
48. Babies heavily _____ on others for food.
v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

ANSWERS: 40. generators, 41. plague, 42. paused, 43. reliable, 44. formula, 45. adjacent, 46. verify, 47. grab, 48. rely

ANSWERS: