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Session 1: Word List

lineup

n. the schedule of programs for a particular event; a list of people brought together to form a team or take part in an event

synonym: arrangement, program, agenda

(1) the **lineup** of new models, (2) a wide range of color

lineup

The opponent team has a strong **lineup**.

witness

n. a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident

synonym: onlooker, attestant, bystander

(1) **witness** of the car accident, (2) a material **witness**

The manufacturing industry is **witnessing** fierce competition.

identify

v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

synonym: determine, specify, recognize

(1) **identify** handwriting, (2) **identify** gene sequences

I will introduce you to how to **identify** the leading causes of the malfunction.

glimpse

n. a brief or partial view; the act of seeing something or someone for a very short time or only partly

synonym : glance, peek, sighting

(1) a momentary **glimpse**, (2) passing **glimpse**

Our team caught a **glimpse** of the world-class technique in this game.

flee

v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

synonym : exit, escape, run away

(1) **flee** their homes, (2) **flee** abroad

It is a basic instinct to **flee** from a dangerous situation.

culprit

n. someone who is responsible for a crime or wrongdoing

synonym : criminal, felon, fugitive

(1) the **culprit** of global warming, (2) the arrest of the **culprit**

They finally found the **culprit** of the bug after a long time.

solid

adj. hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality

synonym : stable, reliable, hard

(1) **solid** ally, (2) **solid** employment measures

The **solid-state** of water is called ice.

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.

consensus

n. general agreement or accord in the judgment or opinion reached by a group as a whole

synonym : agreement, accord, harmony

(1) a public **consensus**, (2) **consensus** among scientists

The two parties have reached a **consensus**.

entertainment

n. public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people

synonym : amusement, recreation, enjoyment

(1) an elegant **entertainment**, (2) hour of **entertainment**
The hotel is famous for its **entertainment**, including the casino.

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.

paradox

n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

synonym: incongruity, dichotomy, contradiction

(1) French **paradox**, (2) the **paradox** of the heap

There are many theories to explain this **paradox**.

unanimity

n. a complete agreement in opinion or resolution among a specific group of people

synonym: agreement, accord, consensus

(1) virtual **unanimity**, (2) the **unanimity** of the whole nation

The bill was passed by **unanimity**.

apparent

adj. able to see or understand easily or clearly

synonym: obvious, clear, conspicuous

(1) heir **apparent**, (2) **apparent** contradiction

This star is **apparent** to the naked eye.

uncertain

adj. not being sure of something; not being able to choose

synonym: doubtful, skeptical, pending

(1) numerous **uncertain** factors, (2) take an **uncertain** attitude

She was **uncertain** about her friend's intentions.

unanimous

adj. (of two or more people) in complete agreement; (of an opinion, decision, or vote) agreed or supported by

everyone in a group

synonym: uncontested, consistent, unified

(1) by a **unanimous** vote, (2) obtain **unanimous** consent
That bill reached a **unanimous** agreement.

verdict

n. an official opinion or decision made in a civil or criminal case or an inquest (= an inquiry into the cause of an unexpected death); the findings of a jury on issues of fact submitted to it for decision

synonym: judgment, ruling, decree

(1) the popular **verdict**, (2) jury **verdict**
The Court of Appeals upheld the **verdict**.

variance

n. the fact or quality that two or more things are different, divergent, or inconsistent; a difference between conflicting facts, claims, or opinions

synonym: difference, conflict, disagreement

(1) **variance** analysis, (2) having no **variance**
The article is at **variance** with the truth.

vary

v. to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.

synonym: alter, contrast, differ

(1) **vary** according to the age, (2) **vary** directly with the price
Maximum heart rates **vary** a lot for each individual.

distribute

v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

synonym: broadcast, disperse, hand out

(1) **distribute** wealth evenly, (2) **distribute** video content
His estate was **distributed** to his sons.

toss

v. to throw something carelessly with a light motion

synonym: throw, sway

(1) **toss** a coin, (2) **toss** the bottle into a trash can
It would be best if you **tossed** out all those old magazines.

suspect

v. to consider anything to be actual or probable
synonym: assume, distrust, surmise

(1) **suspect** a plot, (2) **suspect** that he is sick
The cops **suspected** him of being the killer.

flip

v. to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

synonym: throw, jump

(1) **flip** over the pork chop, (2) **flip** a coin
He **flipped** when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.

identification

n. the act or process of recognizing, proving, or designating someone or something

synonym: recognition, designation, label

(1) an **identification** tag for children, (2) personal **identification** number

Eye movements complicate **identification** by retinal scanning.

random

adj. made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

synonym: incidental, arbitrary, unanticipated

(1) a **random** choice, (2) bombs fell at **random**
To find drunk drivers, police conduct **random** tests.

confident

adj. feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future

synonym: certain, sure, convinced

(1) feel **confident**, (2) a **confident** remark
I'm not **confident** in our victory.

unreliable

adj. not able to be trusted or depended on

synonym: inconsistent, erratic, undependable

(1) prove **unreliable**, (2) **unreliable** source of information
By incorrect assumption, statistics can be notoriously

unreliable.

overestimate

v. to estimate something to be greater in amount or importance than it really is

synonym : overrate, overvalue, embellish

(1) **overestimate** the value, (2) **overestimate** the amount of time spent

He tends to **overestimate** his abilities.

accuracy

n. the state or degree of being exact or correct; the ability to perform something with proficiency and without mistake

synonym : precision, exactness, truthfulness

(1) degree of **accuracy**, (2) the **accuracy** of his compass

To assure **accuracy**, I recommend investing in high-quality test kits.

guilt

n. the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong

synonym : regret, remorse, blame

(1) criminal **guilt**, (2) feeling of **guilt**

Shame and **guilt** have significant social influences.

systemic

adj. affecting or related to the whole of something, especially the human body or a society

(1) the **systemic** arteries, (2) **systemic** reforms of the organization

This vaccine causes mild **systemic** side effects.

bias

n. a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

synonym : inclination, partiality, predilection

(1) **bias** against a big company, (2) have a **bias** toward socialism

She researched gender **bias** in politics.

judgment

n. the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions

synonym: conclusion, decision, determination

(1) an emotional **judgment**, (2) deliver a **judgment**

Her **judgments** are consistently rational and sensible.

incriminate

v. to make someone seem guilty of a crime or wrongdoing

synonym: accuse, indict, prosecute

(1) **incriminate** the person, (2) **incriminate** many well-known politicians

He exercised his right not to **incriminate** himself

elusive

adj. difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember

synonym: mysterious, ambiguous, inapproachable

(1) an **elusive** criminal, (2) track down an **elusive** fact

The physicist who found the **elusive** particle won the Nobel Prize.

dub

v. to give someone or something an unofficial name or nickname; to provide movies with a voice of a foreign language

synonym: name, designate, nickname

(1) **dub** the film in English, (2) **dub** data

We **dubbed** him Ironman because of his toughness.

phantom

n. a ghost or a spirit of a dead person; something existing only in your imagination or perception

synonym: ghost, spirit, apparition

(1) a **phantom** company, (2) **phantom** limb pain

The police frantically searched for clues to the **phantom** killer.

consistent

adj. always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.

synonym: coherent, constant, compatible

(1) do on a **consistent** basis, (2) get **consistent** results

You are not **consistent** in your behavior.

precis

v. to make a summary of something, such as a text or speech; (noun) a short form of the main points of an argument or theory

synonym : summarize, abstract, digest

(1) **precis** the contents of a book, (2) a **precis** of recent advances in AI

He **precis** this lengthy report in two pages.

cotton

n. a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing

(1) **cotton** cloth, (2) culture of **cotton**

The price of raw **cotton** continued to rise.

swab

n. a small piece of soft material used by a doctor, nurse, etc., for cleaning a cut or taking a sample from somebody's body for testing; (verb) apply, usually a liquid, to a surface

synonym : mop, scrub, daub

(1) alcohol **swab**, (2) cotton **swab**

He took a **swab** of his ear.

accidentally

adv. by chance or without planning

synonym : by chance, unintentionally, unwittingly

(1) they met **accidentally**, (2) **accidentally** coincide

He was **accidentally** killed by friendly fire.

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.

systematic

adj. done or acting according to a determined set of systems or plans:

synonym : periodic, frequent, organized

(1) a **systematic** reformation, (2) **systematic** botany

Science is based on the **systematic** classification of experience.

deliberate

adj. done with full consciousness of nature and effects rather than by accident

synonym : intentional, planned, careful

(1) the **deliberate** act of provocation, (2) **deliberate** attempt

Despite its advanced science and technology, the empire was **deliberate** about invasion.

fraud

n. the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses

synonym : trickery, deceit, blackmail

(1) get money by **fraud**, (2) victim of **fraud**

The police arrested them for committing insurance **fraud**.

president

n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

synonym : leader, CEO, chairperson

(1) **president** emeritus, (2) vice- **president** for finance

The club **president** does not have absolute power.

referendum

n. a general vote in which all the people of a country can vote on an important political or social issue

synonym : election, poll, vote

(1) **referendum** on abortion, (2) hold a second **referendum**

The government had a constitutional **referendum**.

turnout

n. the number of people who are present at an event or vote at an election

synonym : attendance, number, crowd

(1) the voter **turnout**, (2) an enormous **turnout** of people
The gig attracted a large **turnout**.

voter

n. a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election

synonym: elector, citizen

(1) an eligible **voter**, (2) **voter** apathy

The election administration nullified the election results because of **voter** fraud.

supposedly

adv. according to what is generally assumed or believed without actually knowing for sure

synonym: seemingly, allegedly, purportedly

(1) **supposedly** identical, (2) neckless **supposedly** made of pure gold

He is **supposedly** nominated for a Nobel Prize.

paradoxical

adj. seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true

synonym: contradictory, conflicting, perplexing

(1) a **paradoxical** anecdote, (2) apparently **paradoxical** it is **paradoxical** that the French, who prefer animal foods, live longer than people in other countries.

theoretical

adj. relating to the concepts and principles upon which a particular topic is founded, rather than practice and experience

synonym: conceptual, conjectural, ideal

(1) **theoretical** models, (2) **theoretical** physicist

Absolute zero is the lowest **theoretical** temperature.

odds

n. the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen

synonym: chances, likelihoods, probabilities

(1) **odds** in favor, (2) **odds** of business

What are the **odds** that he will survive?

variability

n. the fact or quality of something being likely to vary
synonym : variance, unevenness, inconstancy

(1) natural **variability**, (2) climate **variability**

There is considerable **variability** in all the test scores.

unlikely

adj. not probable or likely to happen

synonym : doubtful, questionable, far-fetched

(1) **unlikely** event, (2) it is **unlikely** that he would win the game

The passage of the bill is **unlikely**.

strive

v. to try very hard to do, achieve, or obtain something

synonym : preserve, endure, persist

(1) **strive** hard to get, (2) **strive** for excellence

They **strived** to make their dream come true.

harmony

n. the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties

synonym : balance, accord, congruence

(1) a **harmony** of colors, (2) break a **harmony**

We worked in perfect **harmony**.

disagree

v. to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.

synonym : discord, oppose, dissent

(1) **disagree** about a particular issue, (2) **disagree** with a plan

I **disagree** for reasons already stated above.

naturally

adv. as might be expected; by natural manners

synonym : by nature, inherently, intrinsically

(1) **naturally** arising, (2) **naturally** regenerated forest

He was **naturally** gifted.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. b__s against a big company | <i>n.</i> a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment |
| 2. v__y directly with the price | <i>v.</i> to become different in terms of size, shape, etc. |
| 3. virtual un_____ty | <i>n.</i> a complete agreement in opinion or resolution among a specific group of people |
| 4. a momentary gl_____e | <i>n.</i> a brief or partial view; the act of seeing something or someone for a very short time or only partly |
| 5. a par_____al anecdote | <i>adj.</i> seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true |
| 6. the arrest of the cu_____t | <i>n.</i> someone who is responsible for a crime or wrongdoing |
| 7. wi_____s of the car accident | <i>n.</i> a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident |
| 8. del_____te attempt | <i>adj.</i> done with full consciousness of nature and effects rather than by accident |
| 9. a ra___m choice | <i>adj.</i> made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern |
| 10. take an un_____in attitude | <i>adj.</i> not being sure of something; not being able to choose |

ANSWERS: 1. bias, 2. vary, 3. unanimity, 4. glimpse, 5. paradoxical, 6. culprit, 7. witness, 8. deliberate, 9. random, 10. uncertain

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| 11. st___e for excellence | v. | to try very hard to do, achieve, or obtain something |
| 12. di_____ee about a particular issue | v. | to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc. |
| 13. na_____ly regenerated forest | adv. | as might be expected; by natural manners |
| 14. an eligible vo__r | n. | a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election |
| 15. pr___s the contents of a book | v. | to make a summary of something, such as a text or speech; (noun) a short form of the main points of an argument or theory |
| 16. a ph_____m company | n. | a ghost or a spirit of a dead person; something existing only in your imagination or perception |
| 17. the voter tu_____t | n. | the number of people who are present at an event or vote at an election |
| 18. have a b__s toward socialism | n. | a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment |
| 19. ref_____um on abortion | n. | a general vote in which all the people of a country can vote on an important political or social issue |
| 20. acc_____lly coincide | adv. | by chance or without planning |
| 21. the popular ve_____t | n. | an official opinion or decision made in a civil or criminal case or an inquest (= an inquiry into the cause of an unexpected death); the findings of a jury on issues of fact submitted to it for decision |

ANSWERS: 11. strive, 12. disagree, 13. naturally, 14. voter, 15. precis, 16. phantom, 17. turnout, 18. bias, 19. referendum, 20. accidentally, 21. verdict

22. v__y according to the age *v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
23. ove_____ate the value *v.* to estimate something to be greater in amount or importance than it really is
24. un_____ly event *adj.* not probable or likely to happen
25. the pa_____x of the heap *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
26. f__p over the pork chop *v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
27. French pa_____x *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
28. a public co_____us *n.* general agreement or accord in the judgment or opinion reached by a group as a whole
29. the_____al physicist *adj.* relating to the concepts and principles upon which a particular topic is founded, rather than practice and experience
30. they met acc_____lly *adv.* by chance or without planning
31. o__s in favor *n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
32. natural var_____ty *n.* the fact or quality of something being likely to vary

ANSWERS: 22. vary, 23. overestimate, 24. unlikely, 25. paradox, 26. flip, 27. paradox, 28. consensus, 29. theoretical, 30. accidentally, 31. odds, 32. variability

33. a ha_____y of colors *n.* the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties
34. con_____te with a disease *v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
35. a wide range of color li____p *n.* the schedule of programs for a particular event; a list of people brought together to form a team or take part in an event
36. unr_____le source of information *adj.* not able to be trusted or depended on
37. jury ve_____t *n.* an official opinion or decision made in a civil or criminal case or an inquest (= an inquiry into the cause of an unexpected death); the findings of a jury on issues of fact submitted to it for decision
38. co_____us among scientists *n.* general agreement or accord in the judgment or opinion reached by a group as a whole
39. a material wi_____s *n.* a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident
40. sup_____ly identical *adv.* according to what is generally assumed or believed without actually knowing for sure
41. t__s a coin *v.* to throw something carelessly with a light motion
42. dis_____te wealth evenly *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

ANSWERS: 33. harmony, 34. contaminate, 35. lineup, 36. unreliable, 37. verdict, 38. consensus, 39. witness, 40. supposedly, 41. toss, 42. distribute

43. an el_____e criminal *adj.* difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember
44. vo__r apathy *n.* a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
45. heir ap_____nt *adj.* able to see or understand easily or clearly
46. the del_____te act of provocation *adj.* done with full consciousness of nature and effects rather than by accident
47. pr_____nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
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52. degree of ac_____cy *n.* the state or degree of being exact or correct; the ability to perform something with proficiency and without mistake
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ANSWERS: 43. elusive, 44. voter, 45. apparent, 46. deliberate, 47. president, 48. unanimous, 49. unlikely, 50. confident, 51. uncertain, 52. accuracy, 53. variance

54. a sys_____ic reformation *adj.* done or acting according to a determined set of systems or plans:
55. hold a second ref_____um *n.* a general vote in which all the people of a country can vote on an important political or social issue
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ANSWERS: 54. systematic, 55. referendum, 56. identify, 57. identification, 58. suspect, 59. solid, 60. elusive, 61. consistent, 62. overestimate, 63. theoretical, 64. guilt

65. get money by fr__d *n.* the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses
66. guarantee re_____le delivery *adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
67. get con_____nt results *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
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ANSWERS: 65. fraud, 66. reliable, 67. consistent, 68. phantom, 69. cotton, 70. flee, 71. judgment, 72. toss, 73. identification, 74. incriminate, 75. confident

76. cotton s__b *n.* a small piece of soft material used by a doctor, nurse, etc., for cleaning a cut or taking a sample from somebody's body for testing; (verb) apply, usually a liquid, to a surface
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104. hour of ent_____ent *n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
105. su_____t a plot *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
106. climate var_____ty *n.* the fact or quality of something being likely to vary

ANSWERS: 97. odds, 98. rely, 99. fraud, 100. flip, 101. unanimous, 102. cotton, 103. incriminate, 104. entertainment, 105. suspect, 106. variability

107. alcohol s__b *n.* a small piece of soft material used by a doctor, nurse, etc., for cleaning a cut or taking a sample from somebody's body for testing; (verb) apply, usually a liquid, to a surface
108. the sy____ic arteries *adj.* affecting or related to the whole of something, especially the human body or a society
109. the ac____cy of his compass *n.* the state or degree of being exact or correct; the ability to perform something with proficiency and without mistake
110. 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.
111. the cu____t of global warming *n.* someone who is responsible for a crime or wrongdoing
112. break a ha____y *n.* the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties
113. prove unr____le *adj.* not able to be trusted or depended on
114. va____ce analysis *n.* the fact or quality that two or more things are different, divergent, or inconsistent; a difference between conflicting facts, claims, or opinions
115. na____ly arising *adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
116. di____ee with a plan *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.

ANSWERS: 107. swab, 108. systemic, 109. accuracy, 110. rely, 111. culprit, 112. harmony, 113. unreliable, 114. variance, 115. naturally, 116. disagree

117. apparently par_____al *adj.* seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true
118. sys_____ic botany *adj.* done or acting according to a determined set of systems or plans:
119. feeling of gu__t *n.* the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong
120. re_____le access *adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy

ANSWERS: 117. paradoxical, 118. systematic, 119. guilt, 120. reliable

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The price of raw _____ continued to rise.
n. a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing
2. The hotel is famous for its _____ including the casino.
n. public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
3. By incorrect assumption, statistics can be notoriously _____.
adj. not able to be trusted or depended on
4. He was _____ gifted.
adv. as might be expected; by natural manners
5. Her _____ are consistently rational and sensible.
n. the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
6. The police frantically searched for clues to the _____ killer.
n. a ghost or a spirit of a dead person; something existing only in your imagination or perception
7. it is _____ that the French, who prefer animal foods, live longer than people in other countries.
adj. seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true
8. The _____ of water is called ice.
adj. hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality

ANSWERS: 1. cotton, 2. entertainment, 3. unreliable, 4. naturally, 5. judgments, 6. phantom, 7. paradoxical, 8. solid-state

9. We strive not to _____ the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.
v. to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
10. Eye movements complicate _____ by retinal scanning.
n. the act or process of recognizing, proving, or designating someone or something
11. The Court of Appeals upheld the _____.
n. an official opinion or decision made in a civil or criminal case or an inquest (= an inquiry into the cause of an unexpected death); the findings of a jury on issues of fact submitted to it for decision
12. He took a _____ of his ear.
n. a small piece of soft material used by a doctor, nurse, etc., for cleaning a cut or taking a sample from somebody's body for testing; (verb) apply, usually a liquid, to a surface
13. He is _____ nominated for a Nobel Prize.
adv. according to what is generally assumed or believed without actually knowing for sure
14. The two parties have reached a _____.
n. general agreement or accord in the judgment or opinion reached by a group as a whole
15. I _____ for reasons already stated above.
v. to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
16. Science is based on the _____ classification of experience.
adj. done or acting according to a determined set of systems or plans:

ANSWERS: 9. contaminate, 10. identification, 11. verdict, 12. swab, 13. supposedly, 14. consensus, 15. disagree, 16. systematic

17. That bill reached a _____ agreement.

adj. (of two or more people) in complete agreement; (of an opinion, decision, or vote) agreed or supported by everyone in a group

18. He _____ this lengthy report in two pages.

v. to make a summary of something, such as a text or speech; (noun) a short form of the main points of an argument or theory

19. He exercised his right not to _____ himself

v. to make someone seem guilty of a crime or wrongdoing

20. The gig attracted a large _____.

n. the number of people who are present at an event or vote at an election

21. They finally found the _____ of the bug after a long time.

n. someone who is responsible for a crime or wrongdoing

22. 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.

23. His estate was _____ to his sons.

v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

24. Our team caught a _____ of the world-class technique in this game.

n. a brief or partial view; the act of seeing something or someone for a very short time or only partly

ANSWERS: 17. unanimous, 18. precis, 19. incriminate, 20. turnout, 21. culprit, 22. rely, 23. distributed, 24. glimpse

25. You are not _____ in your behavior.

adj. always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.

26. There is considerable _____ in all the test scores.

n. the fact or quality of something being likely to vary

27. I will introduce you to how to _____ the leading causes of the malfunction.

v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

28. It is a basic instinct to _____ from a dangerous situation.

v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

29. There are many theories to explain this _____.

n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

30. They _____ to make their dream come true.

v. to try very hard to do, achieve, or obtain something

31. I'm not _____ in our victory.

adj. feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future

32. The government had a constitutional _____.

n. a general vote in which all the people of a country can vote on an important political or social issue

33. She researched gender _____ in politics.

n. a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

ANSWERS: 25. consistent, 26. variability, 27. identify, 28. flee, 29. paradox, 30. strived, 31. confident, 32. referendum, 33. bias

34. Shame and _____ have significant social influences.
n. the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong
35. What are the _____ that he will survive?
n. the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
36. The bill was passed by _____.
n. a complete agreement in opinion or resolution among a specific group of people
37. The election administration nullified the election results because of _____ fraud.
n. a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
38. He was _____ killed by friendly fire.
adv. by chance or without planning
39. To assure _____ I recommend investing in high-quality test kits.
n. the state or degree of being exact or correct; the ability to perform something with proficiency and without mistake
40. To find drunk drivers, police conduct _____ tests.
adj. made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
41. The opponent team has a strong _____.
n. the schedule of programs for a particular event; a list of people brought together to form a team or take part in an event

ANSWERS: 34. guilt, 35. odds, 36. unanimity, 37. voter, 38. accidentally, 39. accuracy, 40. random, 41. lineup

42. This vaccine causes mild _____ side effects.
adj. affecting or related to the whole of something, especially the human body or a society
43. The physicist who found the _____ particle won the Nobel Prize.
adj. difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember
44. Maximum heart rates _____ a lot for each individual.
v. to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
45. We _____ him Ironman because of his toughness.
v. to give someone or something an unofficial name or nickname; to provide movies with a voice of a foreign language
46. The passage of the bill is _____.
adj. not probable or likely to happen
47. The cops _____ him of being the killer.
v. to consider anything to be actual or probable
48. He tends to _____ his abilities.
v. to estimate something to be greater in amount or importance than it really is
49. Despite its advanced science and technology, the empire was _____ about invasion.
adj. done with full consciousness of nature and effects rather than by accident
50. We worked in perfect _____.
n. the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties

ANSWERS: 42. systemic, 43. elusive, 44. vary, 45. dubbed, 46. unlikely, 47. suspected, 48. overestimate, 49. deliberate, 50. harmony

51. It would be best if you _____ out all those old magazines.

v. to throw something carelessly with a light motion

52. Absolute zero is the lowest _____ temperature.

adj. relating to the concepts and principles upon which a particular topic is founded, rather than practice and experience

53. She was _____ about her friend's intentions.

adj. not being sure of something; not being able to choose

54. The club _____ does not have absolute power.

n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

55. The manufacturing industry is _____ fierce competition.

n. a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident

56. The article is at _____ with the truth.

n. the fact or quality that two or more things are different, divergent, or inconsistent; a difference between conflicting facts, claims, or opinions

57. Trains are _____ inexpensive, and ideal for long-distance travel.

adj. worthy of being relied on; trustworthy

58. This star is _____ to the naked eye.

adj. able to see or understand easily or clearly

59. He _____ when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.

v. to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

ANSWERS: 51. tossed, 52. theoretical, 53. uncertain, 54. president, 55. witnessing, 56. variance, 57. reliable, 58. apparent, 59. flipped

60. The police arrested them for committing insurance _____.

- n.* the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses

ANSWERS: 60. fraud