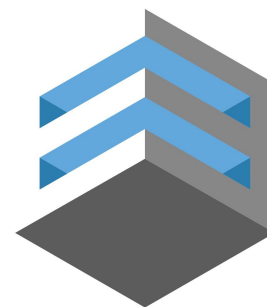


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## Session 1: Word List

### ancient

*adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

*synonym*: archaic, age-old, obsolete

(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories

They have been living near water since **ancient** times.

### conquer

*v.* to bring under control by force or authority

*synonym*: defeat, overpower, subdue

(1) **conquer** fatal disease, (2) **conquer** the world

You must **conquer** your anxiety about driving.

### rival

*n.* a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area

*synonym*: adversary, competitor, contender

(1) **rival** bidder, (2) merge with a **rival** company

He interfered with his **rivals** in various ways during the campaign.

### reign

*n.* the period of time during which a monarch or government holds power; (verb) to be the king or queen

*synonym*: rule, governance, sovereignty

(1) **reign** of a dictator, (2) **reign** as sovereign

The dictator's **reign** was characterized by widespread human

rights abuses and suppression of political opposition.

## lawbreaker

*n.* a person who breaks the law, especially habitually or deliberately

*synonym*: criminal, offender, transgressor

(1) **lawbreaker** behavior, (2) accuse and judge **lawbreaker**

The **lawbreaker's** past criminal record was considered when determining the sentence.

## concept

*n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract

*synonym*: idea, notion, vision

(1) learn new **concepts**, (2) **concept** car

One such rapidly growing **concept** is quantum cryptography.

## unheard-of

*adj.* extraordinary or unprecedented, and therefore surprising or shocking

*synonym*: unprecedented, extraordinary, unimaginable

(1) **unheard-of** success, (2) **unheard-of** in the previous generation

The company's sales reached an **unheard-of** level, breaking all previous records.

## novelty

*n.* the quality of being new, attractive, and unusual

*synonym*: originality, newness, wonder

(1) bit of a **novelty**, (2) the **novelty** of an invention

In Europe, this tropical fruit is still a **novelty**.

## govern

*v.* to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services

*synonym*: control, rule, preside

(1) a nation's right to **govern**, (2) **govern** a public enterprise

The regulations **governing** medical malpractice claims are rigorous.

## whim

*n.* a sudden idea or desire, especially one that cannot be reasonably explained

*synonym*: fancy, caprice, whimsy

(1) at the **whim** of circumstance, (2) **whim** of youth

He quit his job on a **whim** and moved to a new city.

## despot

*n.* a ruler with absolute power, especially one who abuses that power.

*synonym*: tyrant, autocrat, dictator

(1) evil **despot**, (2) the **despot's** reign

The country's people lived under the **despot's** rule for many years, enduring abuse and persecution.

## cruel

*adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others

*synonym*: heartless, sadistic, vicious

(1) a **cruel** and unusual punishment, (2) **cruel** joke

The dictator was known for his **cruel** and oppressive regime.

## prescribe

*v.* (of a doctor) to advise and order the use of particular medicine or treatment for someone, especially in writing; to issue commands or orders for something

*synonym*: define, specify, stipulate

(1) **prescribe** a drug, (2) **prescribe** in the preceding paragraph

Federal bankruptcy laws **prescribed** the reorganization process.

## penalty

*n.* a punishment for violating a law, rule, or contract

*synonym*: punishment, sentence, fine

(1) death **penalty**, (2) corner of the **penalty** area

The lawyer was reinstated after paying the **penalty**.

## infraction

*n.* a violation of a law or rule, especially a minor one

*synonym*: violation, breach, offense

(1) a doping **infraction**, (2) **infraction** of a rule

The driver was issued a citation for a minor **infraction** of the traffic laws.

## **tavern**

*n.* a public place where alcoholic drinks are served

*synonym*: bar, pub, saloon

(1) drink in a **tavern**, (2) traditional **taverns**

The **tavern** keeper was a friendly man who always had a good joke.

## **harbor**

*n.* an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession

*synonym*: port, dock, pier

(1) a sheltered **harbor**, (2) **harbor** a resentment

The tsunami swamped every boat in the **harbor**.

## **slave**

*n.* a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person

*synonym*: captive, bondservant, hard worker

(1) a **slave** of drink, (2) a **slave** trader

You should work hard but not be a **slave** to it.

## **crude**

*adj.* being in an unrefined or natural state; (noun) the unprocessed form of oil

*synonym*: unrefined, native, vulgar

(1) price of **crude** oil, (2) **crude** manners

His **crude** jokes made her angry.

## **superstition**

*n.* a belief or practice that is not based on science or reason and that is often connected with a religion

*synonym*: belief, folklore, myth

(1) **superstition** in religion, (2) believe in **superstition**

There is a surviving **superstition** that black cats are a symbol of bad luck.

## dispute

*n.* a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one

*synonym*: argument, disagreement, quarrel

(1) a legal **dispute** over the title, (2) **dispute** settlement

The **dispute** over the ownership of the land has been ongoing for years.

## accuse

*v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

*synonym*: charge, blame, criticize

(1) **accuse** his rudeness, (2) **accuse** each other

The witness **accused** the defendant of committing the robbery.

## guilty

*adj.* feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal

*synonym*: culpable, blameworthy, at fault

(1) feel a bit **guilty**, (2) **guilty** verdict

After much contemplation, the suspect decided to plead **guilty** to the theft charge.

## drown

*v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

*synonym*: douse, drench, overwhelm

(1) **drown** in a bath, (2) I was **drowned** in work

Floods have the potential to **drown** any subsurface animals easily.

## innocent

*adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge

*synonym*: blameless, honest, harmless

(1) an **innocent** child, (2) thousands of **innocent** people

My husband was found **innocent** of any crime.

## unhurt

*adj.* not injured or harmed

*synonym*: uninjured, unscathed, unharmed

(1) escape **unhurt**, (2) **unhurt** passenger

The hikers were **unhurt**, despite being lost in the woods for three days.

## scribe

*n.* a person who writes out copies of documents or manuscripts, especially in ancient times

*synonym*: copyist, transcriber, writer

(1) **scribe** in ancient Egypt, (2) financial **scribe**

The **scribe's** skills were in high demand in medieval times, when many people were illiterate.

## inscription

*n.* a message or design that is written or engraved on a surface of something, such as stone or metal

*synonym*: engraving, writing, script

(1) **inscription** on a plaque, (2) funerary **inscriptions**

The ancient coin had an **inscription** in Latin and a picture of the emperor on the other side.

## alter

*v.* to cause to change or make different

*synonym*: change, vary, adjust

(1) **alter** a decision, (2) **alter** data in a file

The design of the webpage has **altered** slightly.

## uphold

*v.* to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.

*synonym*: defend, maintain, sustain

(1) **uphold** the law, (2) **uphold** tradition

The judge may **uphold** the decision of the lower court.

## impulse

*n.* a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber

*synonym*: stimulation, provocation, urge

(1) a combative **impulse**, (2) profound religious **impulses**

Nerve **impulses** cross a synapse through the action of neurotransmitters.

## arbitrary

*adj.* based on chance, or individual whim rather than any reason

*synonym*: autocratic, dictatorial, whimsical

(1) **arbitrary** size and shape, (2) the **arbitrary** rule of a dictator

He collected data to avoid **arbitrary** decisions.

## revolutionary

*adj.* relating to or characterized by a complete or dramatic change

*synonym*: radical, innovative, groundbreaking

(1) **revolutionary** change, (2) enforce **revolutionary** justice

The **revolutionary** leader inspired others to join the fight for freedom and democracy.

## fundamental

*adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

*synonym*: basic, essential, entire

(1) **fundamental** education, (2) **fundamental** rights

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

## hallmark

*n.* a distinctive characteristic or attribute of a person or thing

*synonym*: symbol, authentication, indication

(1) the **hallmark** of a good scientist, (2) the **hallmark** of modern life

A clear and simple expression is the **hallmark** of good writing.

## addition

*n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

*synonym*: accumulation, expansion, addendum

(1) chemical **addition**, (2) **addition** of vectors

In **addition**, private corporations provide healthcare services.

## unearth

*v.* to discover or bring to light something that is in the ground or was previously hidden or unknown

*synonym*: discover, uncover, expose

(1) **unearth** burial mound, (2) **unearth** a mystery  
The detective **unearthed** a critical clue that led to the suspect's arrest.

## archaeology

*n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures

(1) the institute of **archaeology**, (2) prehistoric **archaeology**  
She teaches **archaeology** at the local university.

## inscribe

*v.* to write or carve something on a surface, especially as a formal or permanent record

*synonym*: engrave, carve, etch

(1) **inscribe** a message, (2) **inscribe** in her mind clearly  
The artist **inscribed** a beautiful design on the surface of the vase.

## cuneiform

*adj.* of or relating to a form of writing consisting of pressing a reed stylus into clay to create wedge-shaped marks used in ancient Mesopotamia

*synonym*: wedge-shaped, triangular, pyramidal

(1) **cuneiform** writing, (2) external **cuneiform** bone  
The **cuneiform** tablets contain some of the oldest known examples of literature.

## scholar

*n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university

*synonym*: professor, pupil, learner

(1) **scholar** in international politics, (2) noted **scholar**  
You won't have to pay college tuition if you're a **scholar**.

## decode

*v.* to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand

*synonym*: decipher, translate, interpret

(1) **decode** a message, (2) ability to **decode** the differences  
The software could **decode** the encrypted data and reveal



the hidden information.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|---|---|
| 1. fun_____al education                 | <i>adj.</i> forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected  |
| 2. de___e a message                     | <i>v.</i> to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand                                      |
| 3. pr_____be in the preceding paragraph | <i>v.</i> (of a doctor) to advise and order the use of particular medicine or treatment for someone, especially in writing; to issue commands or orders for something |
| 4. an in_____nt child                   | <i>adj.</i> not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge  |
| 5. corner of the pe_____y area          | <i>n.</i> a punishment for violating a law, rule, or contract   |
| 6. enforce rev_____ary justice          | <i>adj.</i> relating to or characterized by a complete or dramatic change   |
| 7. di_____e settlement                  | <i>n.</i> a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one  |
| 8. re__n of a dictator                  | <i>n.</i> the period of time during which a monarch or government holds power; (verb) to be the king or queen   |
| 9. a doping inf_____on                  | <i>n.</i> a violation of a law or rule, especially a minor one  |

ANSWERS: 1. fundamental, 2. decode, 3. prescribe, 4. innocent, 5. penalty, 6. revolutionary, 7. dispute, 8. reign, 9. infraction

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|---|---|
| 10. a cr__l and unusual punishment        | <i>adj.</i> feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others  |
| 11. financial sc___e                      | <i>n.</i> a person who writes out copies of documents or manuscripts, especially in ancient times                                 |
| 12. ad_____on of vectors                  | <i>n.</i> the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers                                 |
| 13. unh_____of success                    | <i>adj.</i> extraordinary or unprecedented, and therefore surprising or shocking  |
| 14. cr__e manners                         | <i>adj.</i> being in an unrefined or natural state; (noun) the unprocessed form of oil  |
| 15. I was dr__ned in work                 | <i>v.</i> to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater  |
| 16. re__n as sovereign                    | <i>n.</i> the period of time during which a monarch or government holds power; (verb) to be the king or queen                     |
| 17. unh_____of in the previous generation | <i>adj.</i> extraordinary or unprecedented, and therefore surprising or shocking  |
| 18. ri__l bidder                          | <i>n.</i> a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area                                |
| 19. fun_____al rights                     | <i>adj.</i> forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected                                  |
| 20. an_____t stories                      | <i>adj.</i> relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old |

ANSWERS: 10. cruel, 11. scribe, 12. addition, 13. unheard-of, 14. crude, 15. drown, 16. reign, 17. unheard-of, 18. rival, 19. fundamental, 20. ancient

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| 21. dr__n in a bath               | <i>v.</i> to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater   |
| 22. feel a bit gu___y             | <i>adj.</i> feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal   |
| 23. up___d the law                | <i>v.</i> to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.  |
| 24. thousands of in_____nt people | <i>adj.</i> not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge   |
| 25. a sl__e trader                | <i>n.</i> a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person                                    |
| 26. accuse and judge law_____er   | <i>n.</i> a person who breaks the law, especially habitually or deliberately   |
| 27. chemical ad_____on            | <i>n.</i> the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers  |
| 28. a nation's right to go___n    | <i>v.</i> to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services |
| 29. w__m of youth                 | <i>n.</i> a sudden idea or desire, especially one that cannot be reasonably explained  |
| 30. cr__l joke                    | <i>adj.</i> feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others   |
| 31. a sl__e of drink              | <i>n.</i> a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person                                    |

ANSWERS: 21. drown, 22. guilty, 23. uphold, 24. innocent, 25. slave, 26. lawbreaker, 27. addition, 28. govern, 29. whim, 30. cruel, 31. slave

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| 32. co____r fatal disease             | <i>v.</i> to bring under control by force or authority  |
| 33. escape un____t                    | <i>adj.</i> not injured or harmed   |
| 34. sc____e in ancient Egypt          | <i>n.</i> a person who writes out copies of documents or manuscripts, especially in ancient times           |
| 35. the ar____ry rule of a dictator   | <i>adj.</i> based on chance, or individual whim rather than any reason                                      |
| 36. up____d tradition                 | <i>v.</i> to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.                               |
| 37. un____h burial mound              | <i>v.</i> to discover or bring to light something that is in the ground or was previously hidden or unknown |
| 38. price of cr__e oil                | <i>adj.</i> being in an unrefined or natural state; (noun) the unprocessed form of oil                      |
| 39. drink in a ta____n                | <i>n.</i> a public place where alcoholic drinks are served  |
| 40. the ha____rk of modern life       | <i>n.</i> a distinctive characteristic or attribute of a person or thing                                    |
| 41. sc____r in international politics | <i>n.</i> professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university       |
| 42. evil de____t                      | <i>n.</i> a ruler with absolute power, especially one who abuses that power.                                |
| 43. prehistoric arc______gy           | <i>n.</i> the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures                     |
| 44. the ha____rk of a good scientist  | <i>n.</i> a distinctive characteristic or attribute of a person or thing                                    |

ANSWERS: 32. conquer, 33. unhurt, 34. scribe, 35. arbitrary, 36. uphold, 37. unearth, 38. crude, 39. tavern, 40. hallmark, 41. scholar, 42. despot, 43. archaeology, 44. hallmark

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| 45. believe in sup_____ion        | <i>n.</i> a belief or practice that is not based on science or reason and that is often connected with a religion   |
| 46. in_____be in her mind clearly | <i>v.</i> to write or carve something on a surface, especially as a formal or permanent record  |
| 47. un____t passenger             | <i>adj.</i> not injured or harmed   |
| 48. gu____y verdict               | <i>adj.</i> feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal  |
| 49. in_____be a message           | <i>v.</i> to write or carve something on a surface, especially as a formal or permanent record  |
| 50. ar_____ry size and shape      | <i>adj.</i> based on chance, or individual whim rather than any reason  |
| 51. ins_____on on a plaque        | <i>n.</i> a message or design that is written or engraved on a surface of something, such as stone or metal   |
| 52. bit of a no_____y             | <i>n.</i> the quality of being new, attractive, and unusual   |
| 53. inf_____on of a rule          | <i>n.</i> a violation of a law or rule, especially a minor one  |
| 54. a sheltered ha____r           | <i>n.</i> an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession |
| 55. the no_____y of an invention  | <i>n.</i> the quality of being new, attractive, and unusual   |

ANSWERS: 45. superstition, 46. inscribe, 47. unhurt, 48. guilty, 49. inscribe, 50. arbitrary, 51. inscription, 52. novelty, 53. infraction, 54. harbor, 55. novelty

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| 56. traditional ta___ns               | <i>n.</i> a public place where alcoholic drinks are served  |
| 57. external cu_____rm bone           | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to a form of writing consisting of pressing a reed stylus into clay to create wedge-shaped marks used in ancient Mesopotamia |
| 58. al__r a decision                  | <i>v.</i> to cause to change or make different  |
| 59. sup_____ion in religion           | <i>n.</i> a belief or practice that is not based on science or reason and that is often connected with a religion                                       |
| 60. the de___t's reign                | <i>n.</i> a ruler with absolute power, especially one who abuses that power.  |
| 61. ability to de___e the differences | <i>v.</i> to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand                        |
| 62. co_____t car                      | <i>n.</i> an idea or principle associated with something abstract   |
| 63. merge with a ri___l company       | <i>n.</i> a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area  |
| 64. ac___e each other                 | <i>v.</i> to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing   |
| 65. a combative im_____e              | <i>n.</i> a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber                      |
| 66. pre-Christian an_____t            | <i>adj.</i> relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old                       |

ANSWERS: 56. tavern, 57. cuneiform, 58. alter, 59. superstition, 60. despot, 61. decode, 62. concept, 63. rival, 64. accuse, 65. impulse, 66. ancient

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| 67. a legal di_____e over the title | <i>n.</i> a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one  |
| 68. death pe_____y                  | <i>n.</i> a punishment for violating a law, rule, or contract   |
| 69. noted sc_____r                  | <i>n.</i> professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university   |
| 70. learn new co_____ts             | <i>n.</i> an idea or principle associated with something abstract   |
| 71. profound religious im_____es    | <i>n.</i> a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber  |
| 72. ac_____e his rudeness           | <i>v.</i> to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing   |
| 73. co_____r the world              | <i>v.</i> to bring under control by force or authority  |
| 74. ha_____r a resentment           | <i>n.</i> an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession |
| 75. cu_____rm writing               | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to a form of writing consisting of pressing a reed stylus into clay to create wedge-shaped marks used in ancient Mesopotamia                               |
| 76. the institute of arc_____gy     | <i>n.</i> the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures   |

ANSWERS: 67. dispute, 68. penalty, 69. scholar, 70. concept, 71. impulse, 72. accuse, 73. conquer, 74. harbor, 75. cuneiform, 76. archaeology



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| 77. rev_____ary change          | <i>adj.</i> relating to or characterized by a complete or dramatic change  |
| 78. funerary ins_____ons        | <i>n.</i> a message or design that is written or engraved on a surface of something, such as stone or metal  |
| 79. al__r data in a file        | <i>v.</i> to cause to change or make different   |
| 80. un_____h a mystery          | <i>v.</i> to discover or bring to light something that is in the ground or was previously hidden or unknown  |
| 81. pr_____be a drug            | <i>v.</i> (of a doctor) to advise and order the use of particular medicine or treatment for someone, especially in writing; to issue commands or orders for something  |
| 82. law_____er behavior         | <i>n.</i> a person who breaks the law, especially habitually or deliberately   |
| 83. at the w__m of circumstance | <i>n.</i> a sudden idea or desire, especially one that cannot be reasonably explained  |
| 84. go___n a public enterprise  | <i>v.</i> to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services |

ANSWERS: 77. revolutionary, 78. inscription, 79. alter, 80. unearth, 81. prescribe, 82. lawbreaker, 83. whim, 84. govern

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ over the ownership of the land has been ongoing for years.  
*n.* a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ skills were in high demand in medieval times, when many people were illiterate.  
*n.* a person who writes out copies of documents or manuscripts, especially in ancient times
3. The ancient coin had an \_\_\_\_\_ in Latin and a picture of the emperor on the other side.  
*n.* a message or design that is written or engraved on a surface of something, such as stone or metal
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ leader inspired others to join the fight for freedom and democracy.  
*adj.* relating to or characterized by a complete or dramatic change
5. The dictator was known for his \_\_\_\_\_ and oppressive regime.  
*adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ tablets contain some of the oldest known examples of literature.  
*adj.* of or relating to a form of writing consisting of pressing a reed stylus into clay to create wedge-shaped marks used in ancient Mesopotamia
7. The software could \_\_\_\_\_ the encrypted data and reveal the hidden information.  
*v.* to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand

ANSWERS: 1. dispute, 2. scribe's, 3. inscription, 4. revolutionary, 5. cruel, 6. cuneiform, 7. decode

8. One such rapidly growing \_\_\_\_\_ is quantum cryptography.  
*n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
9. The country's people lived under the \_\_\_\_\_ rule for many years, enduring abuse and persecution.  
*n.* a ruler with absolute power, especially one who abuses that power.
10. Nerve \_\_\_\_\_ cross a synapse through the action of neurotransmitters.  
*n.* a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber
11. His \_\_\_\_\_ jokes made her angry.  
*adj.* being in an unrefined or natural state; (noun) the unprocessed form of oil
12. My husband was found \_\_\_\_\_ of any crime.  
*adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
13. You won't have to pay college tuition if you're a \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university
14. He quit his job on a \_\_\_\_\_ and moved to a new city.  
*n.* a sudden idea or desire, especially one that cannot be reasonably explained
15. He collected data to avoid \_\_\_\_\_ decisions.  
*adj.* based on chance, or individual whim rather than any reason
16. The company's sales reached an \_\_\_\_\_ level, breaking all previous records.  
*adj.* extraordinary or unprecedented, and therefore surprising or shocking

ANSWERS: 8. concept, 9. despot's, 10. impulses, 11. crude, 12. innocent, 13. scholar, 14. whim, 15. arbitrary, 16. unheard-of

17. The regulations \_\_\_\_\_ medical malpractice claims are rigorous.

- v.* to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services

18. The judge may \_\_\_\_\_ the decision of the lower court.

- v.* to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.

19. You must \_\_\_\_\_ your anxiety about driving.

- v.* to bring under control by force or authority

20. The design of the webpage has \_\_\_\_\_ slightly.

- v.* to cause to change or make different

21. They have been living near water since \_\_\_\_\_ times.

- adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

22. There is a surviving \_\_\_\_\_ that black cats are a symbol of bad luck.

- n.* a belief or practice that is not based on science or reason and that is often connected with a religion

23. The lawyer was reinstated after paying the \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* a punishment for violating a law, rule, or contract

24. After much contemplation, the suspect decided to plead \_\_\_\_\_ to the theft charge.

- adj.* feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal

ANSWERS: 17. governing, 18. uphold, 19. conquer, 20. altered, 21. ancient, 22. superstition, 23. penalty, 24. guilty

25. The driver was issued a citation for a minor \_\_\_\_\_ of the traffic laws.

*n.* a violation of a law or rule, especially a minor one

26. The artist \_\_\_\_\_ a beautiful design on the surface of the vase.

*v.* to write or carve something on a surface, especially as a formal or permanent record

27. Human behavior has \_\_\_\_\_ characteristics.

*adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

28. You should work hard but not be a \_\_\_\_\_ to it.

*n.* a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person

29. In \_\_\_\_\_ private corporations provide healthcare services.

*n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

30. Floods have the potential to \_\_\_\_\_ any subsurface animals easily.

*v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

31. She teaches \_\_\_\_\_ at the local university.

*n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures

32. The hikers were \_\_\_\_\_ despite being lost in the woods for three days.

*adj.* not injured or harmed

33. The \_\_\_\_\_ past criminal record was considered when determining the sentence.

*n.* a person who breaks the law, especially habitually or deliberately

ANSWERS: 25. infraction, 26. inscribed, 27. fundamental, 28. slave, 29. addition, 30. drown, 31. archaeology, 32. unhurt, 33. lawbreaker's

34. The tsunami swamped every boat in the \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession
35. A clear and simple expression is the \_\_\_\_\_ of good writing.  
*n.* a distinctive characteristic or attribute of a person or thing
36. The detective \_\_\_\_\_ a critical clue that led to the suspect's arrest.  
*v.* to discover or bring to light something that is in the ground or was previously hidden or unknown
37. In Europe, this tropical fruit is still a \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the quality of being new, attractive, and unusual
38. He interfered with his \_\_\_\_\_ in various ways during the campaign.  
*n.* a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area
39. The dictator's \_\_\_\_\_ was characterized by widespread human rights abuses and suppression of political opposition.  
*n.* the period of time during which a monarch or government holds power; (verb) to be the king or queen
40. The witness \_\_\_\_\_ the defendant of committing the robbery.  
*v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
41. Federal bankruptcy laws \_\_\_\_\_ the reorganization process.  
*v.* (of a doctor) to advise and order the use of particular medicine or treatment for someone, especially in writing; to issue commands or orders for something

ANSWERS: 34. harbor, 35. hallmark, 36. unearthed, 37. novelty, 38. rivals, 39. reign, 40. accused, 41. prescribed

42. The \_\_\_\_\_ keeper was a friendly man who always had a good joke.

*n.* a public place where alcoholic drinks are served

ANSWERS: 42. tavern