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Session 1: Word List

overhear

v. to hear what other people are saying without intending to and their knowledge

synonym: catch, eavesdrop

(1) happen to **overhear** a conversation, (2) accidentally **overheard** their talk

She was inside at the time and **overheard** the conversation.

rumor

n. a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth

synonym: gossip, whisper, talk

(1) a false **rumor**, (2) **rumor** mill

There was a baseless **rumor** that the company was going bankrupt.

whisper

v. to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

synonym: murmur, rumor, mutter

(1) answer in a **whisper**, (2) the **whisper** of the leaves

He took me aside and **whispered** in my ear.

cafeteria

n. a restaurant where customers serve themselves from a counter and pay for what they have taken, often found in

factories, colleges, hospitals, etc.

synonym: canteen, mess hall, restaurant

(1) **cafeteria** lunch, (2) office **cafeteria**

The university's **cafeteria** was busy with students and staff grabbing a quick lunch.

chairperson

n. the officer who presides over organization meetings

synonym: director, head, leader

(1) vice **chairperson**, (2) the meeting elected a **chairperson**

The **chairperson** has the authority to approve or deny any request.

disperse

v. to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so

synonym: dissipate, spread, scatter

(1) **disperse** false information, (2) **disperse** the protesters
Before authorities **dispersed** the protesters, they yelled slogans.

encase

v. to enclose or cover something in a protective or decorative layer

synonym: encircle, enclose, enclasp

(1) **encase** in glass, (2) **encase** his feet

They **encased** the fragile vase in bubble wrap to protect it during shipping.

mango

n. tropical fruit with smooth, juicy flesh and a large, hard seed in the middle

synonym: fruit, tropical fruit

(1) ripe **mango**, (2) fresh **mango**

She cut the **mango** into small pieces and added them to the salad.

contemplate

v. to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully

synonym: think over, ponder, consider

(1) **contemplate** a marriage, (2) **contemplated** leaving school

I recently **contemplated** dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.

formaldehyde

n. a colorless, flammable liquid with a strong, pungent smell used as a preservative and in the manufacture of various products

synonym: methanal

(1) **formaldehyde** solution, (2) **formaldehyde** odor

Exposure to high levels of **formaldehyde** can irritate the eyes, nose, and throat, as well as respiratory problems and cancer.

peel

v. to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables

synonym: pare, unclothe, disrobe

(1) **peel** a fruit, (2) **peel** off easily

The storm had **peeled** all paint off the siding.

broth

n. a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

synonym: bouillon, consomme, soup

(1) chicken **broth**, (2) remains of **broth**

I always add a bit of **broth** to my soup to give it more flavor.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

concoct

v. to make something, especially food, by mixing or adding different things; to invent a story or plan, especially for a dishonest purpose

synonym: conceive, invent, cook up

(1) **concoct** a conspiracy, (2) **concoct** herbal medicines
They **concocted** a plot to discredit the local politician.

tonic

adj. of or relating to a musical or vocal sound regarding its pitch and duration of a musical sound; (noun) a medicinal substance producing physical, mental, or emotional vigor

synonym: (noun) brew, (noun) elixir

(1) the **tonic** sol-fa, (2) a **tonic** medicine

A **tonic** syllable carries the main stress in a word.

fable

n. a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson

synonym: fantasy, story, legend

(1) classic **fable**, (2) moralize a **fable**

In his speech, he quoted a passage from a well-known **fable**.

immortality

n. the state or quality of being able to live or last forever

synonym: endless life, timelessness, agelessness

(1) the **immortality** of the soul, (2) achieve **immortality**

Many people believe in the concept of **immortality** and an afterlife.

longevity

n. the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service

synonym: seniority, endurance

(1) **longevity** crisis, (2) **longevity** genes

He is proud of the **longevity** of the business.

frivolous

adj. not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant

synonym: silly, foolish, unimportant

(1) **frivolous** lawsuits, (2) engage in **frivolous** conversation

He was accused of being **frivolous** and not taking his responsibilities seriously.

enact

v. to make a law; to put something into practice

synonym:

legislate, pass, decree

(1) **enact** new legislation, (2) **enact** the smoking ban
The government **enacted** this law in 1925.

paramilitary

adj. relating to or resembling a military organization but not part of a country's regular armed forces

(1) **paramilitary** personnel, (2) **paramilitary** operation
The **paramilitary** group was responsible for maintaining security in the region.

enlist

v. to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization

synonym: join, sign up, appoint

(1) **enlist** in a cause, (2) **enlist** for a soldier
He decided to **enlist** in the military after graduating from high school.

eradicate

v. to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

synonym: destroy, eliminate, exterminate

(1) **eradicate** the deficit, (2) **eradicate** racial discrimination
We are trying to **eradicate** this disease from the world.

dogma

n. a belief or set of beliefs that the members of a group accept without being questioned or doubted

synonym: doctrine, tenet, creed

(1) religious **dogma**, (2) the secret **dogma**
All members strictly followed the **dogma** of the organization.

militant

n. willing to use force or violence to achieve a political or social goal

synonym: combative, aggressive, bellicose

(1) **militant** nations, (2) a **militant** reformer
The **militant** group launched a series of attacks on government buildings.

ransack

v. to search through something thoroughly, often in a destructive or violent manner

synonym: pillage, loot, plunder

(1) **ransack** a house, (2) **ransack** a town

Burglars **ransacked** the store, stealing everything of value.

dynasty

n. a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country

(1) **dynasty** of China, (2) during the Ming **dynasty**

During the Habsburg **dynasty**, colonization began.

Confucian

adj. relating to the teachings and beliefs of the Chinese philosopher Confucius and his followers

synonym: Confucianist, Confucianism

(1) **Confucian** rites, (2) **Confucian** ethics

Confucian values such as filial piety and respect for elders still strongly influence many Asian cultures.

rampage

n. a violent and uncontrollable outburst of destructive behavior

synonym: storm, binge, destruction

(1) killing **rampage**, (2) an outrageous **rampage**

The crowd went on a **rampage** after their team lost the championship game.

spectacle

n. something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision

synonym: marvel, sensation, phenomenon

(1) pretty **spectacle**, (2) **spectacle** lens

She could not help watching the sad **spectacle**.

sham

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

synonym: bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**
The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

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.

elitist

adj. believing or showing the belief that some people are naturally superior to others and, therefore, should have more power and privilege

synonym: exclusive, superior

(1) **elitist** mentality, (2) **elitist** mindset

His **elitist** attitude made it difficult for him to work with people from different backgrounds.

denounce

v. to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone

synonym: condemn, disapprove, criticize

(1) **denounce** a statement, (2) **denounce** a heresy

He **denounced** the actions of the corrupt official.

morph

v. to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another

synonym: alter, modify, transform

(1) **morph** into a different shape, (2) **morph** into something entirely different

This company **morphed** into an enterprise company.

recant

v. to withdraw or retract a statement or belief, especially a formal or public one

synonym: retract, withdraw, disavow

(1) **recant** my words, (2) **recant** his Christian faith

He **recanted** his previous statement after realizing the

evidence was against him.

liberate

v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

synonym: emancipate, release, set free

(1) **liberate** people from oppression, (2) **liberate** potential
The prisoners were **liberated** after the war ended.

crate

n. a large container, typically made of wood or metal, used for transporting or storing goods

synonym: box, container, receptacle

(1) **crate** of apples, (2) beer **crate**

The shipping **crate** was filled with fragile glassware that must be shipped carefully.

tainted

adj. spoiled or contaminated, usually with something harmful; damaged in quality or taste

synonym: spoiled, contaminated, infected

(1) **tainted** soil, (2) **tainted** reputation

The meat had to be thrown out because it was **tainted** with bacteria.

unheated

adj. not heated or warmed

synonym: cool, chilled, unwarmed

(1) **unheated** air, (2) **unheated** pool

The **unheated** room was freezing, so we had to turn on the heater.

scold

v. to reprimand or criticize someone severely or angrily

synonym: reprimand, rebuke, chastise

(1) **scold** him for being late, (2) **scold** in a loud voice

He **scolded** his employees for not meeting their deadlines.

dissolve

v. to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss

synonym: disband, disappear, liquefy

(1) **dissolve** the sugar, (2) officially **dissolved** the marriage
The political party **dissolved** after much internal fighting.

mystification

n. the act or process of making something difficult to understand or explain, often to deceive or manipulate
synonym: puzzle, perplexity, confusion

(1) **mystification** of the public, (2) **mystification** of the subject

The magician's tricks were a source of **mystification** for the audience.

repurpose

v. to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended

synonym: reutilize, recycle, reuse

(1) **repurpose** an old building, (2) **repurpose** a used car

The old barn was **repurposed** into a modern event space.

medallion

n. a large, decorative medal or coin-shaped object, often worn as jewelry

synonym: pendant, medal, coin

(1) a **medallion** struck, (2) **medallion** toe

He wore a gold **medallion** around his neck that had been passed down through his family for generations.

peruse

v. to read or examine something carefully and thoroughly

synonym: examine, scrutinize, study

(1) **peruse** every page of a book, (2) **peruse** the document

She **perused** the menu before ordering her meal.

flea

n. a small, agile, wingless, and parasitic insect that feeds on the blood of mammals and birds

synonym: pulex, siphonaptera, biter

(1) local **flea** market, (2) **flea** infestation

The **flea-borne** disease caused a severe outbreak in the city.

bury

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

synonym: entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

malign

v. to speak or write about someone or something in a harmful or critical way; (adjective) evil or harmful in nature or influence

synonym: defame, vilify, (adjective) evil

(1) **malign** influence, (2) **malign** the politician in the media

The article **maligned** the company's reputation with false accusations.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. di____se false information | <i>v.</i> to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so |
| 2. de____ce a heresy | <i>v.</i> to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone |
| 3. the imm_____ty of the soul | <i>n.</i> the state or quality of being able to live or last forever |
| 4. a to__c medicine | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to a musical or vocal sound regarding its pitch and duration of a musical sound; (noun) a medicinal substance producing physical, mental, or emotional vigor |
| 5. sc__d him for being late | <i>v.</i> to reprimand or criticize someone severely or angrily |
| 6. sp_____le lens | <i>n.</i> something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision |
| 7. p__l off easily | <i>v.</i> to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables |
| 8. happen to ov_____ar a conversation | <i>v.</i> to hear what other people are saying without intending to and their knowledge |
| 9. moralize a fa__e | <i>n.</i> a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson |

ANSWERS: 1. disperse, 2. denounce, 3. immortality, 4. tonic, 5. scold, 6. spectacle, 7. peel, 8. overhear, 9. fable

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| 10. ta____d soil | <i>adj.</i> spoiled or contaminated, usually with something harmful; damaged in quality or taste |
| 11. an outrageous ra____e | <i>n.</i> a violent and uncontrollable outburst of destructive behavior |
| 12. a false ru__r | <i>n.</i> a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth |
| 13. er_____te the deficit | <i>v.</i> to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad |
| 14. el____t mindset | <i>adj.</i> believing or showing the belief that some people are naturally superior to others and, therefore, should have more power and privilege |
| 15. officially di____ved the marriage | <i>v.</i> to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss |
| 16. pe___e every page of a book | <i>v.</i> to read or examine something carefully and thoroughly |
| 17. me_____al chemistry | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease |
| 18. local f__a market | <i>n.</i> a small, agile, wingless, and parasitic insect that feeds on the blood of mammals and birds |
| 19. re___t my words | <i>v.</i> to withdraw or retract a statement or belief, especially a formal or public one |
| 20. the wh____r of the leaves | <i>v.</i> to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you |

ANSWERS: 10. tainted, 11. rampage, 12. rumor, 13. eradicate, 14. elitist, 15. dissolve, 16. peruse, 17. medicinal, 18. flea, 19. recant, 20. whisper

21. dy____y of China	<i>n.</i> a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country
22. turn out to be all s__m	<i>n.</i> something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
23. religious do__a	<i>n.</i> a belief or set of beliefs that the members of a group accept without being questioned or doubted
24. de____ce a statement	<i>v.</i> to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone
25. Co_____an rites	<i>adj.</i> relating to the teachings and beliefs of the Chinese philosopher Confucius and his followers
26. f__a infestation	<i>n.</i> a small, agile, wingless, and parasitic insect that feeds on the blood of mammals and birds
27. engage in fr_____us conversation	<i>adj.</i> not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant
28. traditional me_____al	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
29. li_____te people from oppression	<i>v.</i> to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
30. a mi_____nt reformer	<i>n.</i> willing to use force or violence to achieve a political or social goal
31. b__y in the earth	<i>v.</i> to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
32. en____e in glass	<i>v.</i> to enclose or cover something in a protective or decorative layer

ANSWERS: 21. dynasty, 22. sham, 23. dogma, 24. denounce, 25. Confucian, 26. flea, 27. frivolous, 28. medicinal, 29. liberate, 30. militant, 31. bury, 32. encase

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| 33. ra____k a house | <i>v.</i> to search through something thoroughly, often in a destructive or violent manner |
| 34. ac____e his rudeness | <i>v.</i> to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing |
| 35. pretty sp____le | <i>n.</i> something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision |
| 36. co____t a conspiracy | <i>v.</i> to make something, especially food, by mixing or adding different things; to invent a story or plan, especially for a dishonest purpose |
| 37. vice cha_____on | <i>n.</i> the officer who presides over organization meetings |
| 38. ru__r mill | <i>n.</i> a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth |
| 39. ra____k a town | <i>v.</i> to search through something thoroughly, often in a destructive or violent manner |
| 40. un____ed air | <i>adj.</i> not heated or warmed |
| 41. ripe ma__o | <i>n.</i> tropical fruit with smooth, juicy flesh and a large, hard seed in the middle |
| 42. ma___n the politician in the media | <i>v.</i> to speak or write about someone or something in a harmful or critical way; (adjective) evil or harmful in nature or influence |

ANSWERS: 33. ransack, 34. accuse, 35. spectacle, 36. concoct, 37. chairperson, 38. rumor, 39. ransack, 40. unheated, 41. mango, 42. malign

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| 43. ta____d reputation | <i>adj.</i> spoiled or contaminated, usually with something harmful; damaged in quality or taste |
| 44. cr__e of apples | <i>n.</i> a large container, typically made of wood or metal, used for transporting or storing goods |
| 45. the meeting elected a cha____on | <i>n.</i> the officer who presides over organization meetings |
| 46. beer cr__e | <i>n.</i> a large container, typically made of wood or metal, used for transporting or storing goods |
| 47. el____t mentality | <i>adj.</i> believing or showing the belief that some people are naturally superior to others and, therefore, should have more power and privilege |
| 48. con____te a marriage | <i>v.</i> to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully |
| 49. en__e his feet | <i>v.</i> to enclose or cover something in a protective or decorative layer |
| 50. en__t in a cause | <i>v.</i> to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization |
| 51. lo____ty crisis | <i>n.</i> the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service |
| 52. for____yde solution | <i>n.</i> a colorless, flammable liquid with a strong, pungent smell used as a preservative and in the manufacture of various products |
| 53. er____te racial discrimination | <i>v.</i> to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad |

ANSWERS: 43. tainted, 44. crate, 45. chairperson, 46. crate, 47. elitist, 48. contemplate, 49. encase, 50. enlist, 51. longevity, 52. formaldehyde, 53. eradicate

54. for_____yde odor	<i>n.</i> a colorless, flammable liquid with a strong, pungent smell used as a preservative and in the manufacture of various products
55. en__t the smoking ban	<i>v.</i> to make a law; to put something into practice
56. achieve imm_____ty	<i>n.</i> the state or quality of being able to live or last forever
57. co_____t herbal medicines	<i>v.</i> to make something, especially food, by mixing or adding different things; to invent a story or plan, especially for a dishonest purpose
58. p__l a fruit	<i>v.</i> to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables
59. office ca_____ia	<i>n.</i> a restaurant where customers serve themselves from a counter and pay for what they have taken, often found in factories, colleges, hospitals, etc.
60. a s__m battle	<i>n.</i> something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
61. b__y emotion	<i>v.</i> to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
62. re___t his Christian faith	<i>v.</i> to withdraw or retract a statement or belief, especially a formal or public one
63. the to__c sol-fa	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to a musical or vocal sound regarding its pitch and duration of a musical sound; (noun) a medicinal substance producing physical, mental, or emotional vigor

ANSWERS: 54. formaldehyde, 55. enact, 56. immortality, 57. concoct, 58. peel, 59. cafeteria, 60. sham, 61. bury, 62. recant, 63. tonic

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| 64. answer in a wh____r | <i>v.</i> to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you |
| 65. di____ve the sugar | <i>v.</i> to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss |
| 66. chicken br__h | <i>n.</i> a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews |
| 67. pe____e the document | <i>v.</i> to read or examine something carefully and thoroughly |
| 68. re____se a used car | <i>v.</i> to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended |
| 69. par____ary personnel | <i>adj.</i> relating to or resembling a military organization but not part of a country's regular armed forces |
| 70. mys____ion of the subject | <i>n.</i> the act or process of making something difficult to understand or explain, often to deceive or manipulate |
| 71. ma____n influence | <i>v.</i> to speak or write about someone or something in a harmful or critical way; (adjective) evil or harmful in nature or influence |
| 72. remains of br__h | <i>n.</i> a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews |
| 73. ac____e each other | <i>v.</i> to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing |
| 74. killing ra____e | <i>n.</i> a violent and uncontrollable outburst of destructive behavior |

ANSWERS: 64. whisper, 65. dissolve, 66. broth, 67. peruse, 68. repurpose, 69. paramilitary, 70. mystification, 71. malign, 72. broth, 73. accuse, 74. rampage

75. li____te potential	<i>v.</i> to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
76. re_____se an old building	<i>v.</i> to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended
77. fresh ma__o	<i>n.</i> tropical fruit with smooth, juicy flesh and a large, hard seed in the middle
78. sc__d in a loud voice	<i>v.</i> to reprimand or criticize someone severely or angrily
79. par_____ary operation	<i>adj.</i> relating to or resembling a military organization but not part of a country's regular armed forces
80. a me_____on struck	<i>n.</i> a large, decorative medal or coin-shaped object, often worn as jewelry
81. the secret do__a	<i>n.</i> a belief or set of beliefs that the members of a group accept without being questioned or doubted
82. fr_____us lawsuits	<i>adj.</i> not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant
83. mo__h into a different shape	<i>v.</i> to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another
84. en__t for a soldier	<i>v.</i> to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization
85. di_____se the protesters	<i>v.</i> to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so
86. mo__h into something entirely different	<i>v.</i> to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another

ANSWERS: 75. liberate, 76. repurpose, 77. mango, 78. scold, 79. paramilitary, 80. medallion, 81. dogma, 82. frivolous, 83. morph, 84. enlist, 85. disperse, 86. morph

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| 87. ca_____ia lunch | <i>n.</i> a restaurant where customers serve themselves from a counter and pay for what they have taken, often found in factories, colleges, hospitals, etc. |
| 88. en__t new legislation | <i>v.</i> to make a law; to put something into practice |
| 89. me_____on toe | <i>n.</i> a large, decorative medal or coin-shaped object, often worn as jewelry |
| 90. accidentally ov_____ard their talk | <i>v.</i> to hear what other people are saying without intending to and their knowledge |
| 91. con_____ted leaving school | <i>v.</i> to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully |
| 92. during the Ming dy_____y | <i>n.</i> a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country |
| 93. mi_____nt nations | <i>n.</i> willing to use force or violence to achieve a political or social goal |
| 94. Co_____an ethics | <i>adj.</i> relating to the teachings and beliefs of the Chinese philosopher Confucius and his followers |
| 95. un_____ed pool | <i>adj.</i> not heated or warmed |
| 96. mys_____ion of the public | <i>n.</i> the act or process of making something difficult to understand or explain, often to deceive or manipulate |
| 97. lo_____ty genes | <i>n.</i> the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service |

ANSWERS: 87. cafeteria, 88. enact, 89. medallion, 90. overhear, 91. contemplate, 92. dynasty, 93. militant, 94. Confucian, 95. unheated, 96. mystification, 97. longevity

98. classic fa__e

n. a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson

ANSWERS: 98. fable

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He _____ his previous statement after realizing the evidence was against him.
v. to withdraw or retract a statement or belief, especially a formal or public one
2. I recently _____ dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.
v. to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
3. The article _____ the company's reputation with false accusations.
v. to speak or write about someone or something in a harmful or critical way; (adjective) evil or harmful in nature or influence
4. The university's _____ was busy with students and staff grabbing a quick lunch.
n. a restaurant where customers serve themselves from a counter and pay for what they have taken, often found in factories, colleges, hospitals, etc.
5. He _____ his employees for not meeting their deadlines.
v. to reprimand or criticize someone severely or angrily
6. Before authorities _____ the protesters, they yelled slogans.
v. to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so
7. He is proud of the _____ of the business.
n. the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service
8. They _____ the fragile vase in bubble wrap to protect it during shipping.
v. to enclose or cover something in a protective or decorative layer

ANSWERS: 1. recanted, 2. contemplated, 3. maligned, 4. cafeteria, 5. scolded, 6. dispersed, 7. longevity, 8. encased

9. She _____ the menu before ordering her meal.
v. to read or examine something carefully and thoroughly
10. A _____ syllable carries the main stress in a word.
adj. of or relating to a musical or vocal sound regarding its pitch and duration of a musical sound; (noun) a medicinal substance producing physical, mental, or emotional vigor
11. We are trying to _____ this disease from the world.
v. to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
12. The _____ disease caused a severe outbreak in the city.
n. a small, agile, wingless, and parasitic insect that feeds on the blood of mammals and birds
13. The government _____ this law in 1925.
v. to make a law; to put something into practice
14. The prisoners were _____ after the war ended.
v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
15. Many people believe in the concept of _____ and an afterlife.
n. the state or quality of being able to live or last forever
16. He took me aside and _____ in my ear.
v. to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
17. They _____ a plot to discredit the local politician.
v. to make something, especially food, by mixing or adding different things; to invent a story or plan, especially for a dishonest purpose

ANSWERS: 9. perused, 10. tonic, 11. eradicate, 12. flea-borne, 13. enacted, 14. liberated, 15. immortality, 16. whispered, 17. concocted

18. Exposure to high levels of _____ can irritate the eyes, nose, and throat, as well as respiratory problems and cancer.
- n.* a colorless, flammable liquid with a strong, pungent smell used as a preservative and in the manufacture of various products
19. The witness _____ the defendant of committing the robbery.
- v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
20. The _____ group launched a series of attacks on government buildings.
- n.* willing to use force or violence to achieve a political or social goal
21. She could not help watching the sad _____.
- n.* something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision
22. _____ values such as filial piety and respect for elders still strongly influence many Asian cultures.
- adj.* relating to the teachings and beliefs of the Chinese philosopher Confucius and his followers
23. He _____ the actions of the corrupt official.
- v.* to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone
24. The magician's tricks were a source of _____ for the audience.
- n.* the act or process of making something difficult to understand or explain, often to deceive or manipulate
25. He decided to _____ in the military after graduating from high school.
- v.* to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization

ANSWERS: 18. formaldehyde, 19. accused, 20. militant, 21. spectacle, 22. Confucian, 23. denounced, 24. mystification, 25. enlist

26. During the Habsburg _____ colonization began.

- n.* a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country

27. The _____ group was responsible for maintaining security in the region.

- adj.* relating to or resembling a military organization but not part of a country's regular armed forces

28. The data he prepared was completely _____.

- n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

29. The _____ room was freezing, so we had to turn on the heater.

- adj.* not heated or warmed

30. The _____ has the authority to approve or deny any request.

- n.* the officer who presides over organization meetings

31. The old barn was _____ into a modern event space.

- v.* to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended

32. The political party _____ after much internal fighting.

- v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss

33. Burglars _____ the store, stealing everything of value.

- v.* to search through something thoroughly, often in a destructive or violent manner

ANSWERS: 26. dynasty, 27. paramilitary, 28. sham, 29. unheated, 30. chairperson, 31. repurposed, 32. dissolved, 33. ransacked

34. He wore a gold _____ around his neck that had been passed down through his family for generations.
n. a large, decorative medal or coin-shaped object, often worn as jewelry
35. She cut the _____ into small pieces and added them to the salad.
n. tropical fruit with smooth, juicy flesh and a large, hard seed in the middle
36. This company _____ into an enterprise company.
v. to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another
37. His _____ attitude made it difficult for him to work with people from different backgrounds.
adj. believing or showing the belief that some people are naturally superior to others and, therefore, should have more power and privilege
38. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
39. In his speech, he quoted a passage from a well-known _____.
n. a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson
40. I always add a bit of _____ to my soup to give it more flavor.
n. a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
41. The meat had to be thrown out because it was _____ with bacteria.
adj. spoiled or contaminated, usually with something harmful; damaged in quality or taste

ANSWERS: 34. medallion, 35. mango, 36. morphed, 37. elitist, 38. medicinal, 39. fable, 40. broth, 41. tainted

42. The storm had _____ all paint off the siding.

v. to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables

43. All members strictly followed the _____ of the organization.

n. a belief or set of beliefs that the members of a group accept without being questioned or doubted

44. The shipping _____ was filled with fragile glassware that must be shipped carefully.

n. a large container, typically made of wood or metal, used for transporting or storing goods

45. The crowd went on a _____ after their team lost the championship game.

n. a violent and uncontrollable outburst of destructive behavior

46. There is plenty of space to _____ everyone.

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

47. He was accused of being _____ and not taking his responsibilities seriously.

adj. not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant

48. She was inside at the time and _____ the conversation.

v. to hear what other people are saying without intending to and their knowledge

49. There was a baseless _____ that the company was going bankrupt.

n. a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth

ANSWERS: 42. peeled, 43. dogma, 44. crate, 45. rampage, 46. bury, 47. frivolous, 48. overheard, 49. rumor

ANSWERS: