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Session 1: Word List

undergird

v. to provide support or a foundation for something, often by strengthening or reinforcing a structure or system

synonym: support, underpin, reinforce

(1) **undergird** your argument, (2) **undergird** the ship

A strong foundation of customer satisfaction **undergirds** the business's success.

exacerbate

v. to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse

synonym: worsen, aggravate, escalate

(1) **exacerbate** the situation, (2) **exacerbate** symptoms

The heat wave **exacerbated** the drought conditions.

awash

adj. flooded or overflowing with water, typically suddenly or unexpectedly; abundant or prevalent to the extent of being overwhelming or excessive

synonym: flooded, inundated, immersed

(1) **awash** with cash, (2) **awash** in debt

The beach was **awash** with seaweed after the storm.

gadget

n. a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job

synonym: appliance, gimmick, device

(1) a handy **gadget**, (2) time-saving **gadget**

I found the kitchen **gadget** that will serve as a bottle opener

in the store.

sanction

n. official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization

synonym : approve, authorize, endorse

(1) Imperial **sanction**, (2) popular **sanction**

The government imposed economic **sanctions** on the country.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym : confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

starve

v. to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

synonym : famish, hunger

(1) **starve** for a victory, (2) **starve** to death

If you don't eat soon, you're going to **starve**.

pandemic

n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

synonym : outbreak

(1) flu **pandemic**, (2) global **pandemic**

They fear a **pandemic** of a new type of virus.

charade

n. an elaborate act or pretense intended to deceive or conceal one's true feelings or intentions; a game in which players try to guess a word or phrase based on gestures and movements made by the other players

synonym : pretense, masquerade, facade

(1) **charade** game, (2) conduct **charades**

The politician's promises turned out to be nothing more than a **charade**.

misaligned

adj. not properly aligned or arranged; not placed in the correct position or orientation

synonym : crooked, askew, abused

(1) **misaligned** teeth, (2) **misaligned** priorities

The painting was crooked and **misaligned**, so the museum staff had to rehang it properly.

underrepresented

adj. not adequately or proportionately represented, often in terms of a particular group, population, or perspective being excluded or marginalized

synonym : belittled, marginalized, disadvantaged

(1) feel **underrepresented**, (2) **underrepresented** data

Underrepresented communities need more support and resources to achieve equity.

reconcile

v. to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist

synonym : harmonize, moderate, conciliate

(1) **reconcile** these differences, (2) **reconcile** a dispute

Sometimes it is challenging to **reconcile** science and religion.

imperfectly

adv. in a faulty or incomplete way

synonym : amiss, insufficiently, clumsily

(1) **imperfectly** developed, (2) **imperfectly** known disease

He created an **imperfectly** shaped torso.

custodian

n. a person who is responsible for the care and maintenance of a building, institution, or collection; a guardian or keeper of something valuable or important

synonym : caretaker, keeper, guardian

(1) **custodian** bank, (2) **custodian** of the records

The school **custodian** worked tirelessly to keep the building clean and maintained for the students and faculty.

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.

controllable

adj. able to be controlled or directed

synonym : manageable, governable, submissive

(1) computer- **controllable**, (2) **controllable** aircraft

The new software is much more **controllable** and user-friendly.

indignity

n. an affront to one's dignity or self-respect; an insult or humiliating treatment

synonym : humiliation, insult, offense

(1) **indignity** of poverty, (2) suffer an **indignity**

Being demoted at work was a great **indignity** to him.

aspiration

n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

synonym : ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs

He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

app

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

synonym : application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

accompaniment

n. something that is added to or goes along with something else as a supplement, complement, or support; music played or sung along with a solo instrument or vocalist

synonym : support, aide, attendant

(1) the piano **accompaniment**, (2) **accompaniment** to the main course

The piano provided a beautiful **accompaniment** to the singer's voice.

patriarch

n. a man who is the head of a family or tribe or a man who is revered because of his age, wisdom, or spiritual leadership

synonym : father, elder, leader

(1) **Patriarch** of Constantinople, (2) **patriarch** of a religion

The family **patriarch** was a respected elder who was always consulted on important decisions.

caste

n. a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society

synonym : class, social group, status group

(1) military **caste**, (2) **caste-based** discrimination

He was born into a lower **caste** and faced discrimination throughout his life.

juggle

v. to manage or cope with several tasks, responsibilities, or situations simultaneously; to keep several things in the air at once, as in a juggling act

synonym : juggle, balance, handle

(1) **juggle** a job and motherhood, (2) **juggle** with facts

It can be difficult to **juggle** work, family, and social life, but finding balance is important.

reimagine

v. to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way

synonym : re-conceptualize, re-envision, re-create

(1) **reimagine** the future, (2) **reimagine** the possibilities

The company is trying to **reimagine** its business model to

stay competitive.

accrue

v. (of a benefit or sum of money) to increase or accumulate in number or amount over a period of time

synonym: increase, accumulate, amass

(1) **accrue** to the general treasury, (2) benefits **accrue** to the community

Two-percent interest will **accrue** on your savings account.

credential

v. to provide someone with certification or verification of their qualifications, usually in a particular field or profession; (noun) a document attesting to the truth of certain stated facts

synonym: certify, verify, (noun) certificate

(1) **credential** themselves by showing their registration, (2) teaching **credential**

To get the job, I need to **credential** my experience and education.

entrepreneurship

n. the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one

synonym: self-employment, risk-taking

(1) **entrepreneurship** culture, (2) embody **entrepreneurship**

The government is investing in programs to support **entrepreneurship** and small business development.

idealist

n. a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity

synonym: dreamer, idealizer, visionary

(1) **idealist** at heart, (2) an **idealist** perspective

As a dedicated **idealist**, she always fought for what was right, no matter the cost.

dismantle

v. to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment

synonym : take apart, demolish, take down

(1) **dismantle** a machine, (2) **dismantle** a system

The old building had to be **dismantled** because it was structurally unsound.

humanist

n. a person who is concerned with the welfare and rights of all human beings; one who believes in the inherent worth and dignity of every person and stresses the importance of human values and ethical principles

synonym : humanitarian, philanthropist, altruist

(1) **humanist** scholar, (2) **humanist** philosophy

The **humanist** counselor encouraged her clients to focus on their growth and well-being.

flinch

v. to make a quick, nervous movement in response to pain, fear, or surprise; to draw back or wince involuntarily

synonym : shudder, recoil, wince

(1) **flinch** at the noise, (2) **flinch** from the truth

I couldn't help but **flinch** when the door slammed shut.

envision

v. to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

synonym : anticipate, foresee, picture

(1) **envision** the future, (2) **envision** the project's success

We cannot **envision** her as President.

prosperous

adj. successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune

synonym : successful, thriving, affluent

(1) **prosperous** weather, (2) **prosperous** nation

The company decided to invest in a **prosperous** industry.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym : robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population
She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

evoke

v. to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind

synonym: arouse, raise, inspire

(1) **evoke** a sense of awe, (2) **evoke** sympathy

This movie is likely to **evoke** strong emotions in the viewer.

wistful

adj. expressing a feeling of vague, sad, or inconsolable longing

synonym: longing, nostalgic, pensive

(1) in a **wistful** mood, (2) **wistful** feeling

He had a **wistful** look in his eyes as he remembered the past.

elude

v. to escape or avoid capture or detection, often by being clever or cunning

synonym: evade, avoid, dodge

(1) **elude** the law, (2) **elude** responsibility for the failure

The suspect **eluded** capture for weeks before being caught by the police.

advantageous

adj. providing a benefit or advantage; favorable or beneficial

synonym: beneficial, favorable, profitable

(1) **advantageous** conditions, (2) **advantageous** interest rate

The new job opportunity offered by the company is highly **advantageous**.

shun

v. to avoid deliberately or keep away from someone or something

synonym: avoid, evade, steer clear of

(1) **shun** a person, (2) **shun** office politics

He **shunned** going to the party and decided to stay home

instead.

stubborn

adj. refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change

synonym : persistent, obstinate, determined

(1) **stubborn** attitude, (2) **stubborn** stains

He was so **stubborn** about his beliefs that he refused to listen to any other points of view.

grieve

v. to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died

synonym : mourn, lament, sorrow

(1) **grieve** for loss, (2) **grieve** at the sad news

She **grieved** the loss of her parents.

stroll

v. to walk somewhere in a slow, relaxed way and with no apparent aim

synonym : amble, roam, mope

(1) **stroll** across a street, (2) **stroll** through the countryside

We could **stroll** into town if you like.

dispossess

v. to deprive someone of the possession or use of something, often property or land

synonym : deprive, evict, seize

(1) **dispossess** a person of his property, (2) **dispossess** an entire township

He was forced to **dispossess** his tenants because they couldn't pay the rent.

respite

n. a brief period of rest, relief, or delay from something difficult or unpleasant; a short break or vacation from regular activities or responsibilities

synonym : break, interval, pause

(1) **respite** care, (2) a short **respite**

The vacation gave her a much-needed **respite** from work.

fathom

v. to understand or comprehend (a difficult or complex problem or situation); to measure the depth of water

synonym: comprehend, understand, grasp

(1) **fathom** the depth, (2) **fathom** the mystery

I cannot **fathom** why some people enjoy horror movies.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. re_____nt population | <i>adj.</i> able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions |
| 2. in_____ty of poverty | <i>n.</i> an affront to one's dignity or self-respect; an insult or humiliating treatment |
| 3. flu pa_____ic | <i>n.</i> an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area |
| 4. fa____m the depth | <i>v.</i> to understand or comprehend (a difficult or complex problem or situation); to measure the depth of water |
| 5. pro_____us weather | <i>adj.</i> successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune |
| 6. gr____e for loss | <i>v.</i> to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died |
| 7. gr____e at the sad news | <i>v.</i> to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died |
| 8. adv_____ous interest rate | <i>adj.</i> providing a benefit or advantage; favorable or beneficial |
| 9. in a wi_____l mood | <i>adj.</i> expressing a feeling of vague, sad, or inconsolable longing |
| 10. co_____e the listener | <i>v.</i> to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand |
| 11. popular sa_____on | <i>n.</i> official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization |

ANSWERS: 1. resilient, 2. indignity, 3. pandemic, 4. fathom, 5. prosperous, 6. grieve, 7. grieve, 8. advantageous, 9. wistful, 10. confuse, 11. sanction

12. asp_____on into the lungs *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
13. the piano acc_____ent *n.* something that is added to or goes along with something else as a supplement, complement, or support; music played or sung along with a solo instrument or vocalist
14. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
15. re_____le these differences *v.* to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist
16. imp_____ly known disease *adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way
17. military ca__e *n.* a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society
18. pa_____ch of a religion *n.* a man who is the head of a family or tribe or a man who is revered because of his age, wisdom, or spiritual leadership
19. killer a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
20. st___l through the countryside *v.* to walk somewhere in a slow, relaxed way and with no apparent aim
21. a handy ga___t *n.* a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job

ANSWERS: 12. aspiration, 13. accompaniment, 14. resilient, 15. reconcile, 16. imperfectly, 17. caste, 18. patriarch, 19. app, 20. stroll, 21. gadget

22. exa_____te symptoms *v.* to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse
23. exa_____te the situation *v.* to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse
24. un_____rd the ship *v.* to provide support or a foundation for something, often by strengthening or reinforcing a structure or system
25. time-saving ga____t *n.* a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job
26. id_____st at heart *n.* a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity
27. mis_____ed teeth *adj.* not properly aligned or arranged; not placed in the correct position or orientation
28. cannot log in to the a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
29. el__e the law *v.* to escape or avoid capture or detection, often by being clever or cunning
30. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
31. feel und_____ted *adj.* not adequately or proportionately represented, often in terms of a particular group, population, or perspective being excluded or marginalized

ANSWERS: 22. exacerbate, 23. exacerbate, 24. undergird, 25. gadget, 26. idealist, 27. misaligned, 28. app, 29. elude, 30. confuse, 31. underrepresented

32. ent_____hip culture *n.* the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one
33. teaching cre_____al *v.* to provide someone with certification or verification of their qualifications, usually in a particular field or profession; (noun) a document attesting to the truth of certain stated facts
34. a short re_____e *n.* a brief period of rest, relief, or delay from something difficult or unpleasant; a short break or vacation from regular activities or responsibilities
35. st____l across a street *v.* to walk somewhere in a slow, relaxed way and with no apparent aim
36. global pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
37. ca__e-based discrimination *n.* a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society
38. mis_____ed priorities *adj.* not properly aligned or arranged; not placed in the correct position or orientation
39. acc_____ent to the main course *n.* something that is added to or goes along with something else as a supplement, complement, or support; music played or sung along with a solo instrument or vocalist
40. hu_____st scholar *n.* a person who is concerned with the welfare and rights of all human beings; one who believes in the inherent worth and dignity of every person and stresses the importance of human values and ethical principles

ANSWERS: 32. entrepreneurship, 33. credential, 34. respite, 35. stroll, 36. pandemic, 37. caste, 38. misaligned, 39. accompaniment, 40. humanist

41. ev__e sympathy *v.* to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind
42. an id____st perspective *n.* a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity
43. conduct ch____es *n.* an elaborate act or pretense intended to deceive or conceal one's true feelings or intentions; a game in which players try to guess a word or phrase based on gestures and movements made by the other players
44. fa___m the mystery *v.* to understand or comprehend (a difficult or complex problem or situation); to measure the depth of water
45. imp_____ly developed *adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way
46. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
47. dis_____ss an entire township *v.* to deprive someone of the possession or use of something, often property or land
48. ac___e to the general treasury *v.* (of a benefit or sum of money) to increase or accumulate in number or amount over a period of time
49. en_____on the project's success *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

ANSWERS: 41. evoke, 42. idealist, 43. charade, 44. fathom, 45. imperfectly, 46. opportune, 47. dispossess, 48. accrue, 49. envision

50. fl___h from the truth *v.* to make a quick, nervous movement in response to pain, fear, or surprise; to draw back or wince involuntarily
51. re_____ne the possibilities *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
52. suffer an in_____ty *n.* an affront to one's dignity or self-respect; an insult or humiliating treatment
53. Pa_____ch of Constantinople *n.* a man who is the head of a family or tribe or a man who is revered because of his age, wisdom, or spiritual leadership
54. un_____rd your argument *v.* to provide support or a foundation for something, often by strengthening or reinforcing a structure or system
55. und_____ted data *adj.* not adequately or proportionately represented, often in terms of a particular group, population, or perspective being excluded or marginalized
56. di_____le a system *v.* to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment
57. cu_____an bank *n.* a person who is responsible for the care and maintenance of a building, institution, or collection; a guardian or keeper of something valuable or important
58. cu_____an of the records *n.* a person who is responsible for the care and maintenance of a building, institution, or collection; a guardian or keeper of something valuable or important

ANSWERS: 50. flinch, 51. reimagine, 52. indignity, 53. patriarch, 54. undergird, 55. underrepresented, 56. dismantle, 57. custodian, 58. custodian

59. office ca_____ia *n.* a restaurant where customers serve themselves from a counter and pay for what they have taken, often found in factories, colleges, hospitals, etc.
60. di_____le a machine *v.* to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment
61. st___e for a victory *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
62. cre_____al themselves by showing their registration *v.* to provide someone with certification or verification of their qualifications, usually in a particular field or profession; (noun) a document attesting to the truth of certain stated facts
63. ju___e with facts *v.* to manage or cope with several tasks, responsibilities, or situations simultaneously; to keep several things in the air at once, as in a juggling act
64. re_____e care *n.* a brief period of rest, relief, or delay from something difficult or unpleasant; a short break or vacation from regular activities or responsibilities
65. ch_____e game *n.* an elaborate act or pretense intended to deceive or conceal one's true feelings or intentions; a game in which players try to guess a word or phrase based on gestures and movements made by the other players

ANSWERS: 59. cafeteria, 60. dismantle, 61. starve, 62. credential, 63. juggle, 64. respite, 65. charade

66. st_____rn stains *adj.* refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change
67. dis_____ss a person of his property *v.* to deprive someone of the possession or use of something, often property or land
68. benefits ac___e to the community *v.* (of a benefit or sum of money) to increase or accumulate in number or amount over a period of time
69. re_____le a dispute *v.* to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist
70. computer-con_____ble *adj.* able to be controlled or directed
71. no asp_____on for fame *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
72. s__n a person *v.* to avoid deliberately or keep away from someone or something
73. Imperial sa_____on *n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization
74. ju___e a job and motherhood *v.* to manage or cope with several tasks, responsibilities, or situations simultaneously; to keep several things in the air at once, as in a juggling act
75. st_____rn attitude *adj.* refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change

ANSWERS: 66. stubborn, 67. dispossess, 68. accrue, 69. reconcile, 70. controllable, 71. aspiration, 72. shun, 73. sanction, 74. juggle, 75. stubborn

76. fl___h at the noise
v. to make a quick, nervous movement in response to pain, fear, or surprise; to draw back or wince involuntarily
77. ev___e a sense of awe
v. to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind
78. ca_____ia 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.
79. adv_____ous conditions
adj. providing a benefit or advantage; favorable or beneficial
80. en_____on the future
v. to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
81. aw___h in debt
adj. flooded or overflowing with water, typically suddenly or unexpectedly; abundant or prevalent to the extent of being overwhelming or excessive
82. hu_____st philosophy
n. a person who is concerned with the welfare and rights of all human beings; one who believes in the inherent worth and dignity of every person and stresses the importance of human values and ethical principles
83. s___n office politics
v. to avoid deliberately or keep away from someone or something
84. con_____ble aircraft
adj. able to be controlled or directed
85. pro_____us nation
adj. successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune
86. st___e to death
v. to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

ANSWERS: 76. flinch, 77. evoke, 78. cafeteria, 79. advantageous, 80. envision, 81. awash, 82. humanist, 83. shun, 84. controllable, 85. prosperous, 86. starve

87. wi____l feeling *adj.* expressing a feeling of vague, sad, or inconsolable longing
88. re_____ne the future *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
89. aw__h with cash *adj.* flooded or overflowing with water, typically suddenly or unexpectedly; abundant or prevalent to the extent of being overwhelming or excessive
90. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
91. el__e responsibility for the failure *v.* to escape or avoid capture or detection, often by being clever or cunning
92. embody ent_____hip *n.* the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one

ANSWERS: 87. wistful, 88. reimagine, 89. awash, 90. opportune, 91. elude, 92. entrepreneurship

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I cannot _____ why some people enjoy horror movies.
v. to understand or comprehend (a difficult or complex problem or situation); to measure the depth of water

2. I couldn't help but _____ when the door slammed shut.
v. to make a quick, nervous movement in response to pain, fear, or surprise; to draw back or wince involuntarily

3. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.
adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

4. The _____ counselor encouraged her clients to focus on their growth and well-being.
n. a person who is concerned with the welfare and rights of all human beings; one who believes in the inherent worth and dignity of every person and stresses the importance of human values and ethical principles

5. The old building had to be _____ because it was structurally unsound.
v. to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment

6. This movie is likely to _____ strong emotions in the viewer.
v. to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind

7. Her remarks _____ the debate.
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

ANSWERS: 1. fathom, 2. flinch, 3. resilient, 4. humanist, 5. dismantled, 6. evoke, 7. confused

8. It can be difficult to _____ work, family, and social life, but finding balance is important.
- v.* to manage or cope with several tasks, responsibilities, or situations simultaneously; to keep several things in the air at once, as in a juggling act
9. We could _____ into town if you like.
- v.* to walk somewhere in a slow, relaxed way and with no apparent aim
10. The beach was _____ with seaweed after the storm.
- adj.* flooded or overflowing with water, typically suddenly or unexpectedly; abundant or prevalent to the extent of being overwhelming or excessive
11. They fear a _____ of a new type of virus.
- n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
12. If you don't eat soon, you're going to _____.
- v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
13. Two-percent interest will _____ on your savings account.
- v.* (of a benefit or sum of money) to increase or accumulate in number or amount over a period of time
14. The school _____ worked tirelessly to keep the building clean and maintained for the students and faculty.
- n.* a person who is responsible for the care and maintenance of a building, institution, or collection; a guardian or keeper of something valuable or important

ANSWERS: 8. juggle, 9. stroll, 10. awash, 11. pandemic, 12. starve, 13. accrue, 14. custodian

15. The piano provided a beautiful _____ to the singer's voice.
n. something that is added to or goes along with something else as a supplement, complement, or support; music played or sung along with a solo instrument or vocalist
16. I found the kitchen _____ that will serve as a bottle opener in the store.
n. a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job
17. The painting was crooked and _____ so the museum staff had to rehang it properly.
adj. not properly aligned or arranged; not placed in the correct position or orientation
18. The government imposed economic _____ on the country.
n. official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization
19. The vacation gave her a much-needed _____ from work.
n. a brief period of rest, relief, or delay from something difficult or unpleasant; a short break or vacation from regular activities or responsibilities
20. The politician's promises turned out to be nothing more than a _____.
n. an elaborate act or pretense intended to deceive or conceal one's true feelings or intentions; a game in which players try to guess a word or phrase based on gestures and movements made by the other players
21. The new job opportunity offered by the company is highly _____.
adj. providing a benefit or advantage; favorable or beneficial
22. He was forced to _____ his tenants because they couldn't pay the rent.
v. to deprive someone of the possession or use of something, often property or land

ANSWERS: 15. accompaniment, 16. gadget, 17. misaligned, 18. sanctions, 19. respite, 20. charade, 21. advantageous, 22. dispossess

23. As a dedicated _____ she always fought for what was right, no matter the cost.
- n.* a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity
24. 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.
25. He was so _____ about his beliefs that he refused to listen to any other points of view.
- adj.* refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change
26. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
27. Sometimes it is challenging to _____ science and religion.
- v.* to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist
28. He has an _____ to become a doctor.
- n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
29. We cannot _____ her as President.
- v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

ANSWERS: 23. idealist, 24. cafeteria, 25. stubborn, 26. opportune, 27. reconcile, 28. aspiration, 29. envision

30. A strong foundation of customer satisfaction _____ the business's success.
- v. to provide support or a foundation for something, often by strengthening or reinforcing a structure or system
31. The government is investing in programs to support _____ and small business development.
- n. the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one
32. He _____ going to the party and decided to stay home instead.
- v. to avoid deliberately or keep away from someone or something
33. He created an _____ shaped torso.
- adv. in a faulty or incomplete way
34. The company is trying to _____ its business model to stay competitive.
- v. to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
35. To get the job, I need to _____ my experience and education.
- v. to provide someone with certification or verification of their qualifications, usually in a particular field or profession; (noun) a document attesting to the truth of certain stated facts
36. He had a _____ look in his eyes as he remembered the past.
- adj. expressing a feeling of vague, sad, or inconsolable longing
37. He was born into a lower _____ and faced discrimination throughout his life.
- n. a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society

ANSWERS: 30. undergirds, 31. entrepreneurship, 32. shunned, 33. imperfectly, 34. reimagine, 35. credential, 36. wistful, 37. caste

38. Being demoted at work was a great _____ to him.

n. an affront to one's dignity or self-respect; an insult or humiliating treatment

39. The company decided to invest in a _____ industry.

adj. successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune

40. The family _____ was a respected elder who was always consulted on important decisions.

n. a man who is the head of a family or tribe or a man who is revered because of his age, wisdom, or spiritual leadership

41. The heat wave _____ the drought conditions.

v. to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse

42. The suspect _____ capture for weeks before being caught by the police.

v. to escape or avoid capture or detection, often by being clever or cunning

43. _____ communities need more support and resources to achieve equity.

adj. not adequately or proportionately represented, often in terms of a particular group, population, or perspective being excluded or marginalized

44. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the _____ release.

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

45. The new software is much more _____ and user-friendly.

adj. able to be controlled or directed

ANSWERS: 38. indignity, 39. prosperous, 40. patriarch, 41. exacerbated, 42. eluded, 43. Underrepresented, 44. app's, 45. controllable

46. She _____ the loss of her parents.

v. to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died

ANSWERS: 46. grieved