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Session 1: Word List

gorgon

n. in Greek mythology, a female creature with snakes for hair whose gaze turned people to stone; something or someone that causes terror or fear

synonym: medusa, monster, demon

(1) **gorgon** hair, (2) **gorgon** stone

After that last exam, the professor was a total **gorgon** to anyone who tried to ask for clarification.

creep

v. to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard

synonym: crawl, glide, encroach

(1) **creep** along the leaf, (2) **creep** toward the mouse

Aging **creeps** up slowly with time.

sickle

n. a tool consisting of a short curved blade with a handle, used for cutting grass or grain; also a symbol associated with harvest or death

synonym: scythe, crescent, cutter

(1) **sickle-shaped** moon, (2) harvest **sickle**

The blade of the **sickle** glinted in the sunlight as he swung it back and forth.

wield

v. to possess and exercise power, authority, etc
synonym : exert, manage, handle

(1) **wield** her authority, (2) **wield** a bad influence
They **wielded** enormous power and influence.

steed

n. a horse, especially a riding horse or one used in battle
synonym : horse, mount, charger

(1) a matchless **steed**, (2) black **steed**
The knight rode his trusty **steed** into battle.

stomp

v. to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step
synonym : trample, tread, dance

(1) **stomp** off to the room, (2) **stomp** on his foot
The children **stomped** their feet in time to the music.

hoof

n. the horny part of the foot of some mammals, such as horses, deer, and cattle
synonym : foot, paw

(1) **hoof** mark, (2) clean **hoof**
The horse's **hoof** was injured and needed to be treated by a veterinarian.

bridle

n. a headgear used to control a horse, consisting of a set of straps that fit around the head, often including a bit and reins; figuratively, a means of restraint or control over something, typically one's words or actions
synonym : restraint, halter, headgear

(1) put a **bridle** on my tongue, (2) **bridle** horses
The horse would not cooperate and constantly fought against the **bridle**.

appease

v. to pacify or soothe someone, usually by agreeing to their demands or requests; to calm someone's anger or anxiety
synonym : pacify, calm, soothe

(1) **appease** hunger, (2) **appease** her fears

The manager tried to **appease** the angry customer by offering them a refund.

subdued

adj. quiet, calm, or less intense in appearance or behavior

synonym: restrained, quiet, calm

(1) **subdued** color, (2) **subdued** lighting

The party had a **subdued** atmosphere compared to the previous year's event.

conquest

n. the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation

synonym: subjugation, domination, mastery

(1) imperial **conquest**, (2) make a **conquest**

He continued to grow his empire through **conquest**.

exile

n. the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons

synonym: banishment, expulsion, deportation

(1) **exile** community, (2) political **exile**

The **exiled** king lived in poverty in a foreign country for many years.

rebuff

v. to reject or criticize sharply; to snub, repel, or dismiss rudely

synonym: reject, decline, repel

(1) **rebuff** an offer, (2) **rebuff** the attack

She tried to flirt with him but was **rebuffed** with a cold shoulder.

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.

seduce

v. to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship

synonym: tempt, lure, entice

(1) **seduce** him into crime, (2) **seduce** her mind

He tried to **seduce** her with his charm and good looks.

tarnish

v. to become dull or discolored from exposure to elements or from being damaged or neglected; to damage or detract from someone's reputation or image

synonym: mar, stain, blemish

(1) **tarnish** reputation, (2) **tarnish** brass

Leaving the silver in the open air caused it to **tarnish** and lose its shine.

devise

v. to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination

synonym: create, concoct, invent

(1) **devise** a plan, (2) **devise** a literary plot

They had to **devise** a system that did not depend on fossil fuels.

banish

v. to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently

synonym: exile, deport, expel

(1) **banish** doubt, (2) **banish** my wrinkles

The queen **banished** the traitor from the kingdom, never to be seen again.

unbeknownst

adv. without the knowledge or awareness of someone; without someone's knowledge or participation

synonym: secretly, covertly

(1) **unbeknownst** to me, (2) **unbeknownst** to any of us

Unbeknownst to the family, the treasure had been hidden in the attic for years.

chimera

n. (in Greek mythology) a fire-breathing creature with a lion's head, a goat's body, and a snake's tail; a thing that

is illusory or impossible to achieve

synonym : delusion, illusion, figment

(1) **chimera** mouse, (2) interspecies **chimera**

Animal **chimeras** are created by combining multiple fertilized eggs.

firepower

n. the ability or capacity of a military unit or weapon to deliver a high volume of fire; the destructive capacity of military weapons or equipment

synonym : firearm, munitions, artillery

(1) the **firepower** of the military, (2) lethal **firepower**

The army relied on its superior **firepower** to win the battle.

agile

adj. able to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled

synonym : nimble, quick, flexible

(1) an **agile** mind, (2) **agile** in his movements

The **agile** development process allowed the team to make changes quickly.

acrobatic

adj. relating to or involving gymnastic or athletic feats performed with agility, balance, and coordination; agile, flexible, and graceful

synonym : nimble, agile, flexible

(1) **acrobatic** leaps, (2) **acrobatic** skills

The **acrobatic** performance was breathtaking and left the audience in awe.

incredulous

adj. unwilling or unable to believe something; skeptical, doubtful

synonym : skeptical, doubtful, disbelieving

(1) **incredulous** stare, (2) voice of **incredulous** disbelief

The audience was **incredulous** at the magician's trick, trying to figure out how he did it.

fearsome

adj. causing fear or terror; frightening, alarming, or formidable

synonym : terrifying, alarming, intimidating

(1) **fearsome** creature, (2) **fearsome** reputation

The dragon's **fearsome** roar echoed through the valley.

archer

n. a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows

synonym : Bowman, marksman, shooter

(1) **archer's** bow, (2) skilled **archer**

The **archer's** aim was so accurate he could hit a moving target without fail.

concede

v. to acknowledge or admit the truth or existence of something often reluctantly

synonym : admit, acknowledge, allow

(1) **concede** a territory, (2) **concede** a point

He had to **concede** defeat after losing the game.

entitle

v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

synonym : allow, permit, enable

(1) **entitle** him to a pension, (2) **entitle** the company to use the logo

The employee was **entitled** to a week of vacation time.

buoy

n. a floating device typically used to mark a location in a body of water, often used as a navigational aid; a source of support or encouragement

synonym : float, marker, beacon

(1) navigation **buoy**, (2) a mooring **buoy**

A red and white striped **buoy** marked the edge of the shipping lane.

hubris

n. excessive pride, arrogance, or overconfidence, often leading to someone's downfall or ruin

synonym : arrogance, conceit, pride

(1) political **hubris**, (2) **hubris** in business

The athlete's **hubris** resulted in him underestimating his competition and losing the game.

gadfly

n. a person who persistently annoys or provokes others, typically with criticism or questioning, often to stir up discussion or debate

synonym: nuisance, irritant, pest

(1) annoying **gadfly**, (2) play the **gadfly**

The politician was constantly pestered by the political **gadfly**, who always had something to criticize.

beeline

n. a straight, direct route taken with or as if with the intentions of a bee flying to its hive or a source of nectar or pollen

synonym: shortest route, direct path, straight line

(1) take a **beeline** approach, (2) a **beeline** to the exit

After finishing his last final exam, he made a **beeline** for the home to relax.

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.

fling

v. to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry

synonym: throw, dump, hurl

(1) **fling** a stream of abuse, (2) **fling** a door open forcefully

He was provoked to **fling** the draft on the floor.

careen

v. to move swiftly and in an uncontrolled way in a particular direction

synonym: lurch, sway, stagger

(1) **careen** in rough seas, (2) **careens** downhill

The car **careened** off the road and crashed into a tree.

ascend

v. to go or move upward; to become king or queen; to inherit something, such as a power

synonym: rise, climb, go up

(1) **ascend** the ladder, (2) **ascend** to power

The plane began to **ascend** into the sky.

immortalize

v. to prevent someone or something from being forgotten permanently

synonym: eternalize, perpetuate, memorialize

(1) **immortalize** a person in verse, (2) **immortalize** his name

This melody **immortalized** its composer.

constellation

n. a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people

synonym: asterism, array, pattern

(1) the stars of the Scorpion **constellation**, (2) northern **constellation**

Navigators still use the Little Bear **constellation** at sea.

soar

v. to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease

synonym: fly, rise, ascend

(1) **soar** in popularity, (2) **soar** to new heights

The bird **soared** through the sky, and its wings spread wide.

unfettered

adj. not constrained or restricted by limitations or rules; free, unrestricted, unbridled

synonym: unrestricted, free, unchained

(1) **unfettered** access, (2) **unfettered** capitalism

The athlete felt **unfettered** by her recent injury and performed with ease.

Session 2: Spelling

1. go___n stone
n. in Greek mythology, a female creature with snakes for hair whose gaze turned people to stone; something or someone that causes terror or fear
2. an ag__e mind
adj. able to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled
3. a mooring b__y
n. a floating device typically used to mark a location in a body of water, often used as a navigational aid; a source of support or encouragement
4. cr__p along the leaf
v. to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard
5. imm_____ze a person in verse
v. to prevent someone or something from being forgotten permanently
6. annoying ga___y
n. a person who persistently annoys or provokes others, typically with criticism or questioning, often to stir up discussion or debate
7. s__r in popularity
v. to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
8. as___d to power
v. to go or move upward; to become king or queen; to inherit something, such as a power
9. unb_____st to me
adv. without the knowledge or awareness of someone; without someone's knowledge or participation

ANSWERS: 1. gorgon, 2. agile, 3. buoy, 4. creep, 5. immortalize, 6. gadfly, 7. soar, 8. ascend, 9. unbeknownst

10. ch____a mouse *n.* (in Greek mythology) a fire-breathing creature with a lion's head, a goat's body, and a snake's tail; a thing that is illusory or impossible to achieve
11. put a br___e on my tongue *n.* a headgear used to control a horse, consisting of a set of straps that fit around the head, often including a bit and reins; figuratively, a means of restraint or control over something, typically one's words or actions
12. ba___h my wrinkles *v.* to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently
13. 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
14. wi__d her authority *v.* to possess and exercise power, authority, etc
15. lethal fi_____er *n.* the ability or capacity of a military unit or weapon to deliver a high volume of fire; the destructive capacity of military weapons or equipment
16. h__f mark *n.* the horny part of the foot of some mammals, such as horses, deer, and cattle
17. ac___e each other *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
18. co_____e a point *v.* to acknowledge or admit the truth or existence of something often reluctantly
19. clean h__f *n.* the horny part of the foot of some mammals, such as horses, deer, and cattle

ANSWERS: 10. chimera, 11. bridle, 12. banish, 13. flinch, 14. wield, 15. firepower, 16. hoof, 17. accuse, 18. concede, 19. hoof

20. unb_____st to any of us *adv.* without the knowledge or awareness of someone; without someone's knowledge or participation
21. imperial co_____st *n.* the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation
22. voice of inc_____us disbelief *adj.* unwilling or unable to believe something; skeptical, doubtful
23. ca____n in rough seas *v.* to move swiftly and in an uncontrolled way in a particular direction
24. re____f an offer *v.* to reject or criticize sharply; to snub, repel, or dismiss rudely
25. ap_____e hunger *v.* to pacify or soothe someone, usually by agreeing to their demands or requests; to calm someone's anger or anxiety
26. de____e a literary plot *v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
27. ac_____ic leaps *adj.* relating to or involving gymnastic or athletic feats performed with agility, balance, and coordination; agile, flexible, and graceful
28. se____e him into crime *v.* to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship
29. cr__p toward the mouse *v.* to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard
30. fl__g a door open forcefully *v.* to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry

ANSWERS: 20. unbeknownst, 21. conquest, 22. incredulous, 23. careen, 24. rebuff, 25. appease, 26. devise, 27. acrobatic, 28. seduce, 29. creep, 30. fling

31. fe_____me creature *adj.* causing fear or terror; frightening, alarming, or formidable
32. ac_____ic skills *adj.* relating to or involving gymnastic or athletic feats performed with agility, balance, and coordination; agile, flexible, and graceful
33. ta_____h reputation *v.* to become dull or discolored from exposure to elements or from being damaged or neglected; to damage or detract from someone's reputation or image
34. en_____e the company to use the logo *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
35. political ex__e *n.* the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
36. wi__d a bad influence *v.* to possess and exercise power, authority, etc
37. ex__e community *n.* the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
38. take a be_____e approach *n.* a straight, direct route taken with or as if with the intentions of a bee flying to its hive or a source of nectar or pollen
39. re___f the attack *v.* to reject or criticize sharply; to snub, repel, or dismiss rudely
40. fl__g a stream of abuse *v.* to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry

ANSWERS: 31. fearsome, 32. acrobatic, 33. tarnish, 34. entitle, 35. exile, 36. wield, 37. exile, 38. beeline, 39. rebuff, 40. fling

41. ar___r's bow *n.* a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows
42. st__p off to the room *v.* to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step
43. skilled ar___r *n.* a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows
44. go___n hair *n.* in Greek mythology, a female creature with snakes for hair whose gaze turned people to stone; something or someone that causes terror or fear
45. hu___s in business *n.* excessive pride, arrogance, or overconfidence, often leading to someone's downfall or ruin
46. de___e a plan *v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
47. political hu___s *n.* excessive pride, arrogance, or overconfidence, often leading to someone's downfall or ruin
48. make a co____st *n.* the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation
49. 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
50. unf_____ed capitalism *adj.* not constrained or restricted by limitations or rules; free, unrestricted, unbridled

ANSWERS: 41. archer, 42. stomp, 43. archer, 44. gorgon, 45. hubris, 46. devise, 47. hubris, 48. conquest, 49. flinch, 50. unfettered

51. ba___h doubt *v.* to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently
52. ta_____h brass *v.* to become dull or discolored from exposure to elements or from being damaged or neglected; to damage or detract from someone's reputation or image
53. harvest si___e *n.* a tool consisting of a short curved blade with a handle, used for cutting grass or grain; also a symbol associated with harvest or death
54. su_____d lighting *adj.* quiet, calm, or less intense in appearance or behavior
55. s__r to new heights *v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
56. black st__d *n.* a horse, especially a riding horse or one used in battle
57. play the ga___y *n.* a person who persistently annoys or provokes others, typically with criticism or questioning, often to stir up discussion or debate
58. br___e horses *n.* a headgear used to control a horse, consisting of a set of straps that fit around the head, often including a bit and reins; figuratively, a means of restraint or control over something, typically one's words or actions
59. a matchless st__d *n.* a horse, especially a riding horse or one used in battle

ANSWERS: 51. banish, 52. tarnish, 53. sickle, 54. subdued, 55. soar, 56. steed, 57. gadfly, 58. bridle, 59. steed

60. ca___ns downhill *v.* to move swiftly and in an uncontrolled way in a particular direction
61. inc____us stare *adj.* unwilling or unable to believe something; skeptical, doubtful
62. a be___e to the exit *n.* a straight, direct route taken with or as if with the intentions of a bee flying to its hive or a source of nectar or pollen
63. ap___e her fears *v.* to pacify or soothe someone, usually by agreeing to their demands or requests; to calm someone's anger or anxiety
64. se___e her mind *v.* to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship
65. en___e him to a pension *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
66. unf____ed access *adj.* not constrained or restricted by limitations or rules; free, unrestricted, unbridled
67. the stars of the Scorpion
con_____ion *n.* a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people
68. si___e-shaped moon *n.* a tool consisting of a short curved blade with a handle, used for cutting grass or grain; also a symbol associated with harvest or death
69. navigation b__y *n.* a floating device typically used to mark a location in a body of water, often used as a navigational aid; a source of support or encouragement

ANSWERS: 60. careen, 61. incredulous, 62. beeline, 63. appease, 64. seduce, 65. entitle, 66. unfettered, 67. constellation, 68. sickle, 69. buoy

70. ag__e in his movements *adj.* able to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled
71. ac___e his rudeness *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
72. fe_____me reputation *adj.* causing fear or terror; frightening, alarming, or formidable
73. as___d the ladder *v.* to go or move upward; to become king or queen; to inherit something, such as a power
74. the fi_____er of the military *n.* the ability or capacity of a military unit or weapon to deliver a high volume of fire; the destructive capacity of military weapons or equipment
75. su_____d color *adj.* quiet, calm, or less intense in appearance or behavior
76. northern con_____ion *n.* a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people
77. imm_____ze his name *v.* to prevent someone or something from being forgotten permanently
78. co_____e a territory *v.* to acknowledge or admit the truth or existence of something often reluctantly
79. st__p on his foot *v.* to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step
80. interspecies ch_____a *n.* (in Greek mythology) a fire-breathing creature with a lion's head, a goat's body, and a snake's tail; a thing that is illusory or impossible to achieve

ANSWERS: 70. agile, 71. accuse, 72. fearsome, 73. ascend, 74. firepower, 75. subdued, 76. constellation, 77. immortalize, 78. concede, 79. stomp, 80. chimera

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The army relied on its superior _____ to win the battle.
n. the ability or capacity of a military unit or weapon to deliver a high volume of fire; the destructive capacity of military weapons or equipment

2. Leaving the silver in the open air caused it to _____ and lose its shine.
v. to become dull or discolored from exposure to elements or from being damaged or neglected; to damage or detract from someone's reputation or image

3. A red and white striped _____ marked the edge of the shipping lane.
n. a floating device typically used to mark a location in a body of water, often used as a navigational aid; a source of support or encouragement

4. The employee was _____ to a week of vacation time.
v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

5. The audience was _____ at the magician's trick, trying to figure out how he did it.
adj. unwilling or unable to believe something; skeptical, doubtful

6. The _____ development process allowed the team to make changes quickly.
adj. able to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled

7. The children _____ their feet in time to the music.
v. to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step

ANSWERS: 1. firepower, 2. tarnish, 3. buoy, 4. entitled, 5. incredulous, 6. agile, 7. stomped

8. The knight rode his trusty _____ into battle.
n. a horse, especially a riding horse or one used in battle
9. The _____ performance was breathtaking and left the audience in awe.
adj. relating to or involving gymnastic or athletic feats performed with agility, balance, and coordination; agile, flexible, and graceful
10. After finishing his last final exam, he made a _____ for the home to relax.
n. a straight, direct route taken with or as if with the intentions of a bee flying to its hive or a source of nectar or pollen
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v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
12. The _____ king lived in poverty in a foreign country for many years.
n. the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
13. Aging _____ up slowly with time.
v. to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard
14. The dragon's _____ roar echoed through the valley.
adj. causing fear or terror; frightening, alarming, or formidable
15. The manager tried to _____ the angry customer by offering them a refund.
v. to pacify or soothe someone, usually by agreeing to their demands or requests; to calm someone's anger or anxiety
16. The plane began to _____ into the sky.
v. to go or move upward; to become king or queen; to inherit something, such as a power

ANSWERS: 8. steed, 9. acrobatic, 10. beeline, 11. accused, 12. exiled, 13. creeps, 14. fearsome, 15. appease, 16. ascend

17. 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

18. Navigators still use the Little Bear _____ at sea.

- n.* a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people

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20. The athlete's _____ resulted in him underestimating his competition and losing the game.

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22. The party had a _____ atmosphere compared to the previous year's event.

- adj.* quiet, calm, or less intense in appearance or behavior

23. After that last exam, the professor was a total _____ to anyone who tried to ask for clarification.

- n.* in Greek mythology, a female creature with snakes for hair whose gaze turned people to stone; something or someone that causes terror or fear

24. The car _____ off the road and crashed into a tree.

- v.* to move swiftly and in an uncontrolled way in a particular direction

ANSWERS: 17. flinch, 18. constellation, 19. seduce, 20. hubris, 21. chimeras, 22. subdued, 23. gorgon, 24. careened

25. The blade of the _____ glinted in the sunlight as he swung it back and forth.
n. a tool consisting of a short curved blade with a handle, used for cutting grass or grain; also a symbol associated with harvest or death
26. The horse's _____ was injured and needed to be treated by a veterinarian.
n. the horny part of the foot of some mammals, such as horses, deer, and cattle
27. _____ to the family, the treasure had been hidden in the attic for years.
adv. without the knowledge or awareness of someone; without someone's knowledge or participation
28. This melody _____ its composer.
v. to prevent someone or something from being forgotten permanently
29. He had to _____ defeat after losing the game.
v. to acknowledge or admit the truth or existence of something often reluctantly
30. The queen _____ the traitor from the kingdom, never to be seen again.
v. to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently
31. The horse would not cooperate and constantly fought against the _____.
n. a headgear used to control a horse, consisting of a set of straps that fit around the head, often including a bit and reins; figuratively, a means of restraint or control over something, typically one's words or actions
32. The _____ aim was so accurate he could hit a moving target without fail.
n. a person who shoots with a bow and arrow; a soldier equipped with a bow and arrows

ANSWERS: 25. sickle, 26. hoof, 27. Unbeknownst, 28. immortalized, 29. concede, 30. banished, 31. bridle, 32. archer's

33. They had to _____ a system that did not depend on fossil fuels.
v. to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
34. The politician was constantly pestered by the political _____ who always had something to criticize.
n. a person who persistently annoys or provokes others, typically with criticism or questioning, often to stir up discussion or debate
35. They _____ enormous power and influence.
v. to possess and exercise power, authority, etc
36. The bird _____ through the sky, and its wings spread wide.
v. to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
37. He was provoked to _____ the draft on the floor.
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adj. not constrained or restricted by limitations or rules; free, unrestricted, unbridled
40. He continued to grow his empire through _____.
n. the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation

ANSWERS: 33. devise, 34. gadfly, 35. wielded, 36. soared, 37. fling, 38. rebuffed, 39. unfettered, 40. conquest