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Session 1: Word List

shroud

n. a length of cloth or other material used to cover or wrap a dead body; something that conceals or obscures something else, often used metaphorically

synonym : cover, veil, cloak

(1) **shroud** of mystery, (2) **shroud** of suspicion

The protective **shroud** covered the body in the coffin at the funeral.

hillside

n. the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline

synonym : slope, incline

(1) **hillside** landscape, (2) **hillside** vineyard

The hikers were stunned by the beautiful wildflowers on the **hillside**.

thatch

n. a material, such as straw or reeds, used to cover the roofs of houses or other buildings

synonym : straw, grass, reed

(1) cover with **thatch**, (2) **thatch** of hair

The **thatch** roof was made from local grasses and was a traditional design.

shack

n. a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained

synonym : shanty, cabin, hut

(1) humble **shack**, (2) beach **shack**

The fisherman lived in a small **shack** by the lake.

thunderous

adj. producing or accompanied by a loud, deep, rumbling sound, like that of thunder; intense, forceful, or impressive

synonym : thundering, booming, loud

(1) **thunderous** roar, (2) **thunderous** noise

The **thunderous** applause lasted for several minutes after the performance.

cot

n. a small bed for a baby or child, typically with high sides to prevent the child from falling out

synonym : bed, bunk, pallet

(1) **cot** in the tent, (2) baby's **cot**

The hospital provides **cots** for patients' families who want to stay overnight.

tease

v. to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing

synonym : bully, annoy, provoke

(1) **tease** the children, (2) **tease** wool

This ad is intended to **tease** a competing product.

devote

v. to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

synonym : commit, dedicate, apply

(1) **devote** all of my energies, (2) **devote** my own life

He **devoted** himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.

nestle

v. to settle comfortably or cozily into a place

synonym : snuggle, cuddle, curl up

(1) **nestle** deeper against him, (2) **nestle** in a cozy spot

The cat **nestled** in my lap and fell asleep.

twig

n. a small, thin, flexible branch or shoot of a tree or shrub; a slender, fragile, or delicate object or individual

synonym: branchlet, sprig, osier

(1) **twig** branch, (2) **twig** basket

The bird perched on a **twig** and sang a beautiful melody.

batter

v. to hit something or someone repeatedly with much force; (noun, baseball) a ballplayer who is batting

synonym: beat, pound, strike

(1) **batter** the eggs, (2) the **batter's** box

He got so angry that he **battered** the door down.

shank

n. the lower part of the leg, between the knee and ankle; a straight or curved part of a tool or utensil that is used to grip, hold, or apply pressure

synonym: leg, stem, shaft

(1) **shank** steak, (2) golf **shank**

The **shank** of the hammer broke while he was trying to dislodge a nail.

stew

n. a dish consisting of meat and vegetables simmered in liquid typically served hot as a main course or soup; a state of mental or emotional agitation or confusion

synonym: casserole, hotpot

(1) **stew** meat, (2) vegetable **stew**

I made a delicious beef **stew** for dinner tonight.

cheerful

adj. happy and positive; causing feelings of happiness or optimism; marked by or expressing joy or optimism

synonym: happy, joyful, lively

(1) **cheerful** smile, (2) a **cheerful** disposition

Her **cheerful** personality brightened up the room.

wobble

v. to move or shake unsteadily from side to side or up and down

synonym : sway, rock, totter

(1) **wobble** a few steps, (2) **wobble** chair

The table **wobbled** a little when I put my drink on it.

weave

v. to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

synonym : braid, unite, contrive

(1) **weave** on a loom, (2) **weave** a story

The girl **weaves** a garland for her friend.

hearty

adj. characterized by vigor, strength, or robustness; showing warmth or enthusiasm of feeling; large and filling (referring to a meal or portions of food)

synonym : wholesome, robust, healthy

(1) **hearty** meal, (2) **hearty** laughter

The **hearty** soup warmed us up on the cold winter day.

gulp

v. to swallow quickly and forcefully; to take in a large amount of air or liquid quickly and audibly because of surprise, fear, or excitement

synonym : swallow, chug, gulp down

(1) **gulp** water, (2) **gulp** air

He had to **gulp** down his coffee before rushing to work.

terrify

v. to frighten someone very much

synonym : unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing complex tasks.

peasant

n. a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society

synonym : farmer, laborer, rustic

(1) **peasant** class, (2) exploited **peasant**

Many people today romanticize the idea of the simple life of a

peasant, but in reality, it was a difficult and often harsh existence.

disguise

v. to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others

synonym: mask, misinterpret, cloak

(1) **disguise** my feelings, (2) **disguise** his voice

Later it turned out that the politician **disguised** the fact from the public.

wrath

n. extreme anger

synonym: fury, irritation, anger

(1) **wrath** of God, (2) a high person's **wrath**

He finally exploded with **wrath** due to the team's repeated failures.

rag

n. a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning

synonym: cloth, fragment

(1) a **rag** of cloud, (2) **rag** doll

He used an old **rag** to clean the grease off the car's engine.

loom

v. to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way

synonym: appear, come on, overshadow

(1) **loom** over the global economy, (2) **loom** on the horizon

The issue of divorce **loomed** large in his mind.

brew

v. to make beer or tea by mixing a substance with hot water

synonym: make, prepare

(1) **brew** a cup of tea, (2) **brew** beer

I am going to **brew** some coffee this morning.

shepherd

n. a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area

synonym: herder, flock-keeper, sheepdog

(1) **shepherd** boy, (2) sheep without a **shepherd**

The **shepherd's** dog helped keep the sheep in line and protect them from predators.

underworld

n. the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies

synonym: hell, netherworld, underworld

(1) god of the **underworld**, (2) criminal **underworld**

The story of Orpheus and Eurydice is said to have taken place in the **underworld**, where Orpheus attempted to rescue his wife from the realm of the dead.

xenia

n. the ancient Greek concept of hospitality, particularly the giving of gifts or other benefits to guests or strangers considered a sacred obligation in ancient Greece, and failing to offer hospitality to a guest was seen as a major social taboo

synonym: guest-friendship, hospitality, host-guest relationship

(1) **xenia** hospitality, (2) **xenia** gift

In some cultures, the practice of **xenia** extends beyond mere politeness and includes the obligation to provide food, shelter, and protection to strangers in need.

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.

murky

adj. dark and gloomy or difficult to see through

synonym: dim, fuzzy, foggy

(1) **murky** waters, (2) a **murky** dungeon

Prospects for the suspect's conviction are **murky** due to a lack of helpful evidence.

swamp

n. an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation

synonym : marsh, mire, bog

(1) muddy **swamp**, (2) **swamp** tour

The lowland **swamp** was full of dangerous animals and poisonous plants.

mournful

adj. expressing or showing sorrow or grief; sad; melancholy

synonym : melancholy, doleful, mournsome

(1) **mournful** tears, (2) **mournful** expression

The **mournful** sound of the trumpet echoed through the church during the funeral service.

sprout

v. to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly

synonym : germinate, grow, bud

(1) **sprout** seeds, (2) **sprout** wings

The flowers in the garden began to **sprout** after the first rain of the season.

etch

v. to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern

synonym : engrave, inscribe, carve

(1) **etch** a metal plate, (2) **etch** a design into wood

He used a sharp tool to **etch** his initials onto the metal.

rickety

adj. wobbly, unsteady, and likely to collapse

synonym : unstable, wobbly, shaky

(1) **rickety** structure, (2) **rickety** chair

The old wooden bridge was **rickety** and swayed with every step.

metamorphose

v. to undergo a dramatic change in form, structure, or substance; to transform or alter in appearance or nature

synonym : transform, change, alter

(1) **metamorphose** in appearance, (2) **metamorphose** over time

The caterpillar **metamorphoses** into a butterfly during its life cycle.

gleam

v. to reflect light in a way that creates a shining or bright and attractive appearance; to become visible or apparent

synonym: glitter, shimmer, shine

(1) **gleam** in eyes, (2) **gleam** like honey

The diamond ring **gleamed** in the sunlight, catching everyone's eye.

commend

v. to praise or express approval of someone or something; to recommend someone for a job or position; to entrust or hand over something to someone else

synonym: praise, applaud, compliment

(1) **commend** a job well done, (2) **commend** him for his bravery

The coach **commended** the team for fighting until the end and never giving up.

flutter

v. to wave or flap quickly and lightly; (noun) the act of moving back and forth

synonym: flit, hover, wave

(1) **flutter** around finding, (2) a **flutter** of a bird

The butterfly **fluttered** its wings gracefully.

flourish

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

synonym: boom, advance, succeed

(1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide

The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.

farewell

n. the act of departing politely; an expression of a wish or well-being at parting

synonym: goodbye, send-off

(1) a **farewell** address, (2) bid **farewell** to the departed
There is his **farewell** party tomorrow.

linden

n. a deciduous tree with heart-shaped leaves and fragrant yellow flowers; commonly planted in urban areas for shade or ornamental purposes

synonym: basswood, lime, tilia

(1) **linden** blossom, (2) **linden** leaves

The **linden** tree in the park is the perfect spot for a picnic.

intertwine

v. to twist together or become twisted together

synonym: interweave, interlace, entwine

(1) **intertwine** thread, (2) **intertwine** story

The vines **intertwine** to form a thick canopy overhead.

Session 2: Spelling

1. mu__y waters *adj.* dark and gloomy or difficult to see through
2. wr__h of God *n.* extreme anger
3. god of the und_____ld *n.* the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies
4. e__h a design into wood *v.* to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern
5. b__w a cup of tea *v.* to make beer or tea by mixing a substance with hot water
6. a r_g of cloud *n.* a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning
7. xe__a hospitality *n.* the ancient Greek concept of hospitality, particularly the giving of gifts or other benefits to guests or strangers considered a sacred obligation in ancient Greece, and failing to offer hospitality to a guest was seen as a major social taboo
8. g__p water *v.* to swallow quickly and forcefully; to take in a large amount of air or liquid quickly and audibly because of surprise, fear, or excitement

ANSWERS: 1. murky, 2. wrath, 3. underworld, 4. etch, 5. brew, 6. rag, 7. xenia, 8. gulp

9. he___y meal *adj.* characterized by vigor, strength, or robustness; showing warmth or enthusiasm of feeling; large and filling (referring to a meal or portions of food)
10. di_____se my feelings *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
11. fl_____sh worldwide *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
12. di_____se his voice *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
13. c_t in the tent *n.* a small bed for a baby or child, typically with high sides to prevent the child from falling out
14. fl_____sh economically *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
15. sh___d of mystery *n.* a length of cloth or other material used to cover or wrap a dead body; something that conceals or obscures something else, often used metaphorically
16. mo_____ul tears *adj.* expressing or showing sorrow or grief; sad; melancholy
17. a ch_____ul disposition *adj.* happy and positive; causing feelings of happiness or optimism; marked by or expressing joy or optimism
18. sp___t seeds *v.* to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly

ANSWERS: 9. hearty, 10. disguise, 11. flourish, 12. disguise, 13. cot, 14. flourish, 15. shroud, 16. mournful, 17. cheerful, 18. sprout

19. sw__p tour *n.* an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation
20. de___e my own life *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
21. co_____d a job well done *v.* to praise or express approval of someone or something; to recommend someone for a job or position; to entrust or hand over something to someone else
22. the threats te_____y him *v.* to frighten someone very much
23. ri_____y structure *adj.* wobbly, unsteady, and likely to collapse
24. ne___e in a cozy spot *v.* to settle comfortably or cozily into a place
25. beach sh__k *n.* a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained
26. wo___e a few steps *v.* to move or shake unsteadily from side to side or up and down
27. humble sh__k *n.* a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained
28. sheep without a sh_____rd *n.* a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area
29. a fa_____ll address *n.* the act of departing politely; an expression of a wish or well-being at parting

ANSWERS: 19. swamp, 20. devote, 21. commend, 22. terrify, 23. rickety, 24. nestle, 25. shack, 26. wobble, 27. shack, 28. shepherd, 29. farewell

30. ch____ul smile *adj.* happy and positive; causing feelings of happiness or optimism; marked by or expressing joy or optimism
31. int_____ne story *v.* to twist together or become twisted together
32. we__e a story *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
33. sh__k steak *n.* the lower part of the leg, between the knee and ankle; a straight or curved part of a tool or utensil that is used to grip, hold, or apply pressure
34. r_g doll *n.* a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning
35. a mu__y dungeon *adj.* dark and gloomy or difficult to see through
36. t__g basket *n.* a small, thin, flexible branch or shoot of a tree or shrub; a slender, fragile, or delicate object or individual
37. de___e all of my energies *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
38. xe__a gift *n.* the ancient Greek concept of hospitality, particularly the giving of gifts or other benefits to guests or strangers considered a sacred obligation in ancient Greece, and failing to offer hospitality to a guest was seen as a major social taboo

ANSWERS: 30. cheerful, 31. intertwine, 32. weave, 33. shank, 34. rag, 35. murky, 36. twig, 37. devote, 38. xenia

39. co____d him for his bravery *v.* to praise or express approval of someone or something; to recommend someone for a job or position; to entrust or hand over something to someone else
40. wo____e chair *v.* to move or shake unsteadily from side to side or up and down
41. l__m on the horizon *v.* to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way
42. li____n blossom *n.* a deciduous tree with heart-shaped leaves and fragrant yellow flowers; commonly planted in urban areas for shade or ornamental purposes
43. hi____de landscape *n.* the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline
44. baby's c_t *n.* a small bed for a baby or child, typically with high sides to prevent the child from falling out
45. pe____t class *n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society
46. met____ose in appearance *v.* to undergo a dramatic change in form, structure, or substance; to transform or alter in appearance or nature
47. ne____e deeper against him *v.* to settle comfortably or cozily into a place
48. vegetable s__w *n.* a dish consisting of meat and vegetables simmered in liquid typically served hot as a main course or soup; a state of mental or emotional agitation or confusion

ANSWERS: 39. commend, 40. wobble, 41. loom, 42. linden, 43. hillside, 44. cot, 45. peasant, 46. metamorphose, 47. nestle, 48. stew

49. cover with th___h *n.* a material, such as straw or reeds, used to cover the roofs of houses or other buildings
50. thu_____us roar *adj.* producing or accompanied by a loud, deep, rumbling sound, like that of thunder; intense, forceful, or impressive
51. te__e the children *v.* to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing
52. li___n leaves *n.* a deciduous tree with heart-shaped leaves and fragrant yellow flowers; commonly planted in urban areas for shade or ornamental purposes
53. gl__m like honey *v.* to reflect light in a way that creates a shining or bright and attractive appearance; to become visible or apparent
54. s__w meat *n.* a dish consisting of meat and vegetables simmered in liquid typically served hot as a main course or soup; a state of mental or emotional agitation or confusion
55. gl__m in eyes *v.* to reflect light in a way that creates a shining or bright and attractive appearance; to become visible or apparent
56. golf sh__k *n.* the lower part of the leg, between the knee and ankle; a straight or curved part of a tool or utensil that is used to grip, hold, or apply pressure

ANSWERS: 49. thatch, 50. thunderous, 51. tease, 52. linden, 53. gleam, 54. stew, 55. gleam, 56. shank

57. e__h a metal plate *v.* to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern
58. muddy sw__p *n.* an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation
59. int_____ne thread *v.* to twist together or become twisted together
60. te_____y people *v.* to frighten someone very much
61. exploited pe_____t *n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society
62. th___h of hair *n.* a material, such as straw or reeds, used to cover the roofs of houses or other buildings
63. mo_____ul expression *adj.* expressing or showing sorrow or grief; sad; melancholy
64. met_____ose over time *v.* to undergo a dramatic change in form, structure, or substance; to transform or alter in appearance or nature
65. hi_____de vineyard *n.* the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline
66. sh___d of suspicion *n.* a length of cloth or other material used to cover or wrap a dead body; something that conceals or obscures something else, often used metaphorically

ANSWERS: 57. etch, 58. swamp, 59. intertwine, 60. terrify, 61. peasant, 62. thatch, 63. mournful, 64. metamorphose, 65. hillside, 66. shroud

67. t__g branch *n.* a small, thin, flexible branch or shoot of a tree or shrub; a slender, fragile, or delicate object or individual
68. bid fa_____ll to the departed *n.* the act of departing politely; an expression of a wish or well-being at parting
69. sh_____rd boy *n.* a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area
70. the ba____r's box *v.* to hit something or someone repeatedly with much force; (noun, baseball) a ballplayer who is batting
71. ri_____y chair *adj.* wobbly, unsteady, and likely to collapse
72. sp____t wings *v.* to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly
73. a fl_____r of a bird *v.* to wave or flap quickly and lightly; (noun) the act of moving back and forth
74. thu_____us noise *adj.* producing or accompanied by a loud, deep, rumbling sound, like that of thunder; intense, forceful, or impressive
75. he____y laughter *adj.* characterized by vigor, strength, or robustness; showing warmth or enthusiasm of feeling; large and filling (referring to a meal or portions of food)
76. as____d to power *v.* to go or move upward; to become king or queen; to inherit something, such as a power
77. as____d the ladder *v.* to go or move upward; to become king or queen; to inherit something, such as a power

ANSWERS: 67. twig, 68. farewell, 69. shepherd, 70. batter, 71. rickety, 72. sprout, 73. flutter, 74. thunderous, 75. hearty, 76. ascend, 77. ascend

78. fl____r around finding *v.* to wave or flap quickly and lightly; (noun) the act of moving back and forth
79. l__m over the global economy *v.* to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way
80. te__e wool *v.* to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing
81. ba____r the eggs *v.* to hit something or someone repeatedly with much force; (noun, baseball) a ballplayer who is batting
82. a high person's wr__h *n.* extreme anger
83. b__w beer *v.* to make beer or tea by mixing a substance with hot water
84. g__p air *v.* to swallow quickly and forcefully; to take in a large amount of air or liquid quickly and audibly because of surprise, fear, or excitement
85. we__e on a loom *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
86. criminal und____ld *n.* the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies

ANSWERS: 78. flutter, 79. loom, 80. tease, 81. batter, 82. wrath, 83. brew, 84. gulp, 85. weave, 86. underworld

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The hikers were stunned by the beautiful wildflowers on the _____.
n. the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline
2. The girl _____ a garland for her friend.
v. to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
3. The _____ roof was made from local grasses and was a traditional design.
n. a material, such as straw or reeds, used to cover the roofs of houses or other buildings
4. It would be best not to _____ your associates into doing complex tasks.
v. to frighten someone very much
5. The Ottoman Empire _____ for over five centuries.
v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
6. He _____ himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.
v. to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
7. The _____ tree in the park is the perfect spot for a picnic.
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8. He had to _____ down his coffee before rushing to work.
v. to swallow quickly and forcefully; to take in a large amount of air or liquid quickly and audibly because of surprise, fear, or excitement

ANSWERS: 1. hillside, 2. weaves, 3. thatch, 4. terrify, 5. flourished, 6. devoted, 7. linden, 8. gulp

9. The _____ applause lasted for several minutes after the performance.

adj. producing or accompanied by a loud, deep, rumbling sound, like that of thunder; intense, forceful, or impressive

10. He got so angry that he _____ the door down.

v. to hit something or someone repeatedly with much force; (noun, baseball) a ballplayer who is batting

11. The old wooden bridge was _____ and swayed with every step.

adj. wobbly, unsteady, and likely to collapse

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v. to settle comfortably or cozily into a place

13. The bird perched on a _____ and sang a beautiful melody.

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15. Prospects for the suspect's conviction are _____ due to a lack of helpful evidence.

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19. The _____ sound of the trumpet echoed through the church during the funeral service.

- adj.* expressing or showing sorrow or grief; sad; melancholy

20. The flowers in the garden began to _____ after the first rain of the season.

- v.* to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly

21. The _____ soup warmed us up on the cold winter day.

- adj.* characterized by vigor, strength, or robustness; showing warmth or enthusiasm of feeling; large and filling (referring to a meal or portions of food)

22. This ad is intended to _____ a competing product.

- v.* to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing

ANSWERS: 17. etch, 18. xenia, 19. mournful, 20. sprout, 21. hearty, 22. tease

23. The lowland _____ was full of dangerous animals and poisonous plants.
n. an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation
24. The vines _____ to form a thick canopy overhead.
v. to twist together or become twisted together
25. The coach _____ the team for fighting until the end and never giving up.
v. to praise or express approval of someone or something; to recommend someone for a job or position; to entrust or hand over something to someone else
26. The fisherman lived in a small _____ by the lake.
n. a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained
27. There is his _____ party tomorrow.
n. the act of departing politely; an expression of a wish or well-being at parting
28. Her _____ personality brightened up the room.
adj. happy and positive; causing feelings of happiness or optimism; marked by or expressing joy or optimism
29. The caterpillar _____ into a butterfly during its life cycle.
v. to undergo a dramatic change in form, structure, or substance; to transform or alter in appearance or nature
30. Many people today romanticize the idea of the simple life of a _____ but in reality, it was a difficult and often harsh existence.
n. a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society

ANSWERS: 23. swamp, 24. intertwine, 25. commended, 26. shack, 27. farewell, 28. cheerful, 29. metamorphoses, 30. peasant,

31. I made a delicious beef _____ for dinner tonight.

- n.* a dish consisting of meat and vegetables simmered in liquid typically served hot as a main course or soup; a state of mental or emotional agitation or confusion

32. The table _____ a little when I put my drink on it.

- v.* to move or shake unsteadily from side to side or up and down

33. The protective _____ covered the body in the coffin at the funeral.

- n.* a length of cloth or other material used to cover or wrap a dead body; something that conceals or obscures something else, often used metaphorically

34. The hospital provides _____ for patients' families who want to stay overnight.

- n.* a small bed for a baby or child, typically with high sides to prevent the child from falling out

35. 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

36. The diamond ring _____ in the sunlight, catching everyone's eye.

- v.* to reflect light in a way that creates a shining or bright and attractive appearance; to become visible or apparent

37. The _____ of the hammer broke while he was trying to dislodge a nail.

- n.* the lower part of the leg, between the knee and ankle; a straight or curved part of a tool or utensil that is used to grip, hold, or apply pressure

38. The story of Orpheus and Eurydice is said to have taken place in the _____ where Orpheus attempted to rescue his wife from the realm of the dead.

- n.* the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies

ANSWERS: 31. stew, 32. wobbled, 33. shroud, 34. cots, 35. ascend, 36. gleamed, 37. shank, 38. underworld,

39. He used an old ____ to clean the grease off the car's engine.

n. a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning

40. The issue of divorce _____ large in his mind.

v. to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way

41. He finally exploded with _____ due to the team's repeated failures.

n. extreme anger

42. The butterfly _____ its wings gracefully.

v. to wave or flap quickly and lightly; (noun) the act of moving back and forth

43. I am going to ____ some coffee this morning.

v. to make beer or tea by mixing a substance with hot water

ANSWERS: 39. rag, 40. loomed, 41. wrath, 42. fluttered, 43. brew