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## Session 1: Word List

### screech

v. to make a loud, high-pitched, piercing sound, often indicating pain or fear

*synonym*: shriek, scream, yelp

(1) **screech** out a slogan, (2) **screech** with laughter

The brakes on the car began to **screech** as the driver suddenly stopped at the intersection.

### hagfish

n. a jawless fish that has a slimy, eel-like body and is known for its ability to secrete a large amount of mucous when threatened

*synonym*: slime eel, snot snake

(1) **hagfish** slime, (2) pacific **hagfish**

When threatened, deep-sea **hagfish** release a slime that can expand up to five gallons when mixed with water, making it difficult for predators to keep hold of them.

### slime

n. a thick, slippery substance that is usually soft and wet

*synonym*: muck, ooze, gunk

(1) **slime** bacteria, (2) **slime** mold

The kids loved playing with the green **slime**, but it was a nightmare to clean up.

- eel** *n.* a type of elongated, snake-like fish that lives in freshwater or saltwater and has a slimy, scaleless body and no pelvic fins  
(1) glass **eel**, (2) electric **eel**  
The fisherman caught a slippery **eel** while out on the lake.
- wriggle** *v.* to twist and turn with quick, writhing motions; to move in a twisting or contorting manner  
*synonym*: squirm, jerk, twist  
(1) **wriggle** free, (2) **wriggle** in surprise  
The child started to **wriggle** out of their seatbelt during the long car ride.
- astonishing** *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe  
*synonym*: surprising, shocking, astounding  
(1) **astonishing** achievement, (2) make **astonishing** gains  
The news of her sudden death was **astonishing** to everyone who knew her.
- standout** *n.* a person or thing that is exceptionally good, impressive, or noticeable amidst others; something that stands out from the rest; (adjective) particularly prominent, noticeable, or superior in comparison to others in a group or context  
*synonym*: highlight, superiority  
(1) **standout** feature, (2) **standout** player  
Her bright green dress made her **standout** among the crowd of black suits and dresses.
- slimy** *adj.* covered with or having a slippery, viscous coating; repulsively slippery or oozy; containing or resembling slime  
*synonym*: slippery, mucky, mucous  
(1) **slimy** substance, (2) **slimy** green algae  
The **slimy** texture of the seafood dish made me feel queasy.

## tastebud

*n.* a sensory organ on the tongue that detects flavors of food and drink

*synonym*: taste receptor, gustatory cell, flavor sensor

(1) **tastebud** sensitivity, (2) spicy **tastebud** sensation

These artificial sweeteners trick your **tastebuds** into thinking you are eating sugar.

## rev

*n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

*synonym*: revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

## glide

*v.* to move smoothly and effortlessly

*synonym*: slide, skim, coast

(1) **glide** through the water, (2) **glide** down the mountain

The eagle gracefully **glided** on the thermals, soaring above the mountains.

## clench

*v.* to close tightly or grip firmly; to contract or stiffen, especially as in response to stress or pain; to tighten or compress

*synonym*: grasp, clasp, tighten

(1) **clench** teeth, (2) **clench** muscles

He **clenched** his fist in anger when he heard the bad news.

## cartilage

*n.* a tough, elastic connective tissue that is found in various parts of the body, such as the joints, the outer ear, and the tip of the nose

*synonym*: connective tissue, gristle, fibrocartilage

(1) **cartilage** damage, (2) nasal **cartilage**

The knee joint is supported by **cartilage**, which helps absorb shock and prevent bone damage.

## baggy

*adj.* loose-fitting or puffed out in shape, typically about clothing

*synonym* : loose, roomy, oversized

(1) **baggy** sweater, (2) **baggy** sweatpants

I prefer **baggy** clothes to tight-fitting ones.

## wetsuit

*n.* a close-fitting garment that covers the torso, arms, and legs and is designed to keep the wearer warm and dry, especially when participating in water sports

*synonym* : diving suit, neoprene suit

(1) **wetsuit** material, (2) **wetsuit** rental

He wore a **wetsuit** for the entire duration of his triathlon, from start to finish.

## repel

*v.* to force an attack or attacker to withdraw or retreat

*synonym* : turn away, fight off, force back

(1) **repel** bandits, (2) **repel** bad luck

This material can **repel** moisture swiftly.

## spew

*v.* to eject forcefully and abundantly; to flow out rapidly and in large amounts

*synonym* : vomit, spout, discharge

(1) **spew** carbon dioxide, (2) **spew** insults

The volcano started to **spew** lava and ash, causing panic among residents.

## stupendous

*adj.* extremely impressive, astonishing, or remarkable; of a size or degree that is difficult to comprehend or imagine

*synonym* : colossal, enormous, gigantic

(1) **stupendous** achievement, (2) **stupendous** view

The fireworks display was **stupendous**, lighting up the entire sky with vibrant colors.

## mucus

*n.* a slimy liquid produced inside the nose and other body parts for lubrication, protection, etc.

*synonym* : secretion, slime, saliva

(1) airway **mucus**, (2) nasal **mucus**

When the body temperature drops, **mucus** secretion fails.

## vesicle

*n.* a small sac or pouch that contains something, such as fluid or air; a tiny membrane-bound compartment within a cell that stores or transports molecules or substances  
*synonym*: bladder, sac, cyst

(1) **vesicle** membrane, (2) **vesicle** transport

A lipid **vesicle** is formed when a lipid bilayer forms a hollow sphere around a substance.

## condense

*v.* to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated

*synonym*: compress, compact, shorten

(1) **condense** the text, (2) **condense** water vapor

I need to **condense** all of my notes into a manageable summary for my presentation.

## intricately

*adv.* in a manner that involves a lot of detailed and complex arrangement or planning; with many interconnected parts or components

*synonym*: complexly, elaborately

(1) **intricately** woven, (2) **intricately** decorated

The watch was **intricately** designed, with many small moving parts.

## eject

*v.* to force someone to put out or leave a particular place or position

*synonym*: discharge, expel, emit

(1) **eject** a player from a game, (2) **eject** huge amounts of pollutant

Our immune system can **eject** disease germs from the body.

## seawater

*n.* water from the sea or ocean, typically containing salt and various other dissolved minerals

*synonym*: saltwater, brine, ocean water

(1) **seawater** pollution, (2) **seawater** bacteria

The desalination plant turned **seawater** into drinking water through a complex process.

## swell

*v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important

*synonym*: expand, increase, inflate

(1) **swell** at room temperature, (2) **swell** a population

His arm was **swelling** from the insect bite.

## unravel

*v.* undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it

*synonym*: separate, unknot, ravel

(1) **unravel** a knit, (2) **unravel** a plot

Detectives are still attempting to **unravel** the mystery of his death.

## superfine

*adj.* exceptionally fine or of high quality; having a very thin or delicate texture or appearance

*synonym*: delicate, exquisite, luxurious

(1) **superfine** print, (2) **superfine** sugar

The artist's use of **superfine** detail in their paintings was mesmerizing.

## gill

*n.* a respiratory organ of fish and some other aquatic animals that extracts dissolved oxygen from water and excretes carbon dioxide

*synonym*: respiratory organ, lung

(1) **gill** slits, (2) **gill** apparatus

The fish's **gills** are necessary for extracting oxygen from the water.

## choke

*v.* to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something

*synonym*: strangle, suffocate, clog

(1) **choke** with anger, (2) **choke** off the blood supply

The baby started to **choke** on a piece of apple.

## suffocate

v. to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression

*synonym*: choke, smother, stifle

(1) **suffocate** to death, (2) **suffocate** fire

People can **suffocate** from a lack of oxygen in confined spaces.

## faze

v. to disturb or disconcert someone, often causing them to lose their confidence or composure; to unsettle, intimidate, or fluster

*synonym*: disturb, unsettle, bother

(1) **faze** a decision-maker, (2) unlikely to **faze** him

I won't let a little criticism **faze** me from pursuing my dreams.

## carcass

n. the dead body of an animal, especially one that has been killed for food

*synonym*: corpse, remains, body

(1) examine a **carcass**, (2) **carcass** disposal

The animal's **carcass** was found in the forest, most likely killed by a predator.

## yank

v. to pull something or someone forcefully with a sudden movement

*synonym*: draw, jerk, tug

(1) **yank** out a tooth, (2) **yank** at a rope

He tried to **yank** the memories from his brain.

## emulate

v. to imitate someone else's achievements to try to do something as well as somebody else

*synonym*: impersonate, mimic, imitate

(1) **emulate** a successful business model, (2) **emulate** his watercolors

They intend to **emulate** the footsteps of successful software companies.

## propeller

*n.* a device with rotating blades or vanes used for propulsion or creating lift, typically used on boats or aircraft

*synonym* : prop, rotor, fan

(1) **propeller** design, (2) **propeller** aircraft

The boat's **propeller** stopped working in the middle of the lake.

## unscathed

*adj.* not harmed or injured; untouched or unharmed by a negative or dangerous situation

*synonym* : unhurt, intact, unharmed

(1) **unscathed** survivor, (2) come away **unscathed**

Thankfully, the driver emerged from the accident **unscathed**.

## seafloor

*n.* the bottom of the ocean

*synonym* : ocean floor, benthic zone, abyssal plain

(1) **seafloor** exploration, (2) **seafloor** mapping

The oceanographer studied the **seafloor** topography to understand how it had changed over time.

## dinosaur

*n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin

*synonym* : reptile, beast, monster

(1) hulking **dinosaur**, (2) **dinosaur** fossil

The discovery of a new **dinosaur** species made headlines in the scientific community.

## roam

*v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander

*synonym* : wander, ramble, meander

(1) **roam** freely, (2) **roam** the countryside

I love to **roam** around the city and discover new neighborhoods.



## Session 2: Spelling

1. glass e\_l *n.* a type of elongated, snake-like fish that lives in freshwater or saltwater and has a slimy, scaleless body and no pelvic fins
2. ej\_\_t a player from a game *v.* to force someone to put out or leave a particular place or position
3. sc\_\_\_\_\_h out a slogan *v.* to make a loud, high-pitched, piercing sound, often indicating pain or fear
4. hulking di\_\_\_\_\_ur *n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
5. sl\_\_y substance *adj.* covered with or having a slippery, viscous coating; repulsively slippery or oozy; containing or resembling slime
6. r\_\_m the countryside *v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
7. sl\_\_e bacteria *n.* a thick, slippery substance that is usually soft and wet
8. pr\_\_\_\_\_er design *n.* a device with rotating blades or vanes used for propulsion or creating lift, typically used on boats or aircraft
9. spicy ta\_\_\_\_\_ud sensation *n.* a sensory organ on the tongue that detects flavors of food and drink
10. sl\_\_y green algae *adj.* covered with or having a slippery, viscous coating; repulsively slippery or oozy; containing or resembling slime

ANSWERS: 1. eel, 2. eject, 3. screech, 4. dinosaur, 5. slimy, 6. roam, 7. slime, 8. propeller, 9. tastebud, 10. slimy

11. st\_\_\_\_ut player *n.* a person or thing that is exceptionally good, impressive, or noticeable amidst others; something that stands out from the rest; (adjective) particularly prominent, noticeable, or superior in comparison to others in a group or context
12. s\_\_w carbon dioxide *v.* to eject forcefully and abundantly; to flow out rapidly and in large amounts
13. examine a ca\_\_\_\_s *n.* the dead body of an animal, especially one that has been killed for food
14. we\_\_\_\_t rental *n.* a close-fitting garment that covers the torso, arms, and legs and is designed to keep the wearer warm and dry, especially when participating in water sports
15. co\_\_\_\_se the text *v.* to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated
16. ta\_\_\_\_ud sensitivity *n.* a sensory organ on the tongue that detects flavors of food and drink
17. we\_\_\_\_t material *n.* a close-fitting garment that covers the torso, arms, and legs and is designed to keep the wearer warm and dry, especially when participating in water sports
18. stu\_\_\_\_us view *adj.* extremely impressive, astonishing, or remarkable; of a size or degree that is difficult to comprehend or imagine

ANSWERS: 11. standout, 12. spew, 13. carcass, 14. wetsuit, 15. condense, 16. tastebud, 17. wetsuit, 18. stupendous

19. se\_\_\_\_\_er bacteria *n.* water from the sea or ocean, typically containing salt and various other dissolved minerals
20. ca\_\_\_\_\_ge damage *n.* a tough, elastic connective tissue that is found in various parts of the body, such as the joints, the outer ear, and the tip of the nose
21. g\_\_l apparatus *n.* a respiratory organ of fish and some other aquatic animals that extracts dissolved oxygen from water and excretes carbon dioxide
22. cl\_\_\_\_h teeth *v.* to close tightly or grip firmly; to contract or stiffen, especially as in response to stress or pain; to tighten or compress
23. un\_\_\_\_\_ed survivor *adj.* not harmed or injured; untouched or unharmed by a negative or dangerous situation
24. pacific ha\_\_\_\_\_h *n.* a jawless fish that has a slimy, eel-like body and is known for its ability to secrete a large amount of mucous when threatened
25. st\_\_\_\_\_ut feature *n.* a person or thing that is exceptionally good, impressive, or noticeable amidst others; something that stands out from the rest; (adjective) particularly prominent, noticeable, or superior in comparison to others in a group or context
26. ch\_\_e off the blood supply *v.* to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something

ANSWERS: 19. seawater, 20. cartilage, 21. gill, 22. clench, 23. unscathed, 24. hagfish, 25. standout, 26. choke

27. g\_\_l slits *n.* a respiratory organ of fish and some other aquatic animals that extracts dissolved oxygen from water and excretes carbon dioxide
28. wr\_\_\_\_\_e free *v.* to twist and turn with quick, writhing motions; to move in a twisting or contorting manner
29. pr\_\_\_\_\_er aircraft *n.* a device with rotating blades or vanes used for propulsion or creating lift, typically used on boats or aircraft
30. electric e\_l *n.* a type of elongated, snake-like fish that lives in freshwater or saltwater and has a slimy, scaleless body and no pelvic fins
31. ch\_\_e with anger *v.* to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something
32. se\_\_\_\_\_or mapping *n.* the bottom of the ocean
33. em\_\_\_\_\_e his watercolors *v.* to imitate someone else's achievements to try to do something as well as somebody else
34. y\_\_k at a rope *v.* to pull something or someone forcefully with a sudden movement
35. s\_\_w insults *v.* to eject forcefully and abundantly; to flow out rapidly and in large amounts
36. ca\_\_\_\_\_s disposal *n.* the dead body of an animal, especially one that has been killed for food
37. sw\_\_l a population *v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important

ANSWERS: 27. gill, 28. wriggle, 29. propeller, 30. eel, 31. choke, 32. seafloor, 33. emulate, 34. yank, 35. spew, 36. carcass, 37. swell

38. int\_\_\_\_\_ly woven *adv.* in a manner that involves a lot of detailed and complex arrangement or planning; with many interconnected parts or components
39. un\_\_\_\_\_l a plot *v.* undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it
40. nasal ca\_\_\_\_\_ge *n.* a tough, elastic connective tissue that is found in various parts of the body, such as the joints, the outer ear, and the tip of the nose
41. r\_\_m freely *v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
42. se\_\_\_\_\_or exploration *n.* the bottom of the ocean
43. su\_\_\_\_\_te fire *v.* to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression
44. gl\_\_e down the mountain *v.* to move smoothly and effortlessly
45. ba\_\_y sweatpants *adj.* loose-fitting or puffed out in shape, typically about clothing
46. ba\_\_y sweater *adj.* loose-fitting or puffed out in shape, typically about clothing
47. re\_\_l bad luck *v.* to force an attack or attacker to withdraw or retreat
48. wr\_\_\_\_\_e in surprise *v.* to twist and turn with quick, writhing motions; to move in a twisting or contorting manner

ANSWERS: 38. intricately, 39. unravel, 40. cartilage, 41. roam, 42. seafloor, 43. suffocate, 44. glide, 45. baggy, 46. baggy, 47. repel, 48. wriggle

49. sl\_\_e mold *n.* a thick, slippery substance that is usually soft and wet
50. co\_\_\_\_se water vapor *v.* to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated
51. di\_\_\_\_ur fossil *n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
52. un\_\_\_\_l a knit *v.* undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it
53. su\_\_\_\_ne print *adj.* exceptionally fine or of high quality; having a very thin or delicate texture or appearance
54. sw\_\_l at room temperature *v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
55. em\_\_\_\_e a successful business model *v.* to imitate someone else's achievements to try to do something as well as somebody else
56. ve\_\_\_\_e membrane *n.* a small sac or pouch that contains something, such as fluid or air; a tiny membrane-bound compartment within a cell that stores or transports molecules or substances
57. low-r\_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 49. slime, 50. condense, 51. dinosaur, 52. unravel, 53. superfine, 54. swell, 55. emulate, 56. vesicle, 57. rev

58. y\_\_k out a tooth      *v.* to pull something or someone forcefully with a sudden movement
59. cl\_\_\_h muscles      *v.* to close tightly or grip firmly; to contract or stiffen, especially as in response to stress or pain; to tighten or compress
60. ej\_\_t huge amounts of pollutant      *v.* to force someone to put out or leave a particular place or position
61. nasal mu\_\_s      *n.* a slimy liquid produced inside the nose and other body parts for lubrication, protection, etc.
62. su\_\_\_\_\_te to death      *v.* to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression
63. airway mu\_\_s      *n.* a slimy liquid produced inside the nose and other body parts for lubrication, protection, etc.
64. ast\_\_\_\_\_ng achievement      *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
65. se\_\_\_\_\_er pollution      *n.* water from the sea or ocean, typically containing salt and various other dissolved minerals
66. gl\_\_e through the water      *v.* to move smoothly and effortlessly
67. f\_\_e a decision-maker      *v.* to disturb or disconcert someone, often causing them to lose their confidence or composure; to unsettle, intimidate, or fluster
68. su\_\_\_\_\_ne sugar      *adj.* exceptionally fine or of high quality; having a very thin or delicate texture or appearance

ANSWERS: 58. yank, 59. clench, 60. eject, 61. mucus, 62. suffocate, 63. mucus, 64. astonishing, 65. seawater, 66. glide, 67. faze, 68. superfine

69. stu\_\_\_\_\_us achievement *adj.* extremely impressive, astonishing, or remarkable; of a size or degree that is difficult to comprehend or imagine
70. sc\_\_\_\_\_h with laughter *v.* to make a loud, high-pitched, piercing sound, often indicating pain or fear
71. re\_\_l bandits *v.* to force an attack or attacker to withdraw or retreat
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75. ha\_\_\_\_\_h slime *n.* a jawless fish that has a slimy, eel-like body and is known for its ability to secrete a large amount of mucous when threatened
76. unlikely to f\_\_e him *v.* to disturb or disconcert someone, often causing them to lose their confidence or composure; to unsettle, intimidate, or fluster
77. int\_\_\_\_\_ly decorated *adv.* in a manner that involves a lot of detailed and complex arrangement or planning; with many interconnected parts or components

ANSWERS: 69. stupendous, 70. screech, 71. repel, 72. rev, 73. astonishing, 74. vesicle, 75. hagfish, 76. faze, 77. intricately



78. come away un\_\_\_\_\_ed

*adj.* not harmed or injured; untouched or unharmed by a negative or dangerous situation

ANSWERS: 78. unscathed

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The fish's \_\_\_\_\_ are necessary for extracting oxygen from the water.  
*n.* a respiratory organ of fish and some other aquatic animals that extracts dissolved oxygen from water and excretes carbon dioxide
  
2. Thankfully, the driver emerged from the accident \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* not harmed or injured; untouched or unharmed by a negative or dangerous situation
  
3. I love to \_\_\_\_\_ around the city and discover new neighborhoods.  
*v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
  
4. The artist's use of \_\_\_\_\_ detail in their paintings was mesmerizing.  
*adj.* exceptionally fine or of high quality; having a very thin or delicate texture or appearance
  
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6. The fireworks display was \_\_\_\_\_ lighting up the entire sky with vibrant colors.  
*adj.* extremely impressive, astonishing, or remarkable; of a size or degree that is difficult to comprehend or imagine
  
7. He \_\_\_\_\_ his fist in anger when he heard the bad news.  
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ANSWERS: 1. gills, 2. unscathed, 3. roam, 4. superfine, 5. cartilage, 6. stupendous, 7. clenched

8. This material can \_\_\_\_\_ moisture swiftly.  
*v.* to force an attack or attacker to withdraw or retreat
9. I prefer \_\_\_\_\_ clothes to tight-fitting ones.  
*adj.* loose-fitting or puffed out in shape, typically about clothing
10. Our immune system can \_\_\_\_\_ disease germs from the body.  
*v.* to force someone to put out or leave a particular place or position
11. The volcano started to \_\_\_\_\_ lava and ash, causing panic among residents.  
*v.* to eject forcefully and abundantly; to flow out rapidly and in large amounts
12. When threatened, deep-sea \_\_\_\_\_ release a slime that can expand up to five gallons when mixed with water, making it difficult for predators to keep hold of them.  
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13. A lipid \_\_\_\_\_ is formed when a lipid bilayer forms a hollow sphere around a substance.  
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*n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
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*v.* to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression

ANSWERS: 8. repel, 9. baggy, 10. eject, 11. spew, 12. hagfish, 13. vesicle, 14. dinosaur, 15. suffocate

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*n.* the dead body of an animal, especially one that has been killed for food
23. He wore a \_\_\_\_\_ for the entire duration of his triathlon, from start to finish.  
*n.* a close-fitting garment that covers the torso, arms, and legs and is designed to keep the wearer warm and dry, especially when participating in water sports

ANSWERS: 16. intricately, 17. standout, 18. mucus, 19. slimy, 20. condense, 21. swelling, 22. carcass, 23. wetsuit

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27. They intend to \_\_\_\_\_ the footsteps of successful software companies.
- v. to imitate someone else's achievements to try to do something as well as somebody else
28. He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the memories from his brain.
- v. to pull something or someone forcefully with a sudden movement
29. The eagle gracefully \_\_\_\_\_ on the thermals, soaring above the mountains.
- v. to move smoothly and effortlessly
30. The kids loved playing with the green \_\_\_\_\_ but it was a nightmare to clean up.
- n. a thick, slippery substance that is usually soft and wet
31. The brakes on the car began to \_\_\_\_\_ as the driver suddenly stopped at the intersection.
- v. to make a loud, high-pitched, piercing sound, often indicating pain or fear

ANSWERS: 24. choke, 25. faze, 26. wriggle, 27. emulate, 28. yank, 29. glided, 30. slime, 31. screech

32. The news of her sudden death was \_\_\_\_\_ to everyone who knew her.  
*adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
33. The boat's \_\_\_\_\_ stopped working in the middle of the lake.  
*n.* a device with rotating blades or vanes used for propulsion or creating lift, typically used on boats or aircraft
34. The oceanographer studied the \_\_\_\_\_ topography to understand how it had changed over time.  
*n.* the bottom of the ocean
35. Detectives are still attempting to \_\_\_\_\_ the mystery of his death.  
*v.* undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it
36. These artificial sweeteners trick your \_\_\_\_\_ into thinking you are eating sugar.  
*n.* a sensory organ on the tongue that detects flavors of food and drink
37. The desalination plant turned \_\_\_\_\_ into drinking water through a complex process.  
*n.* water from the sea or ocean, typically containing salt and various other dissolved minerals
38. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
39. The fisherman caught a slippery \_\_\_\_ while out on the lake.  
*n.* a type of elongated, snake-like fish that lives in freshwater or saltwater and has a slimy, scaleless body and no pelvic fins

ANSWERS: 32. astonishing, 33. propeller, 34. seafloor, 35. unravel, 36. tastebuds, 37. seawater, 38. rev, 39. eel

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