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Session 1: Word List

- sow** v. to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion
synonym : plant, scatter, seed
(1) **sow** wheat in a field, (2) **sow** discord
She carefully **sowed** the seeds in the garden.
- morsel** n. a small piece or fragment, particularly of food; a small, tasty, or pleasing bit of something
synonym : bit, bite, fragment
(1) mouth-watering **morsel**, (2) tiny **morsel**
I only had a small **morsel** of cake while trying to watch my weight.
- sustenance** n. food and drink that living things need to nourish their body
synonym : nourishment, livelihood, nutrition
(1) scanty **sustenance**, (2) **sustenance** allowance
A regular job is often a spiritual **sustenance**.
- inherit** v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
synonym : obtain, gain, acquire
(1) **inherit** estate, (2) **inherit** ancestral property

After his death, his sons **inherited** his business.

shadowy

adj. dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows;
mysterious or uncertain

synonym : dim, dark, obscure

(1) **shadowy** doorway, (2) **shadowy** past

The **shadowy** figure in the corner of the room made me uneasy.

frolic

v. to play and move around happily and energetically

synonym : play, romp, gambol

(1) **frolic** underwater, (2) **frolic** with friends

Children **frolicked** in the park on a sunny day.

meadow

n. a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay

synonym : pasture, field, lawn

(1) graze in the **meadow**, (2) lowland **meadow**

The lush **meadow** was covered in wildflowers.

nymph

n. (in Greek and Roman mythology) a minor female nature deity typically associated with a particular location or landform

synonym : sprite, fairy, pixie

(1) **nymph** of the woods, (2) water **nymph**

The sea **nymphs** were said to lure sailors with their seductive voices.

narcissus

n. a type of flower that is yellow, white, or orange; a person who is excessively self-absorbed or self-admiring

(1) tazetta **narcissus**, (2) **narcissus** flower

The daffodil belongs to the genus **narcissus**.

tremble

v. to shake slightly in a way that you cannot control, for example, because you are frightened, angry, or excited, or because of illness

synonym : shiver, flutter, quaver

(1) **tremble** in fear, (2) **tremble** violently with emotion
When I heard the news, my whole body **trembled** with excitement.

terrifying

adj. very frightening or intimidating

synonym: frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

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.

wrench

v. to pull or twist something suddenly or violently

synonym: twist, turn, bend

(1) **wrench** off the lock, (2) **wrench** my back

A deep sigh was **wrenched** from his chest.

inky

adj. resembling, containing, or covered in ink; dark, opaque, or intense in color or appearance

synonym: dark, ink-stained

(1) **inky** fingerprints, (2) **inky** pen

The **inky** shadows created a spooky atmosphere in the room.

chariot

n. a two-wheeled horse-drawn battle vehicle used in ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome for warfare and racing

(1) **chariot** builder, (2) **chariot** race

The ancient Romans enjoyed spectating **chariot** races.

weep

v. to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain

synonym: cry, sob, mourn

(1) **weep** bitter tears, (2) **weep** for joy

I'm easily moved to tears, so I would **weep** in sympathy if I saw that movie.

dissolve

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

synonym : disband, disappear, liquefy

(1) **dissolve** the sugar, (2) officially **dissolved** the marriage

The political party **dissolved** after much internal fighting.

abduction

n. the act of taking someone away by force or deception; kidnapping

synonym : kidnapping, snatching, capture

(1) **abduction** case, (2) attempted **abduction**

The police launched an investigation into the **abduction** of the wealthy businessman.

crater

n. a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite

synonym : cavity, hole, pit

(1) **crater** lake, (2) lunar **crater**

An enormous **crater** marks the area where the vast volcanic explosion occurred.

pave

v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

synonym : surface, coat, cover

(1) **pave** a new path, (2) **pave** a smoother road

They **paved** the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.

famine

n. a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons

synonym : hunger, starvation, drought

(1) **famine** relief, (2) coal **famine**

The severe **famine** caused by the drought has left many

people without food.

wary

adj. cautious or distrustful, especially because of a previous bad experience

synonym : cautious, suspicious, leery

(1) a **wary** statesman, (2) **wary** of marriage

She was **wary** of meeting new people because of past experiences.

crusade

n. a series of wars fought by Christians in the middle ages to recover the holy land from the Muslims; a series of actions advancing a principle or tending toward a particular end

synonym : holy war, religious war, expedition

(1) a **crusade** against smoking, (2) environmental **crusade**

During the **Crusade** period, many European Christians went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

frigid

adj. extremely cold; lacking warmth or passion; emotionally detached or unresponsive

synonym : frosty, icy, glacial

(1) **frigid** climate, (2) **frigid** air

I had to wear multiple layers to survive the **frigid** temperatures outside.

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.

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**.

contemplate

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

synonym: think over, ponder, consider

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

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

pomegranate

n. red fruit with a tough outer layer and sweet, juicy, edible seeds inside; a bitter white membrane surrounds the seeds

(1) delicious **pomegranate** dessert, (2) **pomegranate** juice

I love adding **pomegranate** seeds to my salads.

betray

v. to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally

synonym: fail, denounce, display

(1) **betray** a friend, (2) **betray** confidence

He felt **betrayed** when his best friend revealed their secret to the enemy.

furious

adj. extremely angry; full of rage

synonym: angry, rageful, livid

(1) **furious** anger, (2) a **furious** sea

The coach was **furious** with the players for their lack of effort during the game.

heartbreak

n. a feeling of great sadness or disappointment

synonym: grief, sorrow, bitterness

(1) ease her **heartbreak**, (2) go through **heartbreak**

They had experienced the **heartbreak** of losing two children due to premature births.

ravenous

adj. extremely hungry or famished; greedy or voracious in appetite or desire

synonym: hungry, famished, voracious

(1) **ravenous** hunger, (2) **ravenous** wolf

After running a marathon, I felt **ravenous** and ate an entire pizza.

meager

adj. small in quantity, quality, or size; insufficient or inadequate

synonym: scanty, sparse, insufficient

(1) **meager** salary, (2) **meager** resources

The refugee family had to survive on a **meager** amount of food and water daily.

ensnare

v. to entrap or catch in a snare or trap; to capture or trap someone or something physically, mentally, or emotionally

synonym: entangle, trap, ensnarl

(1) **ensnare** victims, (2) **ensnare** a suspect

The spider used its web to **ensnare** its prey.

reunite

v. to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation

synonym: reconcile, reunify, reconvene

(1) **reunite** after five years, (2) **reunite** with my friend

The band will **reunite** only for this show.

fertile

adj. capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive

synonym: fruitful, productive, rich

(1) **fertile** ground, (2) **fertile** market

Herbs require **fertile** soil in a sunny, sheltered location.

pact

n. a formal agreement between two or more parties

synonym: agreement, treaty, covenant

(1) a nonaggression **pact**, (2) aviation **pact**

The two countries made a **pact** to reduce their carbon emissions.

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.

rejoice

v. to feel or express great joy or happiness; to celebrate or express gratitude for a happy or positive situation or event

synonym: enjoy, delight, celebrate

(1) **rejoice** over a victory, (2) **rejoice** at the moment

We should all **rejoice** in the good things life has to offer.

nurture

v. to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

synonym: boost, cultivate, enable

(1) **nurture** love, (2) **nurture** his talents

Schools should **nurture** children's mutual interest spirit.

herald

v. to be a sign or indication of something to come; to proclaim or announce something publicly, often with great enthusiasm or fanfare

synonym: announce, proclaim, declare

(1) **herald** the news, (2) **herald** a new era

The sound of the trumpet **heralded** the arrival of the king.

mourn

v. to feel or express sorrow, grief, or sadness, especially over the death of someone

synonym: grieve, lament, weep

(1) **mourn** with deep grief, (2) **mourn** death

We **mourned** the loss of our dear friend at the memorial service.

unyielding

adj. rigid or inflexible in attitude, behavior, or opinion; not willing to compromise or change; resistant to pressure or persuasion

synonym: adamant, stubborn, inflexible

(1) **unyielding** determination, (2) **unyielding** resistance

The **unyielding** negotiations led to a stalemate between the two countries.

rouse

v. to awaken or stir up from sleep, inactivity, or apathy; to excite or stimulate one's feelings or interests; to provoke or incite someone to action or reaction

synonym: stir, awaken, arouse

(1) **rouse** much interest, (2) **rouse** to action

I tried to **rouse** my sleepy child from bed for school.

stoke

v. to add fuel to the fire or furnace; to increase the intensity or strength of something, such as an emotion or conflict

synonym: stir up, fuel, ignite

(1) **stoke** a fire, (2) **stoke** passions

The artist used bright colors and bold brushstrokes to **stoke** a sense of vibrancy in their painting.

bittersweet

adj. having a mixture of both positive and negative emotions or experiences; simultaneously pleasant and painful

synonym: semisweet, ambivalent, mixed

(1) **bittersweet** ending, (2) a **bittersweet** memory

The graduation ceremony was **bittersweet** as the students said goodbye to their classmates and teachers.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. ab_____on case | <i>n.</i> the act of taking someone away by force or deception; kidnapping |
| 2. en_____e a suspect | <i>v.</i> to entrap or catch in a snare or trap; to capture or trap someone or something physically, mentally, or emotionally |
| 3. fr___c underwater | <i>v.</i> to play and move around happily and energetically |
| 4. lunar cr____r | <i>n.</i> a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite |
| 5. con_____te a marriage | <i>v.</i> to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully |
| 6. re_____e over a victory | <i>v.</i> to feel or express great joy or happiness; to celebrate or express gratitude for a happy or positive situation or event |
| 7. criminal und_____ld | <i>n.</i> the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies |
| 8. re_____e with my friend | <i>v.</i> to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation |
| 9. me___r salary | <i>adj.</i> small in quantity, quality, or size; insufficient or inadequate |
| 10. lowland me___w | <i>n.</i> a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay |

ANSWERS: 1. abduction, 2. ensnare, 3. frolic, 4. crater, 5. contemplate, 6. rejoice, 7. underworld, 8. reunite, 9. meager, 10. meadow

11. tr____e violently with emotion *v.* to shake slightly in a way that you cannot control, for example, because you are frightened, angry, or excited, or because of illness
12. tazetta na_____us *n.* a type of flower that is yellow, white, or orange; a person who is excessively self-absorbed or self-admiring
13. nu_____e love *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
14. w__p for joy *v.* to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
15. uny_____ng determination *adj.* rigid or inflexible in attitude, behavior, or opinion; not willing to compromise or change; resistant to pressure or persuasion
16. re_____e at the moment *v.* to feel or express great joy or happiness; to celebrate or express gratitude for a happy or positive situation or event
17. i__y fingerprints *adj.* resembling, containing, or covered in ink; dark, opaque, or intense in color or appearance
18. fe_____e market *adj.* capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive
19. ter_____ng experience *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
20. st__e passions *v.* to add fuel to the fire or furnace; to increase the intensity or strength of something, such as an emotion or conflict

ANSWERS: 11. tremble, 12. narcissus, 13. nurture, 14. weep, 15. unyielding, 16. rejoice, 17. inky, 18. fertile, 19. terrifying, 20. stoke

21. mouth-watering mo___l *n.* a small piece or fragment, particularly of food; a small, tasty, or pleasing bit of something
22. fa___e relief *n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
23. ro___e to action *v.* to awaken or stir up from sleep, inactivity, or apathy; to excite or stimulate one's feelings or interests; to provoke or incite someone to action or reaction
24. tiny mo___l *n.* a small piece or fragment, particularly of food; a small, tasty, or pleasing bit of something
25. ease her hea_____ak *n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
26. fr___d air *adj.* extremely cold; lacking warmth or passion; emotionally detached or unresponsive
27. wr___h my back *v.* to pull or twist something suddenly or violently
28. p___e a new path *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
29. a bit_____et memory *adj.* having a mixture of both positive and negative emotions or experiences; simultaneously pleasant and painful
30. wr___h off the lock *v.* to pull or twist something suddenly or violently

ANSWERS: 21. morsel, 22. famine, 23. rouse, 24. morsel, 25. heartbreak, 26. frigid, 27. wrench, 28. pave, 29. bittersweet, 30. wrench

31. in_____t ancestral property *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
32. delicious pom_____te dessert *n.* red fruit with a tough outer layer and sweet, juicy, edible seeds inside; a bitter white membrane surrounds the seeds
33. officially di_____ved the marriage *v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
34. mo__n with deep grief *v.* to feel or express sorrow, grief, or sadness, especially over the death of someone
35. ra_____us hunger *adj.* extremely hungry or famished; greedy or voracious in appetite or desire
36. en_____e victims *v.* to entrap or catch in a snare or trap; to capture or trap someone or something physically, mentally, or emotionally
37. water ny__h *n.* (in Greek and Roman mythology) a minor female nature deity typically associated with a particular location or landform
38. sus_____ce allowance *n.* food and drink that living things need to nourish their body
39. st__e a fire *v.* to add fuel to the fire or furnace; to increase the intensity or strength of something, such as an emotion or conflict
40. sh_____y doorway *adj.* dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain

ANSWERS: 31. inherit, 32. pomegranate, 33. dissolve, 34. mourn, 35. ravenous, 36. ensnare, 37. nymph, 38. sustenance, 39. stoke, 40. shadowy

41. environmental cr____e *n.* a series of wars fought by Christians in the middle ages to recover the holy land from the Muslims; a series of actions advancing a principle or tending toward a particular end
42. a cr____e against smoking *n.* a series of wars fought by Christians in the middle ages to recover the holy land from the Muslims; a series of actions advancing a principle or tending toward a particular end
43. be____y confidence *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
44. fe____e ground *adj.* capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive
45. fu____s anger *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
46. ny__h of the woods *n.* (in Greek and Roman mythology) a minor female nature deity typically associated with a particular location or landform
47. p__e a smoother road *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
48. cr____r lake *n.* a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite

ANSWERS: 41. crusade, 42. crusade, 43. betray, 44. fertile, 45. furious, 46. nymph, 47. pave, 48. crater

49. scanty sus_____ce *n.* food and drink that living things need to nourish their body
50. be___y a friend *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
51. he___d the news *v.* to be a sign or indication of something to come; to proclaim or announce something publicly, often with great enthusiasm or fanfare
52. fr___d climate *adj.* extremely cold; lacking warmth or passion; emotionally detached or unresponsive
53. w___y of marriage *adj.* cautious or distrustful, especially because of a previous bad experience
54. me___r resources *adj.* small in quantity, quality, or size; insufficient or inadequate
55. graze in the me___w *n.* a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay
56. mo___n death *v.* to feel or express sorrow, grief, or sadness, especially over the death of someone
57. as___d to power *v.* to go or move upward; to become king or queen; to inherit something, such as a power
58. a w___y statesman *adj.* cautious or distrustful, especially because of a previous bad experience
59. attempted ab_____on *n.* the act of taking someone away by force or deception; kidnapping
60. ter_____ng events *adj.* very frightening or intimidating

ANSWERS: 49. sustenance, 50. betray, 51. herald, 52. frigid, 53. wary, 54. meager, 55. meadow, 56. mourn, 57. ascend, 58. wary, 59. abduction, 60. terrifying

61. ro__e much interest *v.* to awaken or stir up from sleep, inactivity, or apathy; to excite or stimulate one's feelings or interests; to provoke or incite someone to action or reaction
62. nu_____e his talents *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
63. uny_____ng resistance *adj.* rigid or inflexible in attitude, behavior, or opinion; not willing to compromise or change; resistant to pressure or persuasion
64. di_____ve the sugar *v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
65. ch_____t builder *n.* a two-wheeled horse-drawn battle vehicle used in ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome for warfare and racing
66. re_____e after five years *v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
67. go through hea_____ak *n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
68. aviation p__t *n.* a formal agreement between two or more parties
69. 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: 61. rouse, 62. nurture, 63. unyielding, 64. dissolve, 65. chariot, 66. reunite, 67. heartbreak, 68. pact, 69. starve

70. s_w discord *v.* to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion
71. ra____us wolf *adj.* extremely hungry or famished; greedy or voracious in appetite or desire
72. bit____et ending *adj.* having a mixture of both positive and negative emotions or experiences; simultaneously pleasant and painful
73. in____t estate *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
74. pom____te juice *n.* red fruit with a tough outer layer and sweet, juicy, edible seeds inside; a bitter white membrane surrounds the seeds
75. a fu____s sea *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
76. s_w wheat in a field *v.* to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion
77. na____us flower *n.* a type of flower that is yellow, white, or orange; a person who is excessively self-absorbed or self-admiring
78. he____d a new era *v.* to be a sign or indication of something to come; to proclaim or announce something publicly, often with great enthusiasm or fanfare
79. 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

ANSWERS: 70. sow, 71. ravenous, 72. bittersweet, 73. inherit, 74. pomegranate, 75. furious, 76. sow, 77. narcissus, 78. herald, 79. starve

80. w__p bitter tears *v.* to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
81. fr___c with friends *v.* to play and move around happily and energetically
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85. coal fa___e *n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
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88. re___f an offer *v.* to reject or criticize sharply; to snub, repel, or dismiss rudely
89. con_____ted leaving school *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
90. i__y pen *adj.* resembling, containing, or covered in ink; dark, opaque, or intense in color or appearance
91. re___f the attack *v.* to reject or criticize sharply; to snub, repel, or dismiss rudely

ANSWERS: 80. weep, 81. frolic, 82. ascend, 83. tremble, 84. pact, 85. famine, 86. chariot, 87. shadowy, 88. rebuff, 89. contemplate, 90. inky, 91. rebuff

92. god of the und_____ld

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

ANSWERS: 92. underworld

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. After his death, his sons _____ his business.
v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
2. The artist used bright colors and bold brushstrokes to _____ a sense of vibrancy in their painting.
v. to add fuel to the fire or furnace; to increase the intensity or strength of something, such as an emotion or conflict
3. She tried to flirt with him but was _____ with a cold shoulder.
v. to reject or criticize sharply; to snub, repel, or dismiss rudely
4. The _____ negotiations led to a stalemate between the two countries.
adj. rigid or inflexible in attitude, behavior, or opinion; not willing to compromise or change; resistant to pressure or persuasion
5. The refugee family had to survive on a _____ amount of food and water daily.
adj. small in quantity, quality, or size; insufficient or inadequate
6. The _____ figure in the corner of the room made me uneasy.
adj. dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain
7. 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
8. The sea _____ were said to lure sailors with their seductive voices.
n. (in Greek and Roman mythology) a minor female nature deity typically associated with a particular location or landform

ANSWERS: 1. inherited, 2. stoke, 3. rebuffed, 4. unyielding, 5. meager, 6. shadowy, 7. ascend, 8. nymphs

9. He felt _____ when his best friend revealed their secret to the enemy.
- v. to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
10. The sound of the trumpet _____ the arrival of the king.
- v. to be a sign or indication of something to come; to proclaim or announce something publicly, often with great enthusiasm or fanfare
11. 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
12. They _____ the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.
- v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
13. I only had a small _____ of cake while trying to watch my weight.
- n. a small piece or fragment, particularly of food; a small, tasty, or pleasing bit of something
14. I tried to _____ my sleepy child from bed for school.
- v. to awaken or stir up from sleep, inactivity, or apathy; to excite or stimulate one's feelings or interests; to provoke or incite someone to action or reaction
15. She was _____ of meeting new people because of past experiences.
- adj. cautious or distrustful, especially because of a previous bad experience
16. I recently _____ dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.
- v. to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully

ANSWERS: 9. betrayed, 10. heralded, 11. underworld, 12. paved, 13. morsel, 14. rouse, 15. wary, 16. contemplated

17. A regular job is often a spiritual _____.
- n.* food and drink that living things need to nourish their body
18. A deep sigh was _____ from his chest.
- v.* to pull or twist something suddenly or violently
19. The graduation ceremony was _____ as the students said goodbye to their classmates and teachers.
- adj.* having a mixture of both positive and negative emotions or experiences; simultaneously pleasant and painful
20. Herbs require _____ soil in a sunny, sheltered location.
- adj.* capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive
21. The lush _____ was covered in wildflowers.
- n.* a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay
22. We should all _____ in the good things life has to offer.
- v.* to feel or express great joy or happiness; to celebrate or express gratitude for a happy or positive situation or event
23. The _____ shadows created a spooky atmosphere in the room.
- adj.* resembling, containing, or covered in ink; dark, opaque, or intense in color or appearance
24. The spider used its web to _____ its prey.
- v.* to entrap or catch in a snare or trap; to capture or trap someone or something physically, mentally, or emotionally

ANSWERS: 17. sustenance, 18. wrenched, 19. bittersweet, 20. fertile, 21. meadow, 22. rejoice, 23. inky, 24. ensnare

25. The political party _____ after much internal fighting.
- v. to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
26. Children _____ in the park on a sunny day.
- v. to play and move around happily and energetically
27. An enormous _____ marks the area where the vast volcanic explosion occurred.
- n. a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite
28. The band will _____ only for this show.
- v. to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
29. I'm easily moved to tears, so I would _____ in sympathy if I saw that movie.
- v. to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
30. They had experienced the _____ of losing two children due to premature births.
- n. a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
31. The daffodil belongs to the genus _____.
- n. a type of flower that is yellow, white, or orange; a person who is excessively self-absorbed or self-admiring
32. During the _____ period, many European Christians went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land.
- n. a series of wars fought by Christians in the middle ages to recover the holy land from the Muslims; a series of actions advancing a principle or tending toward a particular end

ANSWERS: 25. dissolved, 26. frolicked, 27. crater, 28. reunite, 29. weep, 30. heartbreak, 31. narcissus, 32. Crusade

33. 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

34. We _____ the loss of our dear friend at the memorial service.

- v.* to feel or express sorrow, grief, or sadness, especially over the death of someone

35. I had to wear multiple layers to survive the _____ temperatures outside.

- adj.* extremely cold; lacking warmth or passion; emotionally detached or unresponsive

36. The coach was _____ with the players for their lack of effort during the game.

- adj.* extremely angry; full of rage

37. The two countries made a _____ to reduce their carbon emissions.

- n.* a formal agreement between two or more parties

38. Large earthquakes often generate _____ tsunamis.

- adj.* very frightening or intimidating

39. The police launched an investigation into the _____ of the wealthy businessman.

- n.* the act of taking someone away by force or deception; kidnapping

40. She carefully _____ the seeds in the garden.

- v.* to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion

ANSWERS: 33. starve, 34. mourned, 35. frigid, 36. furious, 37. pact, 38. terrifying, 39. abduction, 40. sowed

41. I love adding _____ seeds to my salads.
n. red fruit with a tough outer layer and sweet, juicy, edible seeds inside; a bitter white membrane surrounds the seeds
42. The severe _____ caused by the drought has left many people without food.
n. a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
43. When I heard the news, my whole body _____ with excitement.
v. to shake slightly in a way that you cannot control, for example, because you are frightened, angry, or excited, or because of illness
44. Schools should _____ children's mutual interest spirit.
v. to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
45. After running a marathon, I felt _____ and ate an entire pizza.
adj. extremely hungry or famished; greedy or voracious in appetite or desire
46. The ancient Romans enjoyed spectating _____ races.
n. a two-wheeled horse-drawn battle vehicle used in ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome for warfare and racing

ANSWERS: 41. pomegranate, 42. famine, 43. trembled, 44. nurture, 45. ravenous, 46. chariot