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Session 1: Word List

butterfly

n. a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings

(1) **butterfly** effect, (2) the life cycle of a **butterfly**

He enjoys collecting **butterfly** specimens.

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.

pursue

v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

synonym: seek, hunt, chase

(1) **pursue** a goal, (2) **pursue** freedoms

She intends to **pursue** a political career.

whim

n. a sudden idea or desire, especially one that cannot be reasonably explained

synonym: fancy, caprice, whimsy

(1) at the **whim** of circumstance, (2) **whim** of youth

He quit his job on a **whim** and moved to a new city.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym : apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

definitive

adj. serving to provide a final solution or to end a situation; final and not able to be changed

synonym : conclusive, final, decisive

(1) **definitive** answer, (2) a **definitive** edition

The study provided **definitive** proof of the effectiveness of the new drug.

puzzled

adj. confused or uncertain because you do not understand something

synonym : confused, perplexed, bewildered

(1) **puzzled** expression, (2) **puzzled** by the question

She was **puzzled** by the strange behavior of her cat.

philosophy

n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

synonym : doctrine, attitude, creed

(1) **philosophy** of education, (2) western **philosophy**

Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

ancient

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

synonym : archaic, age-old, obsolete

(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories

They have been living near water since **ancient** times.

scenario

n. a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work

synonym : plan, scheme, procedure

(1) the worst case **scenario**, (2) number of different **scenarios**

The president prepared several possible **scenarios** for an enemy attack.

mystification

n. the act or process of making something difficult to understand or explain, often to deceive or manipulate
synonym: puzzle, perplexity, confusion

(1) **mystification** of the public, (2) **mystification** of the subject

The magician's tricks were a source of **mystification** for the audience.

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true
synonym: chance, prospect, likelihood

(1) **possibility** for growth, (2) **possibility** of a major earthquake

The **possibility** of getting the disease will drastically increase.

entirely

adv. completely
synonym: completely, fully, totally

(1) **entirely** satisfied with the meal, (2) he was **entirely** to blame

Later, his claim was found to be **entirely** false.

creature

n. a living being, especially an animal
synonym: being, animal, organism

(1) **creature** of habit, (2) artificial **creature**

The deep sea **creature** was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.

bizarre

adj. very strange or unusual
synonym: abnormal, freaky, outlandish

(1) the story is **bizarre**, (2) **bizarre** behavior

The truth was more **bizarre** than expected.

conjure

v. to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination

synonym: summon, evoke, call forth

(1) **conjure** evil spirits away, (2) **conjure** a vision

The magician **conjured** up a rabbit out of thin air.

dessert

n. a sweet food served as the last course of a meal

synonym: sweet, cake, confection

(1) **dessert** knife, (2) easy **dessert** recipe

Let's go to an all-you-can-eat **dessert** restaurant.

buffet

n. a meal where guests serve themselves from a counter or sideboard

synonym: sideboard, counter, smorgasbord

(1) **buffet** style, (2) have a **buffet** meal

The **buffet** at the hotel had a wide variety of food options.

chase

v. to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes

synonym: pursue, hunt, track

(1) **chase** a dream, (2) wild goose **chase**

The police officer **chased** the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.

witch

n. a person, typically a woman, who is believed to have magic powers and practices witchcraft

synonym: sorceress, enchantress, healer

(1) **witch** hunt, (2) **witch** trial

Many people in the medieval period believed in **witches** and their ability to cast spells.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym: abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

lucid

adj. expressed or presented clearly; easy to understand; rational and sane; shining or bright

synonym: clear, transparent, understandable

(1) **lucid** writing, (2) **lucid** explanation

His argument was so **lucid** that even his opponents agreed with him.

definition

n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol

synonym: description, connotation, meaning

(1) a precise **definition**, (2) the **definition** of a word

Parallel lines are, by **definition**, lines on the same plane that never cross.

surefire

adj. certain or guaranteed to be successful, reliable, or effective

synonym: certain, foolproof, guaranteed

(1) **surefire** way, (2) **surefire** recipe

Following this **surefire** strategy guarantees success in any business venture.

pinch

v. to grip something such as someone's skin and press it tightly between the finger and thumb; (noun) a painful or straitened circumstance

synonym: cramp, squeeze, clutch

(1) **pinch** off a bud, (2) **pinch** my nose

He **pinched** money from the cashbox without telling the company's employees.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym: rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure

stags.

pace

n. the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes

synonym: gait, rate, speed

(1) at your own **pace**, (2) the runner's **pace**

The economy is growing at a supercharged **pace**.

norm

n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

synonym: criterion, mean, standard

(1) **norm** of action, (2) cultural **norm**

The systems we have developed has accepted as industry **norms**.

suspicious

adj. making you feel that someone has done something wrong, illegal, or dishonest without any evidence

synonym: fishy, questionable, doubtful

(1) report **suspicious** activity, (2) a person who is **suspicious**

We carefully examine each **suspicious** transaction report we receive.

disconnect

v. to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment

synonym: unplug, detach, take apart

(1) **disconnect** a plug, (2) **disconnect** the water supply

She finally decided to **disconnect** herself from the company.

chain

n. a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle

synonym: series, string, link

(1) **chain** reaction, (2) supply **chain**

The **chain** on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.

solid

adj. hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality

synonym: stable, reliable, hard

(1) **solid** ally, (2) **solid** employment measures
The **solid-state** of water is called ice.

dolphin

n. a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid

synonym: porpoise, cetacean, marine mammal

(1) **dolphin** show, (2) **dolphin-watching** tour

The large group of **dolphins** swam gracefully in the ocean, jumping out of the water now and then.

nameless

adj. without a name or unknown; not named or identified

synonym: anonymous, unknown, unidentified

(1) **nameless** fear, (2) **nameless** child

The victim could only describe their attacker as a **nameless** figure in the darkness.

receipt

n. a written or printed statement acknowledging that something has been paid for or received; the act of receiving something

synonym: acknowledgement, record, invoice

(1) a **receipt** slip, (2) **receipt** date

Please make sure to keep your **receipt** as proof of purchase.

contemporary

adj. belonging to the same or present time

synonym: modern, stylish, coetaneous

(1) field of **contemporary** art, (2) **contemporary** leaders

Contemporary music has gained different followers from existing music.

neuroscience

n. the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system

(1) the branch of **neuroscience**, (2) a theoretical concept in **neuroscience**

Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral **neuroscience**.

brain

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

synonym: intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage

X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

convincing

adj. able to make someone believe that something is true

synonym: clear, compelling, believable

(1) a **convincing** victory, (2) **convincing** biochemical explanation

I found her assertion pretty **convincing**.

countless

adj. too numerous to be counted or very many

synonym: innumerable, myriad, numerous

(1) **countless** hours, (2) answer **countless** questions

There are **countless** methods for dealing with stress.

capture

v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

synonym: catch, arrest, imprison

(1) **capture** a glimpse, (2) **capture** customers' hearts

I was able to **capture** the moment on film.

fraction

n. a small part or item forming a piece of a whole; the quotient of two rational numbers

synonym: piece, part, fragment

(1) a **fractional** share of the vote, (2) a numerator in a **fraction**

He spent only a **fraction** of his earnings.

incomprehensible

adj. impossible to understand or explain; not able to be grasped or comprehended

synonym: unintelligible, unfathomable, inexplicable

(1) **incomprehensible** jargon, (2) **incomprehensible** math problem

The mathematical formula was **incomprehensible** to most of

the students.

vast

adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

synonym: expansive, extended, boundless

(1) **vast** majority, (2) **vast** desert

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

recall

v. to remember something

synonym: remember, retrieve, recollect

(1) **recall** the incident, (2) **recall** his name

She vividly **recalls** getting laid off several years ago.

musty

adj. having a stale, damp, or moldy smell or odor; out-of-date or old-fashioned

synonym: moldy, stale, damp

(1) **musty** odor, (2) **musty** basement

The old library smelled **musty** and required renovation.

ridiculous

adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

synonym: absurd, fatuous, foolish

(1) a **ridiculous** amount of money, (2) a **ridiculous** suggestion

Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as **ridiculous** but was later proven correct.

simulate

v. to make a pretense of someone's behavior or looks; to reproduce something that exists in real life using computers, models, etc., usually for study or training purposes

synonym: pretend, imitate, mimic

(1) **simulate** climate change, (2) **simulate** a future scenario

He had painted the wood to **simulate** stone.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. pu___e a goal | <i>v.</i> to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them |
| 2. v__t desert | <i>adj.</i> enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity |
| 3. pu____d by the question | <i>adj.</i> confused or uncertain because you do not understand something |
| 4. a person who is sus____us | <i>adj.</i> making you feel that someone has done something wrong, illegal, or dishonest without any evidence |
| 5. inc_____ble math problem | <i>adj.</i> impossible to understand or explain; not able to be grasped or comprehended |
| 6. do____n show | <i>n.</i> a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid |
| 7. a def_____ve edition | <i>adj.</i> serving to provide a final solution or to end a situation; final and not able to be changed |
| 8. do____n-watching tour | <i>n.</i> a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid |
| 9. co____e evil spirits away | <i>v.</i> to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination |
| 10. fl____r around finding | <i>v.</i> to wave or flap quickly and lightly;
(noun) the act of moving back and forth |

ANSWERS: 1. pursue, 2. vast, 3. puzzled, 4. suspicious, 5. incomprehensible, 6. dolphin, 7. definitive, 8. dolphin, 9. conjure, 10. flutter

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| 11. ob____s reasons | <i>adj.</i> easy to see, discover or understand |
| 12. si____te climate change | <i>v.</i> to make a pretense of someone's behavior or looks; to reproduce something that exists in real life using computers, models, etc., usually for study or training purposes |
| 13. re____t date | <i>n.</i> a written or printed statement acknowledging that something has been paid for or received; the act of receiving something |
| 14. pi__h off a bud | <i>v.</i> to grip something such as someone's skin and press it tightly between the finger and thumb; (noun) a painful or straitened circumstance |
| 15. n__m of action | <i>n.</i> something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard |
| 16. cultural n__m | <i>n.</i> something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard |
| 17. pu____e freedoms | <i>v.</i> to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them |
| 18. the def____on of a word | <i>n.</i> a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol |
| 19. re___l the incident | <i>v.</i> to remember something |
| 20. supply ch__n | <i>n.</i> a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle |

ANSWERS: 11. obvious, 12. simulate, 13. receipt, 14. pinch, 15. norm, 16. norm, 17. pursue, 18. definition, 19. recall, 20. chain

21. pre-Christian an____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
22. wi__h hunt *n.* a person, typically a woman, who is believed to have magic powers and practices witchcraft
23. the branch of neu____nce *n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
24. easy de____t recipe *n.* a sweet food served as the last course of a meal
25. lu__d writing *adj.* expressed or presented clearly; easy to understand; rational and sane; shining or bright
26. re___l his name *v.* to remember something
27. wild goose ch__e *v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
28. his conclusion was ob____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
29. a numerator in a fr____on *n.* a small part or item forming a piece of a whole; the quotient of two rational numbers
30. at your own p__e *n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes

ANSWERS: 21. ancient, 22. witch, 23. neuroscience, 24. dessert, 25. lucid, 26. recall, 27. chase, 28. obvious, 29. fraction, 30. pace

31. si_____te a future scenario *v.* to make a pretense of someone's behavior or looks; to reproduce something that exists in real life using computers, models, etc., usually for study or training purposes
32. en_____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
33. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
34. pos_____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
35. cr_____re of habit *n.* a living being, especially an animal
36. de_____t knife *n.* a sweet food served as the last course of a meal
37. wi__h trial *n.* a person, typically a woman, who is believed to have magic powers and practices witchcraft
38. a precise def_____on *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
39. a con_____ng victory *adj.* able to make someone believe that something is true
40. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
41. artificial cr_____re *n.* a living being, especially an animal
42. a rid_____us suggestion *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

ANSWERS: 31. simulate, 32. entirely, 33. brain, 34. possibility, 35. creature, 36. dessert, 37. witch, 38. definition, 39. convincing, 40. doe, 41. creature, 42. ridiculous

43. a re____t slip *n.* a written or printed statement acknowledging that something has been paid for or received; the act of receiving something
44. na____ss child *adj.* without a name or unknown; not named or identified
45. con____ary leaders *adj.* belonging to the same or present time
46. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
47. su____re recipe *adj.* certain or guaranteed to be successful, reliable, or effective
48. answer co____ss questions *adj.* too numerous to be counted or very many
49. the story is bi____e *adj.* very strange or unusual
50. western phi____hy *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
51. lu__d explanation *adj.* expressed or presented clearly; easy to understand; rational and sane; shining or bright
52. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
53. at the w__m of circumstance *n.* a sudden idea or desire, especially one that cannot be reasonably explained
54. co____ss hours *adj.* too numerous to be counted or very many

ANSWERS: 43. receipt, 44. nameless, 45. contemporary, 46. doe, 47. surefire, 48. countless, 49. bizarre, 50. philosophy, 51. lucid, 52. brain, 53. whim, 54. countless

55. co____e a vision *v.* to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
56. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
57. w__m of youth *n.* a sudden idea or desire, especially one that cannot be reasonably explained
58. a fl_____r of a bird *v.* to wave or flap quickly and lightly; (noun) the act of moving back and forth
59. def_____ve answer *adj.* serving to provide a final solution or to end a situation; final and not able to be changed
60. number of different sc_____ios *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
61. ca_____e customers' hearts *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
62. dis_____ct a plug *v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
63. phi_____hy of education *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
64. the runner's p__e *n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes
65. con_____ng biochemical explanation *adj.* able to make someone believe that something is true

ANSWERS: 55. conjure, 56. possibility, 57. whim, 58. flutter, 59. definitive, 60. scenario, 61. capture, 62. disconnect, 63. philosophy, 64. pace, 65. convincing

66. inc_____ble jargon *adj.* impossible to understand or explain; not able to be grasped or comprehended
67. mys_____ion of the subject *n.* the act or process of making something difficult to understand or explain, often to deceive or manipulate
68. na_____ss fear *adj.* without a name or unknown; not named or identified
69. su_____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
70. field of con_____ary art *adj.* belonging to the same or present time
71. pu_____d expression *adj.* confused or uncertain because you do not understand something
72. mu__y basement *adj.* having a stale, damp, or moldy smell or odor; out-of-date or old-fashioned
73. bu__t style *n.* a meal where guests serve themselves from a counter or sideboard
74. pi__h my nose *v.* to grip something such as someone's skin and press it tightly between the finger and thumb; (noun) a painful or straitened circumstance
75. he was en_____ly to blame *adv.* completely
76. have a bu__t meal *n.* a meal where guests serve themselves from a counter or sideboard
77. die su_____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
78. ca_____e a glimpse *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
79. an_____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

ANSWERS: 66. incomprehensible, 67. mystification, 68. nameless, 69. suddenly, 70. contemporary, 71. puzzled, 72. musty, 73. buffet, 74. pinch, 75. entirely, 76. buffet, 77. suddenly, 78. capture, 79. ancient

80. a fr____onal share of the vote *n.* a small part or item forming a piece of a whole; the quotient of two rational numbers
81. ch__n reaction *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
82. bi____e behavior *adj.* very strange or unusual
83. so__d ally *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
84. report sus____us activity *adj.* making you feel that someone has done something wrong, illegal, or dishonest without any evidence
85. su____re way *adj.* certain or guaranteed to be successful, reliable, or effective
86. dis____ct the water supply *v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
87. the worst case sc____io *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
88. bu____ly effect *n.* a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings
89. mys____ion of the public *n.* the act or process of making something difficult to understand or explain, often to deceive or manipulate
90. so__d employment measures *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality

ANSWERS: 80. fraction, 81. chain, 82. bizarre, 83. solid, 84. suspicious, 85. surefire, 86. disconnect, 87. scenario, 88. butterfly, 89. mystification, 90. solid

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He had painted the wood to _____ stone.
 - v. to make a pretense of someone's behavior or looks; to reproduce something that exists in real life using computers, models, etc., usually for study or training purposes

2. She was _____ by the strange behavior of her cat.
 - adj. confused or uncertain because you do not understand something

3. Many people in the medieval period believed in _____ and their ability to cast spells.
 - n. a person, typically a woman, who is believed to have magic powers and practices witchcraft

4. Please make sure to keep your _____ as proof of purchase.
 - n. a written or printed statement acknowledging that something has been paid for or received; the act of receiving something

5. The president prepared several possible _____ for an enemy attack.
 - n. a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work

6. She vividly _____ getting laid off several years ago.
 - v. to remember something

7. She intends to _____ a political career.
 - v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

ANSWERS: 1. simulate, 2. puzzled, 3. witches, 4. receipt, 5. scenarios, 6. recalls, 7. pursue

8. He enjoys collecting _____ specimens.
n. a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings
9. His argument was so _____ that even his opponents agreed with him.
adj. expressed or presented clearly; easy to understand; rational and sane; shining or bright
10. He spent only a _____ of his earnings.
n. a small part or item forming a piece of a whole; the quotient of two rational numbers
11. I was able to _____ the moment on film.
v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
12. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.
n. a chance that something may happen or be true
13. The deep sea _____ was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.
n. a living being, especially an animal
14. Following this _____ strategy guarantees success in any business venture.
adj. certain or guaranteed to be successful, reliable, or effective
15. Who answers _____ knows little.
adv. quickly and unexpectedly

ANSWERS: 8. butterfly, 9. lucid, 10. fraction, 11. capture, 12. possibility, 13. creature, 14. surefire, 15. suddenly

16. The _____ on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.
n. a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
17. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.
n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
18. The study provided _____ proof of the effectiveness of the new drug.
adj. serving to provide a final solution or to end a situation; final and not able to be changed
19. The old library smelled _____ and required renovation.
adj. having a stale, damp, or moldy smell or odor; out-of-date or old-fashioned
20. They have been living near water since _____ times.
adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
21. The magician's tricks were a source of _____ for the audience.
n. the act or process of making something difficult to understand or explain, often to deceive or manipulate
22. He quit his job on a _____ and moved to a new city.
n. a sudden idea or desire, especially one that cannot be reasonably explained
23. Parallel lines are, by _____ lines on the same plane that never cross.
n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
24. The large group of _____ swam gracefully in the ocean, jumping out of the water now and then.
n. a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid

ANSWERS: 16. chain, 17. norms, 18. definitive, 19. musty, 20. ancient, 21. mystification, 22. whim, 23. definition, 24. dolphins

25. _____ music has gained different followers from existing music.

adj. belonging to the same or present time

26. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.

adv. completely

27. Hunters use a whistle that makes the ____ sound to lure stags.

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

28. The _____ of water is called ice.

adj. hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality

29. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

30. We carefully examine each _____ transaction report we receive.

adj. making you feel that someone has done something wrong, illegal, or dishonest without any evidence

31. I found her assertion pretty _____.

adj. able to make someone believe that something is true

32. Let's go to an all-you-can-eat _____ restaurant.

n. a sweet food served as the last course of a meal

33. Ethics is a branch of _____.

n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

ANSWERS: 25. Contemporary, 26. entirely, 27. doe, 28. solid-state, 29. brain, 30. suspicious, 31. convincing, 32. dessert, 33. philosophy

34. The mathematical formula was _____ to most of the students.
adj. impossible to understand or explain; not able to be grasped or comprehended
35. Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as _____ but was later proven correct.
adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
36. The police officer _____ the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.
v. to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
37. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
adj. easy to see, discover or understand
38. She finally decided to _____ herself from the company.
v. to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
39. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.
adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
40. The magician _____ up a rabbit out of thin air.
v. to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
41. There are _____ methods for dealing with stress.
adj. too numerous to be counted or very many

ANSWERS: 34. incomprehensible, 35. ridiculous, 36. chased, 37. obvious, 38. disconnect, 39. vast, 40. conjured, 41. countless

42. Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral _____.
- n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
43. The _____ at the hotel had a wide variety of food options.
- n.* a meal where guests serve themselves from a counter or sideboard
44. The butterfly _____ its wings gracefully.
- v.* to wave or flap quickly and lightly; (noun) the act of moving back and forth
45. He _____ money from the cashbox without telling the company's employees.
- v.* to grip something such as someone's skin and press it tightly between the finger and thumb; (noun) a painful or straitened circumstance
46. The victim could only describe their attacker as a _____ figure in the darkness.
- adj.* without a name or unknown; not named or identified
47. The truth was more _____ than expected.
- adj.* very strange or unusual
48. The economy is growing at a supercharged _____.
- n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes

ANSWERS: 42. neuroscience, 43. buffet, 44. fluttered, 45. pinched, 46. nameless, 47. bizarre, 48. pace