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## Session 1: Word List

### symbolize

v. to represent or stand for something else, particularly an abstract concept or idea; to be an emblem or sign of something

*synonym*: represent, signify, emblemize

(1) **symbolize** hope, (2) **symbolize** freedom

In many cultures, the color white **symbolizes** purity and innocence.

### lovingly

*adv.* in a manner showing deep affection or care; with fondness and warmth; in a way that expresses or suggests love

*synonym*: fondly, affectionately

(1) **lovingly** crafted, (2) **lovingly** prepared

She looked at him **lovingly** and knew he was the one for her.

### uncover

v. to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

*synonym*: disclose, reveal, unveil

(1) **uncover** a potential problem, (2) **uncover** the truth

He continued his investigation and soon **uncovered** another crime.

## infuriate

v. to make extremely angry, incite to rage, provoke intense anger or exasperation

*synonym*: enrage, ire, provoke

(1) **infuriate** customers, (2) **infuriate** employees

His rude behavior **infuriated** many people at the party.

## lineage

n. the ancestry of a person, group, or species

*synonym*: ancestry, descent, heritage

(1) maternal **lineage**, (2) **lineage** tree

Scientists traced the **lineage** of the species back millions of years by studying fossils.

## oppress

v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

*synonym*: antagonize, distress, burden

(1) **oppress** the minority, (2) **oppress** the people with force

Historically, many countries have often **oppressed** certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.

## reckon

v. to think or believe something

*synonym*: regard, imagine, suppose

(1) hard to **reckon**, (2) **reckon** the company as a rival

He **reckons** that corruption was rampant in the regime.

## moth

n. an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light

(1) **moth** larva, (2) **moth** attracted to the light

The **moth** is a serious threat to the farm's output.

## unappreciated

*adj.* not adequately valued or acknowledged

*synonym*: unvalued, undervalued, unrecognized

(1) an **unappreciated** genius, (2) **unappreciated** effort

She felt **unappreciated** for all the hard work she had put in.

## unseen

*adj.* not seen or noticed; not perceived

*synonym*: invisible, hidden, undercover

(1) **unseen** danger, (2) an **unseen** force

The consequences of the pandemic remain **unseen** as scientists continue to research the virus.

## embarrass

*v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

*synonym*: disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project

He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

## devalue

*v.* to reduce the value or worth of something

*synonym*: diminish, depreciate, reduce

(1) **devalue** the pound, (2) **devalue** a brand

Her negative comments about the project only **devalued** the team's efforts.

## exacerbate

*v.* to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse

*synonym*: worsen, aggravate, escalate

(1) **exacerbate** the situation, (2) **exacerbate** symptoms

The heat wave **exacerbated** the drought conditions.

## alarming

*adj.* causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing

*synonym*: forbidding, concerning, disturbing

(1) **alarming** news, (2) **alarming** statistics

The sudden rise in crime rates in our neighborhood is quite **alarming**.

## pandemic

*n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

*synonym*: outbreak

(1) flu **pandemic**, (2) global **pandemic**

They fear a **pandemic** of a new type of virus.

## ripple

*n.* a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind

*synonym*: wave, undulation, fluctuation

(1) a **ripple** of laughter, (2) **ripple** in the water

Many businesses felt the **ripple** effect of the economy's decline.

## matriarch

*n.* a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group

*synonym*: leader, head, founder

(1) ruled by a **matriarch**, (2) **matriarch** figure

The **matriarch** of the family was known for her wisdom and guidance.

## incarceration

*n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail

*synonym*: confinement, imprisonment, detention

(1) mass **incarceration**, (2) **incarceration** rates

The judge sentenced him to five years of **incarceration** for embezzlement.

## promiscuous

*adj.* having casual sexual relations frequently with different partners; indiscriminate in the choice of sexual partners; not selective of a single class or person

*synonym*: indiscriminate, loose, promiscuous

(1) **promiscuous** bathing, (2) **promiscuous** lifestyle

He was known for his **promiscuous** behavior.

## humanize

*v.* to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans

*synonym*: civilize, personalize

(1) **humanize** my pet, (2) **humanize** a room

The charity event aims to **humanize** the homeless rather than treat them as mere statistics.

## misrepresent

*v.* to present a false or misleading interpretation or impression of something or someone

*synonym*: distort, misinterpret, falsify

(1) **misrepresent** a company's policies, (2) **misrepresent** the situation

The article **misrepresents** the true intentions of the author's argument.

## kudos

*n.* praise, honor, or recognition for an achievement or accomplishment

*synonym*: acclaim, praise, congratulations

(1) gain **kudos**, (2) **kudos** to the team

She received **kudos** from her boss for her exceptional work on the project.

## snippet

*n.* a small piece or brief extract of something

*synonym*: fragment, excerpt, brief

(1) **snippet** of wisdom, (2) code **snippet**

The journalist saved a **snippet** of the interview for later reference.

## selfless

*adj.* concerned more with the needs and desires of others than with one's own; unselfish; altruistic

*synonym*: unselfish, altruistic, generous

(1) **selfless** act, (2) **selfless** devotion

Her **selfless** dedication to the community earned her a prestigious award.

## caretaker

*n.* a person employed to take care of a large building such as a school and who deals with the cleaning, repairs, etc.; a person employed to look after a house or land while the owner is away

*synonym*: custodian, caregiver

(1) welfare **caretaker**, (2) the role of **caretaker**

He acted as a **caretaker** until a new president was elected.

## reiterate

v. to repeat something, typically for emphasis or clarity; to say or do something again and again

*synonym*: repeat, iterate, restate

(1) **reiterate** a point, (2) **reiterate** their commitment

I need to **reiterate** the importance of submitting your report by the deadline.

## vigilant

*adj.* keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties

*synonym*: watchful, attentive, alert

(1) **vigilant** watch, (2) **vigilant** about hand-washing

The guards had to remain **vigilant** to ensure the safety of the high-security facility.

## grieve

v. to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died

*synonym*: mourn, lament, sorrow

(1) **grieve** for loss, (2) **grieve** at the sad news

She **grieved** the loss of her parents.

## stepfather

n. a man who is married to one's mother but is not one's biological father

*synonym*: stepdad, father figure, dad-in-law

(1) supportive **stepfather**, (2) **stepfather** role

I didn't get along with my **stepfather** when I was young, but now we're like best friends.

## harass

v. to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention

*synonym*: pester, annoy, bother

(1) **harass** the enemy, (2) **harass** with constant criticism

She was constantly **harassed** by her ex-boyfriend and had to get a restraining order.

## institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

*synonym*: formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

## supremacy

*n.* the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status

*synonym*: dominance, superiority, preeminence

(1) a race for **supremacy**, (2) **supremacy** of a country

The empire's military power ensured its **supremacy** over the neighboring states.

## dementia

*n.* a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury

*synonym*: cognitive decline, memory loss, Alzheimer's disease

(1) **dementia** patients, (2) probably have **dementia**

The study found that regular exercise can help to prevent the onset of **dementia** in older age.

## misunderstand

*v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

*synonym*: misinterpret, misperceive, misapprehend

(1) **misunderstand** each other, (2) **misunderstand** entirely about her

You should not **misunderstand** the meaning of freedom.

## optimist

*n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future

*synonym*: positive thinker, dreamer, idealist

(1) **optimist** by nature, (2) excessive **optimist**

She is a confident **optimist** who always looks on the bright side.

## optimism

*n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

*synonym*: positiveness, sanguinity, bullishness

(1) sense of **optimism**, (2) political **optimism**

There is considerable **optimism** that the economy will recover soon.

## **envision**

*v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

*synonym*: anticipate, foresee, picture

(1) **envision** the future, (2) **envision** the project's success

We cannot **envision** her as President.

## **disrespect**

*n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something

*synonym*: impoliteness, rudeness, insult

(1) mean no **disrespect**, (2) **disrespect** for a customer

His **disrespectful** behavior towards his elders earned him a stern warning from his parents.

## **provoke**

*v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect

*synonym*: stimulate, incite, encourage

(1) **provoke** a disease, (2) **provoke** a reaction

Her behavior **provoked** a quarrel between the couple.



## Session 2: Spelling

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|-------------------------------------|------|--|
| 1. in_____te employees              | v.   | to make extremely angry, incite to rage, provoke intense anger or exasperation   |
| 2. exa_____te the situation         | v.   | to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse   |
| 3. al_____ng statistics             | adj. | causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing                                     |
| 4. supportive ste_____er            | n.   | a man who is married to one's mother but is not one's biological father  |
| 5. sy_____ze hope                   | v.   | to represent or stand for something else, particularly an abstract concept or idea; to be an emblem or sign of something                       |
| 6. sense of op_____sm               | n.   | a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation |
| 7. sn_____t of wisdom               | n.   | a small piece or brief extract of something  |
| 8. mass inc_____ion                 | n.   | the state of being confined in prison or jail  |
| 9. exa_____te symptoms              | v.   | to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse   |
| 10. ha____s with constant criticism | v.   | to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention                            |

ANSWERS: 1. infuriate, 2. exacerbate, 3. alarming, 4. stepfather, 5. symbolize, 6. optimism, 7. snippet, 8. incarceration, 9. exacerbate, 10. harass

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|----------------------------|---|
| 11. gain ku__s             | <i>n.</i> praise, honor, or recognition for an achievement or accomplishment  |
| 12. ins_____ize a system   | <i>v.</i> to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)  |
| 13. em_____ss my project   | <i>v.</i> to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed   |
| 14. li_____e tree          | <i>n.</i> the ancestry of a person, group, or species   |
| 15. se_____ss act          | <i>adj.</i> concerned more with the needs and desires of others than with one's own; unselfish; altruistic  |
| 16. un___n danger          | <i>adj.</i> not seen or noticed; not perceived  |
| 17. ste_____er role        | <i>n.</i> a man who is married to one's mother but is not one's biological father   |
| 18. an una_____ted genius  | <i>adj.</i> not adequately valued or acknowledged   |
| 19. gr___e at the sad news | <i>v.</i> to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died  |
| 20. pro_____us lifestyle   | <i>adj.</i> having casual sexual relations frequently with different partners; indiscriminate in the choice of sexual partners; not selective of a single class or person |
| 21. global pa_____ic       | <i>n.</i> an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area   |
| 22. un_____r the truth     | <i>v.</i> to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden   |

ANSWERS: 11. kudos, 12. institutionalize, 13. embarrass, 14. lineage, 15. selfless, 16. unseen, 17. stepfather, 18. unappreciated, 19. grieve, 20. promiscuous, 21. pandemic, 22. uncover

23. code sn\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a small piece or brief extract of something
24. al\_\_\_\_\_ng news *adj.* causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing
25. hard to re\_\_\_\_\_n *v.* to think or believe something
26. dis\_\_\_\_\_ct for a customer *n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
27. en\_\_\_\_\_on the project's success *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
28. a ri\_\_\_\_\_e of laughter *n.* a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind
29. in\_\_\_\_\_te customers *v.* to make extremely angry, incite to rage, provoke intense anger or exasperation
30. pro\_\_\_\_\_us bathing *adj.* having casual sexual relations frequently with different partners; indiscriminate in the choice of sexual partners; not selective of a single class or person
31. re\_\_\_\_\_te their commitment *v.* to repeat something, typically for emphasis or clarity; to say or do something again and again
32. m\_\_h attracted to the light *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
33. de\_\_\_\_\_ia patients *n.* a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury

ANSWERS: 23. snippet, 24. alarming, 25. reckon, 26. disrespect, 27. envision, 28. ripple, 29. infuriate, 30. promiscuous, 31. reiterate, 32. moth, 33. dementia

34. hu\_\_\_\_ze a room                    *v.*    to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans
35. maternal li\_\_\_\_e                    *n.*    the ancestry of a person, group, or species
36. op\_\_\_\_s the minority                *v.*    to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
37. pr\_\_\_\_e a disease                    *v.*    to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
38. mis\_\_\_\_ent the situation            *v.*    to present a false or misleading interpretation or impression of something or someone
39. inc\_\_\_\_ion rates                    *n.*    the state of being confined in prison or jail
40. hu\_\_\_\_ze my pet                    *v.*    to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans
41. the role of ca\_\_\_\_er                    *n.*    a person employed to take care of a large building such as a school and who deals with the cleaning, repairs, etc.; a person employed to look after a house or land while the owner is away
42. political op\_\_\_\_sm                    *n.*    a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

ANSWERS: 34. humanize, 35. lineage, 36. oppress, 37. provoke, 38. misrepresent, 39. incarceration, 40. humanize, 41. caretaker, 42. optimism

43. lo\_\_\_\_ly prepared *adv.* in a manner showing deep affection or care; with fondness and warmth; in a way that expresses or suggests love
44. lo\_\_\_\_ly crafted *adv.* in a manner showing deep affection or care; with fondness and warmth; in a way that expresses or suggests love
45. an un\_\_\_\_n force *adj.* not seen or noticed; not perceived
46. op\_\_\_\_s the people with force *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
47. ma\_\_\_\_ch figure *n.* a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group
48. op\_\_\_\_st by nature *n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
49. un\_\_\_\_r a potential problem *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
50. una\_\_\_\_ted effort *adj.* not adequately valued or acknowledged
51. welfare ca\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person employed to take care of a large building such as a school and who deals with the cleaning, repairs, etc.; a person employed to look after a house or land while the owner is away
52. probably have de\_\_\_\_ia *n.* a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury

ANSWERS: 43. lovingly, 44. lovingly, 45. unseen, 46. oppress, 47. matriarch, 48. optimist, 49. uncover, 50. unappreciated, 51. caretaker, 52. dementia

53. en\_\_\_\_on the future      *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
54. pr\_\_\_\_e a reaction      *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
55. re\_\_\_\_n the company as a rival      *v.* to think or believe something
56. flu pa\_\_\_\_ic      *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
57. mis\_\_\_\_and each other      *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
58. se\_\_\_\_ss devotion      *adj.* concerned more with the needs and desires of others than with one's own; unselfish; altruistic
59. em\_\_\_\_ss political enemy      *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
60. m\_\_h larva      *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
61. re\_\_\_\_te a point      *v.* to repeat something, typically for emphasis or clarity; to say or do something again and again
62. ku\_\_s to the team      *n.* praise, honor, or recognition for an achievement or accomplishment
63. gr\_\_\_\_e for loss      *v.* to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died
64. de\_\_\_\_e the pound      *v.* to reduce the value or worth of something
65. ri\_\_\_\_e in the water      *n.* a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind

ANSWERS: 53. envision, 54. provoke, 55. reckon, 56. pandemic, 57. misunderstand, 58. selfless, 59. embarrass, 60. moth, 61. reiterate, 62. kudos, 63. grieve, 64. devalue, 65. ripple

66. mean no dis\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
67. ruled by a ma\_\_\_\_\_ch *n.* a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group
68. ha\_\_\_s the enemy *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
69. a race for su\_\_\_\_\_cy *n.* the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status
70. mis\_\_\_\_\_ent a company's policies *v.* to present a false or misleading interpretation or impression of something or someone
71. su\_\_\_\_\_cy of a country *n.* the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status
72. vi\_\_\_\_\_nt watch *adj.* keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties
73. sy\_\_\_\_\_ze freedom *v.* to represent or stand for something else, particularly an abstract concept or idea; to be an emblem or sign of something
74. de\_\_\_\_\_e a brand *v.* to reduce the value or worth of something
75. vi\_\_\_\_\_nt about hand-washing *adj.* keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties
76. ins\_\_\_\_\_ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

ANSWERS: 66. disrespect, 67. matriarch, 68. harass, 69. supremacy, 70. misrepresent, 71. supremacy, 72. vigilant, 73. symbolize, 74. devalue, 75. vigilant, 76. institutionalize

77. excessive op\_\_\_\_\_st

*n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future

78. mis\_\_\_\_\_and entirely about her

*v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

ANSWERS: 77. optimist, 78. misunderstand



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Her negative comments about the project only \_\_\_\_\_ the team's efforts.  
*v.* to reduce the value or worth of something
2. I didn't get along with my \_\_\_\_\_ when I was young, but now we're like best friends.  
*n.* a man who is married to one's mother but is not one's biological father
3. His rude behavior \_\_\_\_\_ many people at the party.  
*v.* to make extremely angry, incite to rage, provoke intense anger or exasperation
4. She received \_\_\_\_\_ from her boss for her exceptional work on the project.  
*n.* praise, honor, or recognition for an achievement or accomplishment
5. The new policy aims to \_\_\_\_\_ the use of renewable energy sources.  
*v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
6. The heat wave \_\_\_\_\_ the drought conditions.  
*v.* to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse
7. There is considerable \_\_\_\_\_ that the economy will recover soon.  
*n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
8. The guards had to remain \_\_\_\_\_ to ensure the safety of the high-security facility.  
*adj.* keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties

ANSWERS: 1. devalued, 2. stepfather, 3. infuriated, 4. kudos, 5. institutionalize, 6. exacerbated, 7. optimism, 8. vigilant

9. The sudden rise in crime rates in our neighborhood is quite \_\_\_\_\_.
- adj.* causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing
10. He acted as a \_\_\_\_\_ until a new president was elected.
- n.* a person employed to take care of a large building such as a school and who deals with the cleaning, repairs, etc.; a person employed to look after a house or land while the owner is away
11. The journalist saved a \_\_\_\_\_ of the interview for later reference.
- n.* a small piece or brief extract of something
12. She is a confident \_\_\_\_\_ who always looks on the bright side.
- n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
13. Historically, many countries have often \_\_\_\_\_ certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.
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15. The judge sentenced him to five years of \_\_\_\_\_ for embezzlement.
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- n.* a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind

ANSWERS: 9. alarming, 10. caretaker, 11. snippet, 12. optimist, 13. oppressed, 14. humanize, 15. incarceration, 16. ripple

17. They fear a \_\_\_\_\_ of a new type of virus.

*n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

18. We cannot \_\_\_\_\_ her as President.

*v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

19. She looked at him \_\_\_\_\_ and knew he was the one for her.

*adv.* in a manner showing deep affection or care; with fondness and warmth; in a way that expresses or suggests love

20. In many cultures, the color white \_\_\_\_\_ purity and innocence.

*v.* to represent or stand for something else, particularly an abstract concept or idea; to be an emblem or sign of something

21. His \_\_\_\_\_ behavior towards his elders earned him a stern warning from his parents.

*n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something

22. The consequences of the pandemic remain \_\_\_\_\_ as scientists continue to research the virus.

*adj.* not seen or noticed; not perceived

23. Her \_\_\_\_\_ dedication to the community earned her a prestigious award.

*adj.* concerned more with the needs and desires of others than with one's own; unselfish; altruistic

24. She felt \_\_\_\_\_ for all the hard work she had put in.

*adj.* not adequately valued or acknowledged

ANSWERS: 17. pandemic, 18. envision, 19. lovingly, 20. symbolizes, 21. disrespectful, 22. unseen, 23. selfless, 24. unappreciated

25. The \_\_\_\_\_ is a serious threat to the farm's output.
- n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
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- v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
27. The study found that regular exercise can help to prevent the onset of \_\_\_\_\_ in older age.
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28. He continued his investigation and soon \_\_\_\_\_ another crime.
- v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
29. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ the importance of submitting your report by the deadline.
- v.* to repeat something, typically for emphasis or clarity; to say or do something again and again
30. He was known for his \_\_\_\_\_ behavior.
- adj.* having casual sexual relations frequently with different partners; indiscriminate in the choice of sexual partners; not selective of a single class or person
31. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the family was known for her wisdom and guidance.
- n.* a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group
32. Scientists traced the \_\_\_\_\_ of the species back millions of years by studying fossils.
- n.* the ancestry of a person, group, or species

ANSWERS: 25. moth, 26. embarrass, 27. dementia, 28. uncovered, 29. reiterate, 30. promiscuous, 31. matriarch, 32. lineage

33. She was constantly \_\_\_\_\_ by her ex-boyfriend and had to get a restraining order.
- v. to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
34. Her behavior \_\_\_\_\_ a quarrel between the couple.
- v. to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
35. He \_\_\_\_\_ that corruption was rampant in the regime.
- v. to think or believe something
36. You should not \_\_\_\_\_ the meaning of freedom.
- v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
37. The article \_\_\_\_\_ the true intentions of the author's argument.
- v. to present a false or misleading interpretation or impression of something or someone
38. She \_\_\_\_\_ the loss of her parents.
- v. to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died
39. The empire's military power ensured its \_\_\_\_\_ over the neighboring states.
- n. the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status

ANSWERS: 33. harassed, 34. provoked, 35. reckons, 36. misunderstand, 37. misrepresents, 38. grieved, 39. supremacy