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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### tread

*v.* to step or walk on something

*synonym* : step, walk, pace

(1) **tread** water, (2) **tread** a similar path

He **treads** carefully on the slippery ice.

### tiptoe

*n.* a way of walking quietly and cautiously, with the weight balanced mainly on the balls of the feet and the heels lifted off the ground; a type of shoe or slipper that has a thin sole and is designed for quiet walking; (verb) to walk quietly and carefully, balancing on the tips of one's toes or the balls of one's feet

*synonym* : stealth, sneak

(1) **tiptoe** approach, (2) **tiptoe** around the issue

I walked on **tiptoe** to avoid waking up my sleeping baby.

### stab

*v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife

*synonym* : poke, thrust, jab

(1) **stab** at the enemy with a knife, (2) **stab** in the chest

He was **stabbed** many times with scissors.

### expletive

*n.* a curse word or a swear word; a word or phrase used to convey strong emotions, such as anger or frustration

*synonym* :

curse, swear word, profanity

(1) **expletive** language, (2) **expletive** pronoun

When she stubbed her toe, she let out an **expletive** in pain.

## confession

*n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal

*synonym*: admission, avowal, acknowledgment

(1) a **confession** of guilt, (2) a **confession** of faith

The prisoner made a full **confession** and admitted to his crime.

## pleasurable

*adj.* giving satisfaction or pleasure; enjoyable

*synonym*: comforting, enjoyable, gratifying

(1) a **pleasurable** experience, (2) have a very **pleasurable** time

Our marital life was full of happiness and **pleasurable** excitement.

## reimagine

*v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way

*synonym*: re-conceptualize, re-envision, re-create

(1) **reimagine** the future, (2) **reimagine** the possibilities

The company is trying to **reimagine** its business model to stay competitive.

## underpin

*v.* to support or strengthen the foundations of something

*synonym*: support, foundation, base

(1) **underpin** a structure, (2) **underpin** democratization

The research findings **underpin** the theory that human activities cause global warming.

## huddle

*v.* to crowd or press closely together; cuddle

*synonym*: cluster, crowd, group

(1) **huddle** in a temporary shelter, (2) **huddle** around the open fire

The children **huddled** together for warmth in the cold winter

storm.

## confer

*v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

*synonym*: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

## nod

*v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

*synonym*: respond, acknowledge, greet

(1) **nod** at each other, (2) **nod** courteously

She **noded** quietly in response to the question.

## rut

*n.* a long track or groove worn into the ground, typically by the repeated passage of wheels or other heavy objects; a fixed, boring or monotonous routine or course of action

*synonym*: groove, track, estrus

(1) falling into a **rut**, (2) boring routine **rut**

The company seems stuck in a **rut** and needs to try something new.

## inconvenient

*adj.* causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable

*synonym*: troublesome, difficult, awkward

(1) face an **inconvenient** truth, (2) **inconvenient** for shopping

It was **inconvenient** for her to go out of her way to pick up the package.

## untried

*adj.* not tested, proven, or experienced; lacking in experience or expertise; not yet attempted or put to use

*synonym*: untested, inexperienced, new

(1) **untried** approach, (2) **untried** solution

I'm unsure about the effectiveness of this **untried** medication.

## impractical

*adj.* not sensible or useful for practical purposes; not likely to be effective in achieving an intended outcome

*synonym* : impracticable, unrealizable, unfeasible

(1) **impractical** idea, (2) **impractical** solution

It is **impractical** to expect everyone to work for free.

## foresee

*v.* to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future

*synonym* : predict, anticipate, forecast

(1) **foresee** the consequences, (2) **foresee** challenges

I **foresee** a problem arising if we don't address this issue now.

## stave

*n.* a long, narrow piece of wood or similar material, often used as a structural element in construction or to make barrels, musical instruments, furniture, or other objects;  
*(verb)* to fend off, ward off or prevent something from happening

*synonym* : stick, rod, staff

(1) **stave** off a conspiracy, (2) barrel **stave**

They used iron **staves** to hit the ships and prevent them from approaching the harbor.

## disrupt

*v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

*synonym* : interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep

I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

## preempt

*v.* to act in advance to prevent something or to replace it with something else

*synonym* : forestall, head off, anticipate

(1) **preempt** a financial crisis, (2) **preempt** trouble

The government **preempted** the release of sensitive information.

## maverick

*adj.* characterized by independence or nonconformity; unconventional, idiosyncratic, or rebellious

*synonym* : unconventional, nonconformist, independent-minded

(1) **maverick** behavior, (2) **maverick** politician

The **maverick** artist refused to follow traditional painting styles and created his unique art.

## industrious

*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

*synonym* : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

## overlook

*v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

*synonym* : disregard, look down, supervise

(1) **overlook** a street, (2) **overlook** that fact

We cannot **overlook** an opportunity for great success.

## tempting

*adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe

*synonym* : alluring, attractive, inviting

(1) **tempting** offer, (2) sound very **tempting**

The chocolate cake was too **tempting** for me to resist.

## bioscience

*n.* a branch of science that deals with living organisms, including biology, physiology, genetics, ecology, and biotechnology

*synonym* : life science, biotech

(1) **bioscience** research, (2) **bioscience** industry

The university's **bioscience** program offers biology, genetics, and biotechnology courses.

## tinker

*v.* to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way

*synonym* : fiddle, play, fix

(1) **tinker** with the bill, (2) **tinker** with the settings  
He spent the afternoon **tinkering** with his car engine.

## distract

*v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

*synonym*: divert, preoccupy, confuse

(1) **distract** attention from the real issue, (2) **distract** public opinion

Please don't **distract** me while I'm studying.

## contaminate

*v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture

*synonym*: defile, pollute, adulterate

(1) **contaminate** with a disease, (2) **contaminate** his ego

We strive not to **contaminate** the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.

## puzzling

*adj.* confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious

*synonym*: baffling, confusing, enigmatic

(1) **puzzling** behavior, (2) **puzzling** questions

The detective found the clues **puzzling** and couldn't solve the case immediately.

## biobank

*n.* a repository or storage facility for biological samples, such as blood, tissue, or DNA, used for research or medical purposes

*synonym*: biorepository, genome bank, DNA bank

(1) **biobank** samples, (2) national **biobank**

The researchers are working to create a **biobank** of genetic material for scientific study.

## anomalous

*adj.* deviating from what is standard or expected; unexpected or unusual in a way that is difficult to explain

*synonym*: unusual, peculiar, abnormal

(1) **anomalous** behavior, (2) **anomalous** result

The data from the study was **anomalous** and unexpected.

## awry

*adv.* in a wrong or crooked position; out of order; amiss  
*synonym* : amiss, askew, incorrect

(1) **awry** plan, (2) **awry** hair

The plans for the surprise party went **awry** when the cake was ruined.

## obituary

*n.* a notice of someone's death, often appearing in a newspaper or online; a published account of someone's life and achievements after their death

*synonym* : death notice, memorial, necrology

(1) **obituary** notice, (2) **obituary** column

The man's **obituary** was published in the local newspaper.

## seduce

*v.* to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship

*synonym* : tempt, lure, entice

(1) **seduce** him into crime, (2) **seduce** her mind

He tried to **seduce** her with his charm and good looks.

## fallacy

*n.* a mistaken belief, idea, or argument that is not supported by facts or evidence; a deceptive or misleading statement or belief

*synonym* : falsity, misconception, delusion

(1) **fallacy** of logic, (2) belief in a **fallacy**

Many people cling to the **fallacy** that they can get rich quickly, despite all evidence.

## intuition

*n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why

*synonym* : instinct, gut feeling, sixth sense

(1) creative **intuition**, (2) **intuition** research

Some studies suggest that people's **intuitions** can be influenced by their experiences and biases.

## 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.

## mortar

*n.* a mixture of cement, sand, and water used for binding building materials together; a heavy, deep bowl used to pound or grind substances

*synonym* : howitzer, cement mixer, masonry tool

(1) **mortar** joints, (2) apply **mortar**

The bricklayer started on the second course of bricks, laying them in fresh **mortar**.

## dwindle

*v.* to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller

*synonym* : shrink, decrease, fade

(1) **dwindle** in importance, (2) **dwindle** to almost nothing

The crowds at the festival **dwindled** as the night went on.

## seize

*v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

*synonym* : grab, grasp, capture

(1) **seize** a person's property, (2) **seize** the day

He has the superpower to **seize** a business opportunity.

## opportune

*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

*synonym* : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

## quaint

*adj.* attractively or charmingly old-fashioned or unusual often used to describe something with a pleasingly unusual or quirky appearance or manner

*synonym* : charming, picturesque, eccentric

(1) **quaint** village, (2) **quaint** cottage



The **quaint** old town was full of historic buildings and charming shops.

## relic

*n.* an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value

*synonym*: whiff, vestige, antique

(1) historical **relic**, (2) holy **relics**

This bronze sword is a **relic** of ancient times.

## Catholic

*adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

(1) **catholic** in his tastes, (2) the **Catholic** Church

Sociologists are now interested in **catholic** world peace.

## trait

*n.* a particular feature of your nature

*synonym*: attribute, feature, quality

(1) chemical **trait**, (2) personality **traits**

Multiple genes may influence behavioral **traits** concurrently.

## 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.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|--------------------------|---|
| 1. a con_____on of faith | <i>n.</i> a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal   |
| 2. personality tr__ts    | <i>n.</i> a particular feature of your nature   |
| 3. con_____te his ego    | <i>v.</i> to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture   |
| 4. imp_____al idea       | <i>adj.</i> not sensible or useful for practical purposes; not likely to be effective in achieving an intended outcome                                    |
| 5. bio_____ce industry   | <i>n.</i> a branch of science that deals with living organisms, including biology, physiology, genetics, ecology, and biotechnology                       |
| 6. co___r honor          | <i>v.</i> to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something                                       |
| 7. national bi_____k     | <i>n.</i> a repository or storage facility for biological samples, such as blood, tissue, or DNA, used for research or medical purposes                   |
| 8. di_____t sleep        | <i>v.</i> to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance   |
| 9. ob_____ry column      | <i>n.</i> a notice of someone's death, often appearing in a newspaper or online; a published account of someone's life and achievements after their death |

ANSWERS: 1. confession, 2. trait, 3. contaminate, 4. impractical, 5. bioscience, 6. confer, 7. biobank, 8. disrupt, 9. obituary

10. un\_\_\_\_r the truth      *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
11. se\_\_e the day      *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
12. boring routine r\_t      *n.* a long track or groove worn into the ground, typically by the repeated passage of wheels or other heavy objects; a fixed, boring or monotonous routine or course of action
13. dw\_\_\_\_e in importance      *v.* to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller
14. a con\_\_\_\_\_on of guilt      *n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
15. pu\_\_\_\_ng behavior      *adj.* confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious
16. imp\_\_\_\_\_al solution      *adj.* not sensible or useful for practical purposes; not likely to be effective in achieving an intended outcome
17. apply mo\_\_\_\_r      *n.* a mixture of cement, sand, and water used for binding building materials together; a heavy, deep bowl used to pound or grind substances
18. the Ca\_\_\_\_ic Church      *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

ANSWERS: 10. uncover, 11. seize, 12. rut, 13. dwindle, 14. confession, 15. puzzling, 16. impractical, 17. mortar, 18. Catholic

19. ma\_\_\_\_\_ck behavior *adj.* characterized by independence or nonconformity; unconventional, idiosyncratic, or rebellious
20. dw\_\_\_\_\_e to almost nothing *v.* to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller
21. re\_\_\_\_\_ne the possibilities *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
22. re\_\_\_\_\_ne the future *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
23. st\_\_e off a conspiracy *n.* a long, narrow piece of wood or similar material, often used as a structural element in construction or to make barrels, musical instruments, furniture, or other objects; (verb) to fend off, ward off or prevent something from happening
24. falling into a r\_t *n.* a long track or groove worn into the ground, typically by the repeated passage of wheels or other heavy objects; a fixed, boring or monotonous routine or course of action
25. belief in a fa\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* a mistaken belief, idea, or argument that is not supported by facts or evidence; a deceptive or misleading statement or belief
26. ex\_\_\_\_\_ve pronoun *n.* a curse word or a swear word; a word or phrase used to convey strong emotions, such as anger or frustration
27. ti\_\_\_e approach *n.* a way of walking quietly and cautiously, with the weight balanced mainly on the balls of the feet and the heels lifted off the ground; a type of shoe or slipper that has a thin sole and is designed for quiet walking; (verb) to walk quietly and carefully, balancing on the tips of one's toes or the balls of one's feet

ANSWERS: 19. maverick, 20. dwindle, 21. reimagine, 22. reimagine, 23. stave, 24.

rut, 25. fallacy, 26. expletive, 27. tiptoe

28. ind\_\_\_\_\_us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
29. chemical tr\_\_t *n.* a particular feature of your nature
30. ind\_\_\_\_\_us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
31. bi\_\_\_\_\_k samples *n.* a repository or storage facility for biological samples, such as blood, tissue, or DNA, used for research or medical purposes
32. sound very te\_\_\_\_\_ng *adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe
33. hu\_\_\_e around the open fire *v.* to crowd or press closely together; cuddle
34. mo\_\_\_r joints *n.* a mixture of cement, sand, and water used for binding building materials together; a heavy, deep bowl used to pound or grind substances
35. se\_\_\_e her mind *v.* to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship
36. s\_\_b in the chest *v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
37. con\_\_\_\_\_te with a disease *v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
38. ma\_\_\_\_\_ck politician *adj.* characterized by independence or nonconformity; unconventional, idiosyncratic, or rebellious

ANSWERS: 28. industrious, 29. trait, 30. industrious, 31. biobank, 32. tempting, 33. huddle, 34. mortar, 35. seduce, 36. stab, 37. contaminate, 38. maverick

39. se\_\_e a person's property      *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
40. di\_\_\_\_ct public opinion      *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
41. n\_d courteously      *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
42. qu\_\_\_\_t cottage      *adj.* attractively or charmingly old-fashioned or unusual often used to describe something with a pleasingly unusual or quirky appearance or manner
43. creative in\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
44. face an inc\_\_\_\_\_ent truth      *adj.* causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable
45. s\_\_b at the enemy with a knife      *v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
46. barrel st\_\_e      *n.* a long, narrow piece of wood or similar material, often used as a structural element in construction or to make barrels, musical instruments, furniture, or other objects; (verb) to fend off, ward off or prevent something from happening

ANSWERS: 39. seize, 40. distract, 41. nod, 42. quaint, 43. intuition, 44. inconvenient, 45. stab, 46. stave

47. un\_\_\_\_d approach *adj.* not tested, proven, or experienced; lacking in experience or expertise; not yet attempted or put to use
48. ti\_\_\_\_r with the bill *v.* to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way
49. ov\_\_\_\_ok that fact *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
50. a\_\_y hair *adv.* in a wrong or crooked position; out of order; amiss
51. n\_d at each other *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
52. hu\_\_\_\_e in a temporary shelter *v.* to crowd or press closely together; cuddle
53. un\_\_\_\_in democratization *v.* to support or strengthen the foundations of something
54. un\_\_\_\_d solution *adj.* not tested, proven, or experienced; lacking in experience or expertise; not yet attempted or put to use
55. tr\_\_d water *v.* to step or walk on something
56. ca\_\_\_\_ic in his tastes *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
57. inc\_\_\_\_ent for shopping *adj.* causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable

ANSWERS: 47. untried, 48. tinker, 49. overlook, 50. awry, 51. nod, 52. huddle, 53. underpin, 54. untried, 55. tread, 56. Catholic, 57. inconvenient





68. pu\_\_\_\_ng questions *adj.* confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious
69. un\_\_\_\_in a structure *v.* to support or strengthen the foundations of something
70. qu\_\_\_\_t village *adj.* attractively or charmingly old-fashioned or unusual often used to describe something with a pleasingly unusual or quirky appearance or manner
71. an\_\_\_\_us result *adj.* deviating from what is standard or expected; unexpected or unusual in a way that is difficult to explain
72. te\_\_\_\_ng offer *adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe
73. un\_\_\_\_r a potential problem *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
74. fo\_\_\_\_e challenges *v.* to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future
75. historical re\_\_c *n.* an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value
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77. fo\_\_\_\_e the consequences *v.* to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future
78. co\_\_\_\_r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 68. puzzling, 69. underpin, 70. quaint, 71. anomalous, 72. tempting, 73. uncover, 74. foresee, 75. relic, 76. expletive, 77. foresee, 78. confer

79. se\_\_\_e him into crime      *v.* to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship
80. ti\_\_\_e around the issue      *n.* a way of walking quietly and cautiously, with the weight balanced mainly on the balls of the feet and the heels lifted off the ground; a type of shoe or slipper that has a thin sole and is designed for quiet walking; (*v.*) to walk quietly and carefully, balancing on the tips of one's toes or the balls of one's feet
81. bio\_\_\_\_\_ce research      *n.* a branch of science that deals with living organisms, including biology, physiology, genetics, ecology, and biotechnology
82. ti\_\_\_r with the settings      *v.* to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way
83. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion      *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
84. tr\_\_d a similar path      *v.* to step or walk on something
85. holy re\_\_cs      *n.* an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value
86. di\_\_\_\_\_t a well-ordered condition      *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
87. di\_\_\_\_\_ct attention from the real issue      *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

ANSWERS: 79. seduce, 80. tiptoe, 81. bioscience, 82. tinker, 83. opportune, 84. tread, 85. relic, 86. disrupt, 87. distract

88. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark

*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

89. pr\_\_\_\_\_t trouble

*v.* to act in advance to prevent something or to replace it with something else

90. ov\_\_\_\_\_ok a street

*v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

ANSWERS: 88. opportune, 89. preempt, 90. overlook

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I'm unsure about the effectiveness of this \_\_\_\_\_ medication.  
*adj.* not tested, proven, or experienced; lacking in experience or expertise; not yet attempted or put to use
  
2. He \_\_\_\_\_ carefully on the slippery ice.  
*v.* to step or walk on something
  
3. It is \_\_\_\_\_ to expect everyone to work for free.  
*adj.* not sensible or useful for practical purposes; not likely to be effective in achieving an intended outcome
  
4. I \_\_\_\_\_ a problem arising if we don't address this issue now.  
*v.* to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future
  
5. I'm so sorry to \_\_\_\_\_ you when you're pretty busy.  
*v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
  
6. The plans for the surprise party went \_\_\_\_\_ when the cake was ruined.  
*adv.* in a wrong or crooked position; out of order; amiss
  
7. The government \_\_\_\_\_ the release of sensitive information.  
*v.* to act in advance to prevent something or to replace it with something else
  
8. The chocolate cake was too \_\_\_\_\_ for me to resist.  
*adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe

ANSWERS: 1. untried, 2. treads, 3. impractical, 4. foresee, 5. disrupt, 6. awry, 7. preempted, 8. tempting

9. The \_\_\_\_\_ old town was full of historic buildings and charming shops.  
*adj.* attractively or charmingly old-fashioned or unusual often used to describe something with a pleasingly unusual or quirky appearance or manner
10. The company is trying to \_\_\_\_\_ its business model to stay competitive.  
*v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
11. The children \_\_\_\_\_ together for warmth in the cold winter storm.  
*v.* to crowd or press closely together; cuddle
12. The university's \_\_\_\_\_ program offers biology, genetics, and biotechnology courses.  
*n.* a branch of science that deals with living organisms, including biology, physiology, genetics, ecology, and biotechnology
13. The bricklayer started on the second course of bricks, laying them in fresh \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a mixture of cement, sand, and water used for binding building materials together; a heavy, deep bowl used to pound or grind substances
14. The \_\_\_\_\_ artist refused to follow traditional painting styles and created his unique art.  
*adj.* characterized by independence or nonconformity; unconventional, idiosyncratic, or rebellious
15. We cannot \_\_\_\_\_ an opportunity for great success.  
*v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
16. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.  
*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 9. quaint, 10. reimagine, 11. huddled, 12. bioscience, 13. mortar, 14. maverick, 15. overlook, 16. opportune

17. The prisoner made a full \_\_\_\_\_ and admitted to his crime.  
*n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
18. Multiple genes may influence behavioral \_\_\_\_\_ concurrently.  
*n.* a particular feature of your nature
19. The research findings \_\_\_\_\_ the theory that human activities cause global warming.  
*v.* to support or strengthen the foundations of something
20. Some studies suggest that people's \_\_\_\_\_ can be influenced by their experiences and biases.  
*n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
21. The crowds at the festival \_\_\_\_\_ as the night went on.  
*v.* to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller
22. The data from the study was \_\_\_\_\_ and unexpected.  
*adj.* deviating from what is standard or expected; unexpected or unusual in a way that is difficult to explain
23. He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ her with his charm and good looks.  
*v.* to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship
24. She \_\_\_\_\_ quietly in response to the question.  
*v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

ANSWERS: 17. confession, 18. traits, 19. underpin, 20. intuitions, 21. dwindled, 22. anomalous, 23. seduce, 24. nodded

25. Sociologists are now interested in \_\_\_\_\_ world peace.

*adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

26. He spent the afternoon \_\_\_\_\_ with his car engine.

*v.* to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way

27. We strive not to \_\_\_\_\_ the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.

*v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture

28. The company seems stuck in a \_\_\_\_ and needs to try something new.

*n.* a long track or groove worn into the ground, typically by the repeated passage of wheels or other heavy objects; a fixed, boring or monotonous routine or course of action

29. Please don't \_\_\_\_\_ me while I'm studying.

*v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

30. When she stubbed her toe, she let out an \_\_\_\_\_ in pain.

*n.* a curse word or a swear word; a word or phrase used to convey strong emotions, such as anger or frustration

31. I walked on \_\_\_\_\_ to avoid waking up my sleeping baby.

*n.* a way of walking quietly and cautiously, with the weight balanced mainly on the balls of the feet and the heels lifted off the ground; a type of shoe or slipper that has a thin sole and is designed for quiet walking; (verb) to walk quietly and carefully, balancing on the tips of one's toes or the balls of one's feet

ANSWERS: 25. catholic, 26. tinkering, 27. contaminate, 28. rut, 29. distract, 30. expletive, 31. tiptoe



32. The leaders of the two countries met to \_\_\_\_\_ on the issue.  
*v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
33. Our marital life was full of happiness and \_\_\_\_\_ excitement.  
*adj.* giving satisfaction or pleasure; enjoyable
34. The detective found the clues \_\_\_\_\_ and couldn't solve the case immediately.  
*adj.* confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious
35. Many people cling to the \_\_\_\_\_ that they can get rich quickly, despite all evidence.  
*n.* a mistaken belief, idea, or argument that is not supported by facts or evidence; a deceptive or misleading statement or belief
36. It was \_\_\_\_\_ for her to go out of her way to pick up the package.  
*adj.* causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable
37. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.  
*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
38. This bronze sword is a \_\_\_\_\_ of ancient times.  
*n.* an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value
39. 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

ANSWERS: 32. confer, 33. pleasurable, 34. puzzling, 35. fallacy, 36. inconvenient, 37. industrious, 38. relic, 39. doe

40. The man's \_\_\_\_\_ was published in the local newspaper.
- n.* a notice of someone's death, often appearing in a newspaper or online; a published account of someone's life and achievements after their death
41. He has the superpower to \_\_\_\_\_ a business opportunity.
- v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
42. They used iron \_\_\_\_\_ to hit the ships and prevent them from approaching the harbor.
- n.* a long, narrow piece of wood or similar material, often used as a structural element in construction or to make barrels, musical instruments, furniture, or other objects; (verb) to fend off, ward off or prevent something from happening
43. He was \_\_\_\_\_ many times with scissors.
- v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
44. He continued his investigation and soon \_\_\_\_\_ another crime.
- v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
45. The researchers are working to create a \_\_\_\_\_ of genetic material for scientific study.
- n.* a repository or storage facility for biological samples, such as blood, tissue, or DNA, used for research or medical purposes

ANSWERS: 40. obituary, 41. seize, 42. staves, 43. stabbed, 44. uncovered, 45. biobank