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Session 1: Word List

fearsome

adj. causing fear or terror; frightening, alarming, or formidable

synonym: terrifying, alarming, intimidating

(1) **fearsome** creature, (2) **fearsome** reputation

The dragon's **fearsome** roar echoed through the valley.

haunted

adj. inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions

synonym: spooky, eerie, ghostly

(1) **haunted** house, (2) **haunted** by memories

The old mansion was known to be **haunted**, with strange noises and eerie sightings reported by visitors.

writhe

v. to twist and turn the body or a part of it, as from pain or struggle

synonym: contort, twist, convulse

(1) **writhe** in agony, (2) **writhe** with pleasure

The snake **writhe**d and twisted as it tried to escape the trap.

shamble

v. to move awkwardly, unsteadily, or shamblingly; to shuffle or drag one's feet while walking; to proceed in a disorderly or chaotic manner; (noun) a disorganized or

chaotic situation or state of affairs

synonym : shuffle, stagger, stumble

(1) zombies **shamble** toward the survivors, (2) **shambled** along the sidewalk

The drunk man **shambled** down the street, barely able to stay on his feet.

rot

v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

synonym : perish, decay, corrode

(1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age

Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.

corpse

n. the dead body of a human being

synonym : body, remains, cadaver

(1) desiccated **corpse**, (2) the **corpse** of an animal

The police found the **corpse** in the abandoned building.

monstrous

adj. extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance

synonym : grotesque, huge, deformed

(1) a **monstrous** iceberg, (2) **monstrous** behavior

The giant wave was **monstrous** and destroyed the small boat.

besiege

v. to surround and attack or harass with relentless persistence; to crowd or overwhelm with a large number of requests or demands

synonym : beset, encircle, surround

(1) **besiege** a fortress, (2) **besiege** an enemy

Enemy troops **besieged** the town during the war.

sneaking

adj. characterized by stealth, secrecy, or furtiveness; done in a surreptitious or underhanded manner

synonym : sneaky, furtive, covert

(1) **sneaking** suspicion, (2) a **sneaking** sense of

satisfaction

He had a **sneaking** admiration for his rival's work, even though they were competitors.

uneasy

adj. causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort

synonym: anxious, troubled, nervous

(1) have **uneasy** eyes, (2) **uneasy** relationship

He was **uneasy** about the situation and didn't know what to do.

summon

v. to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally

synonym: call for, muster, assemble

(1) **summon** a lawyer, (2) **summon** a city council

The chairperson was responsible for **summoning** committees.

accost

v. to approach and speak to someone aggressively or insistently

synonym: approach, confront, speak to

(1) **accost** a stranger, (2) **accost** a suspect

The man **accosted** her on the street and asked for money.

serpent

n. a large snake

synonym: snake, viper, reptile

(1) the feathered **serpent** god, (2) **Serpent** Bearer

That mythical chimera has a lion's body, a bird's wings, and a **serpent's** tail.

venom

n. a toxic substance produced by an animal, typically a snake or insect, and injected into prey or an enemy by biting or stinging

synonym: poison, toxin, hating

(1) the **venom** of a lizard, (2) injected **venom**

The snake's **venom** is highly toxic and can be fatal to humans.

glowing

adj. highly enthusiastic; greatly praised

synonym : burning, bright, flaming

(1) **glowing** reviews, (2) **glowing** cheeks

The western sky was **glowing** pink.

mold

n. a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

synonym : cavity, cast, mildew

(1) a casting **mold**, (2) **mold** allergy

Mushrooms and **mold** are fungi.

flake

n. a small, thin piece or layer of something, often with a flat or irregular shape; a person who is unreliable or inconsistent

synonym : chip, bit, shred

(1) **flakes** of snow, (2) **flake** graphite

She found a paint **flake** on the wall and realized it was time to repaint the room.

captor

n. a person who takes someone captive or hostage, often by force or coercion

synonym : abductor, kidnapper, detainee

(1) **captor** of hostages, (2) animal **captor**

The prisoner escaped from his **captor** and ran for his life.

cuff

n. a band or strip of material, usually worn around the wrist or ankle, often used to secure or fasten something in place; a blow or hit delivered with an open hand, typically to the head or ear

synonym : bracelet, handcuff, shackle

(1) **cuff** bracelet, (2) soft **cuff**

The doctor used a blood pressure **cuff** to measure my vitals.

claw

n. a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects

synonym : paw, talon, nail

(1) **claw** marks, (2) **claw** hammer

The bear used its **claw** to catch a fish in the river.

stow

v. to pack or store something safely and securely, especially on a ship or aircraft; to hide or conceal something

synonym : store, pack, stash

(1) **stow** all electronic, (2) **stow** away goods

Please **stow** your luggage in the overhead compartment before takeoff.

cub

n. a young of certain carnivorous mammals such as lion, bear, wolf, etc.; an awkward, rude, and inexperienced boy

synonym : young, male child, boy

(1) a tiger **cub**, (2) the arrival of a **cub**

The **cub** reporter covered the murder case for the first time.

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.

meager

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

synonym : scanty, sparse, insufficient

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

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

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

banish

v. to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently

synonym: exile, deport, expel

(1) **banish** doubt, (2) **banish** my wrinkles

The queen **banished** the traitor from the kingdom, never to be seen again.

splinter

n. a small, thin, sharp piece of wood, glass, or other material that has broken off from a larger piece; a fragment or small piece that has separated from something larger

synonym: shard, fragment, sliver

(1) **splinter** cell, (2) remove a **splinter**

The car window shattered into a million little **splinters** during the crash.

shackle

n. a metal ring, bar, or other device used to confine, restrain, or limit freedom of movement; a restraint or impediment of any kind

synonym: chains, fetters, handcuffs

(1) **shackle** chains, (2) metal **shackle**

The prisoner wore heavy **shackles** on his wrists and ankles.

wink

v. to close one eye briefly as a way of showing agreement, understanding, or flirtation; to emit a flashing light

synonym: blink, flutter, twinkle

(1) **wink** at abuses, (2) **wink** away my tears

He couldn't help but **wink** at his wife during the boring

meeting to make her laugh.

strained

adj. tight, tense, or stretched; under pressure or stress; characterized by a lack of ease or naturalness

synonym: tense, tight, forced

(1) **strained** relationship, (2) **strained** muscles

The musician's face showed a **strained** expression as he struggled to hit the high note.

shatter

v. to break suddenly into many pieces

synonym: break, crash, destroy

(1) **shatter** the plate, (2) **shatter** a world record

Her husband's death **shattered** her life entirely.

dwarf

n. a person or animal that is much smaller than usual or expected for its type; a celestial body, especially a planet, that is smaller and less massive than a star

synonym: midget, lilliputian, pygmy

(1) a potted **dwarf** tree, (2) a wise old **dwarf**

The **dwarf** planet Pluto is much smaller than earth and orbits the sun.

feline

adj. resembling or characteristic of a cat, especially in being sly, sneaky, or graceful

synonym: cat-like, cat-related, felid

(1) graceful **feline**, (2) **feline** instincts

The **feline** creature looked up at me with its large green eyes.

sinew

n. a tough, fibrous tissue that connects muscles to bones, allowing for movement and strength; a source of strength, energy, or resilience

synonym: tendon, ligament, muscle fiber

(1) flexible **sinews**, (2) **sinew** injury

The hunter aimed at the animal's **sinew**, knowing it would be a fatal shot.

unbreakable

adj. not able to be broken or damaged

synonym : indestructible, durable, sturdy

(1) **unbreakable** bond, (2) **unbreakable** commitment

This titanium bike frame is advertised as **unbreakable**.

guise

n. the outward appearance or aspect of someone or something, especially in a way that is different from usual or concealing the true nature

synonym : appearance, pretense, masquerade

(1) in the **guise** of a woman, (2) under the **guise** of friendship

They operated an illegal business under the **guise** of an employment agency.

trickery

n. the use of deceitful or deceptive methods to achieve a goal or advantage; an act of duplicity, cunning, or manipulation

synonym : deception, deceit, chicanery

(1) political **trickery**, (2) cunning **trickery**

He achieved the illusion through clever **trickery** that left the audience in awe.

agony

n. extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense

synonym : anguish, torment, suffering

(1) severe **agony**, (2) emotional **agony**

The athlete fell to the ground in **agony** after injuring their ankle.

betray

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

synonym : fail, denounce, display

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

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

howl

v. to make a prolonged, loud, mournful cry or noise, typically as a signal of distress, pain, or an intense emotion; to express one's strong feelings or emotions in a loud and unrestrained manner; (noun) a long, loud, mournful sound made by a person or an animal, often in response to pain, fear, or sadness

synonym : wail, scream, shriek

(1) **howl** at the moon, (2) **howl** of anger

The wolves began to **howl** in the distance as the sunset.

fury

n. intense and often violent anger

synonym : rage, wrath, ire

(1) market **fury**, (2) **fury** of the storm

The crowd's **fury** was palpable as they shouted and protested against the government's decision.

vow

v. to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn

synonym : promise, pledge, swear

(1) **vow** allegiance to the new king, (2) **vow** never to give up

They **vowed** to love and support each other for the rest of their lives.

saliva

n. the clear liquid that is secreted into the mouth by glands in the walls of the mouth and throat, helping to lubricate food during chewing and digestion

synonym : spit, drool, slobber

(1) dog's **saliva**, (2) dry mouth with little **saliva**

The dentist asked him to spit out the excess **saliva** into the sink.

furious

adj. extremely angry; full of rage

synonym : angry, rageful, livid

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

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

doom

n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

synonym : judgment, destiny, fate

(1) economic **doom**, (2) prophet of **doom**

Everyone was aware of the impending **doom** but was unable to prevent it.

encircle

v. to form a circle or ring around something or someone; to surround or encompass something or someone completely

synonym : enclose, surround, encompass

(1) **encircle** the lake, (2) **encircle** the waist

The castle walls **encircled** the entire village for protection.

underworld

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

synonym : hell, netherworld, underworld

(1) god of the **underworld**, (2) criminal **underworld**

The story of Orpheus and Eurydice is said to have taken place in the **underworld**, where Orpheus attempted to rescue his wife from the realm of the dead.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ca___r of hostages *n.* a person who takes someone captive or hostage, often by force or coercion
2. sn_____ng suspicion *adj.* characterized by stealth, secrecy, or furtiveness; done in a surreptitious or underhanded manner
3. ha_____d house *adj.* inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions
4. si__w injury *n.* a tough, fibrous tissue that connects muscles to bones, allowing for movement and strength; a source of strength, energy, or resilience
5. fe_____me creature *adj.* causing fear or terror; frightening, alarming, or formidable
6. economic d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
7. the arrival of a c_b *n.* a young of certain carnivorous mammals such as lion, bear, wolf, etc.; an awkward, rude, and inexperienced boy
8. c__w marks *n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects

ANSWERS: 1. captor, 2. sneaking, 3. haunted, 4. sinew, 5. fearsome, 6. doom, 7. cub, 8. claw

9. w__k at abuses *v.* to close one eye briefly as a way of showing agreement, understanding, or flirtation; to emit a flashing light
10. fl__e graphite *n.* a small, thin piece or layer of something, often with a flat or irregular shape; a person who is unreliable or inconsistent
11. su___n a city council *v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
12. god of the und_____ld *n.* the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies
13. v_w never to give up *v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
14. remove a sp_____er *n.* a small, thin, sharp piece of wood, glass, or other material that has broken off from a larger piece; a fragment or small piece that has separated from something larger
15. be_____e a fortress *v.* to surround and attack or harass with relentless persistence; to crowd or overwhelm with a large number of requests or demands
16. fe___e instincts *adj.* resembling or characteristic of a cat, especially in being sly, sneaky, or graceful
17. ac___t a stranger *v.* to approach and speak to someone aggressively or insistently

ANSWERS: 9. wink, 10. flake, 11. summon, 12. underworld, 13. vow, 14. splinter, 15. besiege, 16. feline, 17. accost

18. unb_____le commitment *adj.* not able to be broken or damaged
19. c__f bracelet *n.* a band or strip of material, usually worn around the wrist or ankle, often used to secure or fasten something in place; a blow or hit delivered with an open hand, typically to the head or ear
20. animal ca____r *n.* a person who takes someone captive or hostage, often by force or coercion
21. emotional ag__y *n.* extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense
22. s__w away goods *v.* to pack or store something safely and securely, especially on a ship or aircraft; to hide or conceal something
23. sh_____r a world record *v.* to break suddenly into many pieces
24. gl_____g reviews *adj.* highly enthusiastic; greatly praised
25. wr____e with pleasure *v.* to twist and turn the body or a part of it, as from pain or struggle
26. fu_____s anger *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
27. mo_____us behavior *adj.* extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance
28. market f__y *n.* intense and often violent anger
29. h__l of anger *v.* to make a prolonged, loud, mournful cry or noise, typically as a signal of distress, pain, or an intense emotion; to express one's strong feelings or emotions in a loud and unrestrained manner; (noun) a long, loud, mournful sound made by a person or an animal, often in response to pain, fear, or sadness

ANSWERS: 18. unbreakable, 19. cuff, 20. captor, 21. agony, 22. stow, 23. shatter, 24. glowing, 25. writhe, 26. furious, 27. monstrous, 28. fury, 29. howl

30. severe ag__y *n.* extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense
31. su___n a lawyer *v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
32. in the gu__e of a woman *n.* the outward appearance or aspect of someone or something, especially in a way that is different from usual or concealing the true nature
33. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
34. w__k away my tears *v.* to close one eye briefly as a way of showing agreement, understanding, or flirtation; to emit a flashing light
35. st_____ed muscles *adj.* tight, tense, or stretched; under pressure or stress; characterized by a lack of ease or naturalness
36. en_____le the lake *v.* to form a circle or ring around something or someone; to surround or encompass something or someone completely
37. under the gu__e of friendship *n.* the outward appearance or aspect of someone or something, especially in a way that is different from usual or concealing the true nature
38. me___r resources *adj.* small in quantity, quality, or size; insufficient or inadequate

ANSWERS: 30. agony, 31. summon, 32. guise, 33. determinant, 34. wink, 35. strained, 36. encircle, 37. guise, 38. meager

39. f__y of the storm *n.* intense and often violent anger
40. ac___t a suspect *v.* to approach and speak to someone aggressively or insistently
41. cunning tr____ry *n.* the use of deceitful or deceptive methods to achieve a goal or advantage; an act of duplicity, cunning, or manipulation
42. en____le the waist *v.* to form a circle or ring around something or someone; to surround or encompass something or someone completely
43. me___r salary *adj.* small in quantity, quality, or size; insufficient or inadequate
44. be____e an enemy *v.* to surround and attack or harass with relentless persistence; to crowd or overwhelm with a large number of requests or demands
45. dog's sa___a *n.* the clear liquid that is secreted into the mouth by glands in the walls of the mouth and throat, helping to lubricate food during chewing and digestion
46. a potted dw__f tree *n.* a person or animal that is much smaller than usual or expected for its type; a celestial body, especially a planet, that is smaller and less massive than a star
47. the co___e of an animal *n.* the dead body of a human being
48. criminal und____ld *n.* the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies

ANSWERS: 39. fury, 40. accost, 41. trickery, 42. encircle, 43. meager, 44. besiege, 45. saliva, 46. dwarf, 47. corpse, 48. underworld

49. injected ve__m *n.* a toxic substance produced by an animal, typically a snake or insect, and injected into prey or an enemy by biting or stinging
50. r_t with age *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
51. zombies sh_____e toward the survivors *v.* to move awkwardly, unsteadily, or shamblingly; to shuffle or drag one's feet while walking; to proceed in a disorderly or chaotic manner; (noun) a disorganized or chaotic situation or state of affairs
52. be___y a friend *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
53. s__w all electronic *v.* to pack or store something safely and securely, especially on a ship or aircraft; to hide or conceal something
54. h__l at the moon *v.* to make a prolonged, loud, mournful cry or noise, typically as a signal of distress, pain, or an intense emotion; to express one's strong feelings or emotions in a loud and unrestrained manner; (noun) a long, loud, mournful sound made by a person or an animal, often in response to pain, fear, or sadness
55. have un___y eyes *adj.* causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort
56. be___y confidence *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally

ANSWERS: 49. venom, 50. rot, 51. shamble, 52. betray, 53. stow, 54. howl, 55. uneasy, 56. betray

57. metal sh____e *n.* a metal ring, bar, or other device used to confine, restrain, or limit freedom of movement; a restraint or impediment of any kind
58. the feathered se____t god *n.* a large snake
59. m__d allergy *n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long
60. soft c__f *n.* a band or strip of material, usually worn around the wrist or ankle, often used to secure or fasten something in place; a blow or hit delivered with an open hand, typically to the head or ear
61. c__w hammer *n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects
62. graceful fe___e *adj.* resembling or characteristic of a cat, especially in being sly, sneaky, or graceful
63. political tr____ry *n.* the use of deceitful or deceptive methods to achieve a goal or advantage; an act of duplicity, cunning, or manipulation

ANSWERS: 57. shackle, 58. serpent, 59. mold, 60. cuff, 61. claw, 62. feline, 63. trickery

64. 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
65. ba___h my wrinkles *v.* to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently
66. begin to r_t *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
67. Se_____t Bearer *n.* a large snake
68. gl_____g cheeks *adj.* highly enthusiastic; greatly praised
69. a wise old dw__f *n.* a person or animal that is much smaller than usual or expected for its type; a celestial body, especially a planet, that is smaller and less massive than a star
70. v_w allegiance to the new king *v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
71. a fu_____s sea *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
72. fl__es of snow *n.* a small, thin piece or layer of something, often with a flat or irregular shape; a person who is unreliable or inconsistent
73. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
74. ha_____d by memories *adj.* inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions

ANSWERS: 64. seize, 65. banish, 66. rot, 67. serpent, 68. glowing, 69. dwarf, 70. vow, 71. furious, 72. flake, 73. determinant, 74. haunted

75. a tiger c_b *n.* a young of certain carnivorous mammals such as lion, bear, wolf, etc.; an awkward, rude, and inexperienced boy
76. wr___e in agony *v.* to twist and turn the body or a part of it, as from pain or struggle
77. sh____r the plate *v.* to break suddenly into many pieces
78. desiccated co___e *n.* the dead body of a human being
79. st____ed relationship *adj.* tight, tense, or stretched; under pressure or stress; characterized by a lack of ease or naturalness
80. a sn____ng sense of satisfaction *adj.* characterized by stealth, secrecy, or furtiveness; done in a surreptitious or underhanded manner
81. a mo____us iceberg *adj.* extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance
82. flexible si__ws *n.* a tough, fibrous tissue that connects muscles to bones, allowing for movement and strength; a source of strength, energy, or resilience
83. sp____er cell *n.* a small, thin, sharp piece of wood, glass, or other material that has broken off from a larger piece; a fragment or small piece that has separated from something larger
84. unb____le bond *adj.* not able to be broken or damaged
85. prophet of d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

ANSWERS: 75. cub, 76. writhe, 77. shatter, 78. corpse, 79. strained, 80. sneaking, 81. monstrous, 82. sinew, 83. splinter, 84. unbreakable, 85. doom

86. 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
87. the ve__m of a lizard *n.* a toxic substance produced by an animal, typically a snake or insect, and injected into prey or an enemy by biting or stinging
88. sh____e chains *n.* a metal ring, bar, or other device used to confine, restrain, or limit freedom of movement; a restraint or impediment of any kind
89. fe____me reputation *adj.* causing fear or terror; frightening, alarming, or formidable
90. dry mouth with little sa____a *n.* the clear liquid that is secreted into the mouth by glands in the walls of the mouth and throat, helping to lubricate food during chewing and digestion
91. sh____ed along the sidewalk *v.* to move awkwardly, unsteadily, or shamblingly; to shuffle or drag one's feet while walking; to proceed in a disorderly or chaotic manner; (noun) a disorganized or chaotic situation or state of affairs
92. un____y relationship *adj.* causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort
93. a casting m__d *n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

ANSWERS: 86. seize, 87. venom, 88. shackle, 89. fearsome, 90. saliva, 91. shamble, 92. uneasy, 93. mold

94. ba___h doubt

v. to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently

ANSWERS: 94. banish

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Her husband's death _____ her life entirely.
v. to break suddenly into many pieces
2. 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
3. The giant wave was _____ and destroyed the small boat.
adj. extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance
4. The prisoner wore heavy _____ on his wrists and ankles.
n. a metal ring, bar, or other device used to confine, restrain, or limit freedom of movement; a restraint or impediment of any kind
5. The prisoner escaped from his _____ and ran for his life.
n. a person who takes someone captive or hostage, often by force or coercion
6. The _____ creature looked up at me with its large green eyes.
adj. resembling or characteristic of a cat, especially in being sly, sneaky, or graceful
7. The drunk man _____ down the street, barely able to stay on his feet.
v. to move awkwardly, unsteadily, or shamblingly; to shuffle or drag one's feet while walking; to proceed in a disorderly or chaotic manner; (noun) a disorganized or chaotic situation or state of affairs
8. The snake _____ and twisted as it tried to escape the trap.
v. to twist and turn the body or a part of it, as from pain or struggle

ANSWERS: 1. shattered, 2. seize, 3. monstrous, 4. shackles, 5. captor, 6. feline, 7. shambled, 8. writhed

9. He was _____ about the situation and didn't know what to do.
adj. causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort
10. The chairperson was responsible for _____ committees.
v. to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
11. They _____ to love and support each other for the rest of their lives.
v. to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
12. That mythical chimera has a lion's body, a bird's wings, and a _____ tail.
n. a large snake
13. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
14. He couldn't help but _____ at his wife during the boring meeting to make her laugh.
v. to close one eye briefly as a way of showing agreement, understanding, or flirtation; to emit a flashing light
15. He felt _____ when his best friend revealed their secret to the enemy.
v. to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
16. The coach was _____ with the players for their lack of effort during the game.
adj. extremely angry; full of rage

ANSWERS: 9. uneasy, 10. summoning, 11. vowed, 12. serpent's, 13. determinant, 14. wink, 15. betrayed, 16. furious

17. The crowd's _____ was palpable as they shouted and protested against the government's decision.

n. intense and often violent anger

18. The man _____ her on the street and asked for money.

v. to approach and speak to someone aggressively or insistently

19. The _____ reporter covered the murder case for the first time.

n. a young of certain carnivorous mammals such as lion, bear, wolf, etc.; an awkward, rude, and inexperienced boy

20. The doctor used a blood pressure _____ to measure my vitals.

n. a band or strip of material, usually worn around the wrist or ankle, often used to secure or fasten something in place; a blow or hit delivered with an open hand, typically to the head or ear

21. The _____ planet Pluto is much smaller than earth and orbits the sun.

n. a person or animal that is much smaller than usual or expected for its type; a celestial body, especially a planet, that is smaller and less massive than a star

22. She found a paint _____ on the wall and realized it was time to repaint the room.

n. a small, thin piece or layer of something, often with a flat or irregular shape; a person who is unreliable or inconsistent

23. He achieved the illusion through clever _____ that left the audience in awe.

n. the use of deceitful or deceptive methods to achieve a goal or advantage; an act of duplicity, cunning, or manipulation

24. The dragon's _____ roar echoed through the valley.

adj. causing fear or terror; frightening, alarming, or formidable

ANSWERS: 17. fury, 18. accosted, 19. cub, 20. cuff, 21. dwarf, 22. flake, 23. trickery, 24. fearsome

25. The athlete fell to the ground in _____ after injuring their ankle.
n. extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense
26. The castle walls _____ the entire village for protection.
v. to form a circle or ring around something or someone; to surround or encompass something or someone completely
27. Mushrooms and _____ are fungi.
n. a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long
28. The queen _____ the traitor from the kingdom, never to be seen again.
v. to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently
29. Enemy troops _____ the town during the war.
v. to surround and attack or harass with relentless persistence; to crowd or overwhelm with a large number of requests or demands
30. The snake's _____ is highly toxic and can be fatal to humans.
n. a toxic substance produced by an animal, typically a snake or insect, and injected into prey or an enemy by biting or stinging
31. They operated an illegal business under the _____ of an employment agency.
n. the outward appearance or aspect of someone or something, especially in a way that is different from usual or concealing the true nature
32. The old mansion was known to be _____ with strange noises and eerie sightings reported by visitors.
adj. inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions

ANSWERS: 25. agony, 26. encircled, 27. mold, 28. banished, 29. besieged, 30. venom, 31. guise, 32. haunted,

33. Everyone was aware of the impending _____ but was unable to prevent it.
n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
34. The western sky was _____ pink.
adj. highly enthusiastic; greatly praised
35. Please refrigerate the meat, or it will _____.
v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
36. Please _____ your luggage in the overhead compartment before takeoff.
v. to pack or store something safely and securely, especially on a ship or aircraft; to hide or conceal something
37. The story of Orpheus and Eurydice is said to have taken place in the _____ where Orpheus attempted to rescue his wife from the realm of the dead.
n. the criminal world or the world of organized crime; the realm of the dead in various mythologies
38. The hunter aimed at the animal's _____ knowing it would be a fatal shot.
n. a tough, fibrous tissue that connects muscles to bones, allowing for movement and strength; a source of strength, energy, or resilience
39. This titanium bike frame is advertised as _____.
adj. not able to be broken or damaged
40. He had a _____ admiration for his rival's work, even though they were competitors.
adj. characterized by stealth, secrecy, or furtiveness; done in a surreptitious or underhanded manner

ANSWERS: 33. doom, 34. glowing, 35. rot, 36. stow, 37. underworld, 38. sinew, 39. unbreakable, 40. sneaking

41. The car window shattered into a million little _____ during the crash.
- n.* a small, thin, sharp piece of wood, glass, or other material that has broken off from a larger piece; a fragment or small piece that has separated from something larger
42. The bear used its _____ to catch a fish in the river.
- n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects
43. The police found the _____ in the abandoned building.
- n.* the dead body of a human being
44. The refugee family had to survive on a _____ amount of food and water daily.
- adj.* small in quantity, quality, or size; insufficient or inadequate
45. The musician's face showed a _____ expression as he struggled to hit the high note.
- adj.* tight, tense, or stretched; under pressure or stress; characterized by a lack of ease or naturalness
46. The wolves began to _____ in the distance as the sunset.
- v.* to make a prolonged, loud, mournful cry or noise, typically as a signal of distress, pain, or an intense emotion; to express one's strong feelings or emotions in a loud and unrestrained manner; (noun) a long, loud, mournful sound made by a person or an animal, often in response to pain, fear, or sadness
47. The dentist asked him to spit out the excess _____ into the sink.
- n.* the clear liquid that is secreted into the mouth by glands in the walls of the mouth and throat, helping to lubricate food during chewing and digestion

ANSWERS: 41. splinters, 42. claw, 43. corpse, 44. meager, 45. strained, 46. howl, 47. saliva

ANSWERS: