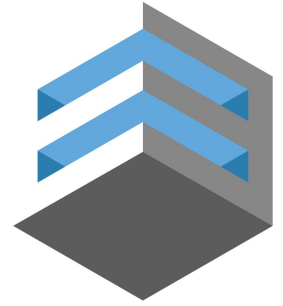


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Session 1: Word List

glowing

adj. highly enthusiastic; greatly praised

synonym: burning, bright, flaming

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

The western sky was **glowing** pink.

camouflage

n. an outward appearance that conceals the underlying essence of something; the way of concealing troops or military equipment so they cannot be seen against the surrounding environment

synonym: guise, mask, cloak

(1) **camouflage** clothing, (2) work as **camouflage**

They utilized branches of trees as **camouflage**.

dart

n. a small narrow pointed object, sometimes with feathers to help it fly, that is thrown or shot; (verb) to move along rapidly and lightly

synonym: arrow, (verb) dash

(1) blow **dart**, (2) **dart** here and there

A poison **dart** hit him.

frenzy

n. a state of wild, uncontrolled excitement or activity, often characterized by chaotic or irrational behavior

synonym: frenetic, commotion, tumult

(1) **frenzy** of activity, (2) buying **frenzy**

The shoppers were **frenzy** to get the best deals on Black Friday.

hazy

adj. not clear due to a lack of recollection, comprehension, or detail; unsure or perplexed about something

synonym: blurred, clouded, foggy

(1) **hazy** dream, (2) **hazy** atmosphere

My memories of the holiday were **hazy**.

eject

v. to force someone to put out or leave a particular place or position

synonym: discharge, expel, emit

(1) **eject** a player from a game, (2) **eject** huge amounts of pollutant

Our immune system can **eject** disease germs from the body.

spawn

v. to lay eggs or to produce offspring; to cause something to develop

synonym: beget, breed, generate

(1) **spawn** in spring, (2) **spawn** a new concept

The salmon swims upstream to **spawn** in the place they were released.

fertilize

v. to cause an egg, female animal, or plant to develop by joining sperm from the male with them; to add a natural or chemical substance to land to make plants grow well

synonym: pollinate, inseminate, enrich

(1) **fertilize** the soil, (2) **fertilize** the female egg

The couple decided to use the non-husband sperm to **fertilize** a wife.

voracious

adj. having a very strong appetite or desire for something, especially for food or activity; extremely eager or enthusiastic for something

synonym: ravenous, insatiable, greedy

(1) **voracious** thirst, (2) **voracious** reader

The **voracious** appetite of the teenager was legendary.

predator

n. an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

synonym: vulture, bloodsucker

(1) apex **predator**, (2) sexual **predators**

The native South American animals were in danger because of the **predator's** arrival.

flamboyant

adj. showy, bold, or striking in appearance or behavior; characterized by extravagance, eccentricity, or ostentatiousness

synonym: dazzling, ostentatious, showy

(1) **flamboyant** style, (2) **flamboyant** personality

The actor's **flamboyant** outfit stole the show at the red carpet-event.

inventive

adj. able to come up with novel and unique ideas

synonym: imaginative, creative, innovative

(1) have the **inventive** talent, (2) **inventive** approach

All language around the world is consistently **inventive** but not intrusive.

buoyant

adj. lighthearted and cheerful; tending to float; having a positive attitude or outlook

synonym: optimistic, lighthearted, floating

(1) **buoyant** force, (2) **buoyant** market

His **buoyant** personality helped lift the spirits of everyone in the room.

seawater

n. water from the sea or ocean, typically containing salt and various other dissolved minerals

synonym: saltwater, brine, ocean water

(1) **seawater** pollution, (2) **seawater** bacteria

The desalination plant turned **seawater** into drinking water through a complex process.

slick

adj. smoothly polished and shiny; cleverly and smoothly done; well-organized and efficient

synonym: smooth, polished, shiny

(1) a **slick** operation, (2) **slick** design

The politician gave a **slick** speech, but it was full of empty promises.

hump

n. a rounded lump or bump, especially on an animal's back

synonym: bump, protuberance, knoll

(1) get the **hump**, (2) spinal **hump**

The camel's **hump** is where it stores fat to survive in the desert.

eyeliner

n. a cosmetic applied around the edge of the eyelid to enhance the appearance of the eyes

synonym: eye pencil, kohl

(1) waterproof **eyeliner**, (2) winged **eyeliner**

She applied a thin line of black **eyeliner** to her upper eyelid.

metamorphosis

n. a profound or dramatic change in form, structure, or condition; a transformation; the process by which an animal or insect undergoes a physical transformation, such as growth, development, or maturation

synonym: transformation, change, evolution

(1) **metamorphosis** process, (2) undergo a **metamorphosis**

The butterfly's **metamorphosis** from a caterpillar to a winged creature is a wonder of nature.

procreation

n. the act or process of producing offspring; reproduction

synonym: progeny, offspring, breeding

(1) **procreation** instinct, (2) natural **procreation**

The use of contraception can significantly impact the rate of **procreation** within a population.

groom

v. to clean, brush, and care for the fur or feathers of an animal; to prepare oneself or someone else for a special

event or occasion; to make something neat

synonym: brush, comb, neaten

(1) **groom** duties, (2) **groom** a horse

I need to **groom** my dog before his fur gets too long.

mourning

n. the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving

synonym: grieving, sorrow, lamentation

(1) **mourning** period, (2) **mourning** ritual

She wore black clothing as a symbol of **mourning** for her grandmother.

cuttlefish

n. a sea creature with eight arms and two tentacles (= long parts like arms) that has a wide and flat shell inside its body

(1) the fin of a **cuttlefish**, (2) dried **cuttlefish**

He loves to eat raw, sliced **cuttlefish**.

boast

v. to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction

synonym: show off, brag, bluster

(1) **boast** of his success, (2) **boast** a long history

This town **boasts** a national park.

garner

v. to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention

synonym: acquire, collect, obtain

(1) **garner** good reviews, (2) **garner** attention

He used his charm and charisma to **garner** support for his campaign.

ordeal

n. a painful, difficult, or dangerous experience or trial; a severe test of endurance or patience

synonym: trial, hardship, torment

(1) **ordeal** by fire, (2) emotional **ordeal**

The car accident was a traumatic **ordeal** for everyone involved.

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.

posit

v. to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

synonym: assert, declare, assume

(1) **posit** the existence of life after death, (2) **posit** the premise

We should **posit** several hypotheses to discuss the matter.

mottled

adj. marked with spots or patches of different colors or shades

synonym: speckled, spotted, marbled

(1) **mottled** skin, (2) a **mottled** stripe

The **mottled** leaves on the tree indicated a disease.

appease

v. to pacify or soothe someone, usually by agreeing to their demands or requests; to calm someone's anger or anxiety

synonym: pacify, calm, soothe

(1) **appease** hunger, (2) **appease** her fears

The manager tried to **appease** the angry customer by offering them a refund.

shimmer

v. to shine with a soft, flickering light; to reflect light in a wavering or twinkling way; to glimmer or glisten

synonym: gleam, glimmer, flash

(1) **shimmer** with tears, (2) **shimmer** in the moonlight

The sunlight made the water in the pool **shimmer** like

diamonds.

covert

adj. kept secret or concealed; not openly practiced or engaged in

synonym: secretive, hidden, disguised

(1) **covert** negotiations, (2) **covert** mission

The government was conducting a **covert** operation to gather information on the enemy.

duplicity

n. deceitfulness or double-dealing; the act of feigning one's feelings, intentions, or beliefs to deceive others

synonym: deceit, fraud, trickery

(1) **duplicity** in behavior, (2) **duplicity** in words

The politician's **duplicity** was revealed when he lied about his involvement in the scandal.

escapade

n. a reckless adventure or wild prank; an exciting, daring, or adventurous act; an episode involving boldness or adventure

synonym: adventure, prank, caper

(1) wild **escapade**, (2) embarrassing **escapade**

The couple planned a romantic **escapade** to a secluded island for their honeymoon.

disperse

v. to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so

synonym: dissipate, spread, scatter

(1) **disperse** false information, (2) **disperse** the protesters

Before authorities **dispersed** the protesters, they yelled slogans.

facet

n. one of the many aspects or sides of a subject or situation, especially when seen from different angles or perspectives; a particular feature or characteristic of something

synonym: aspect, side, angle

(1) **facet** to a question, (2) important **facet**

The different **facets** of his personality make him a complex individual.

fuse

n. a small part in an electrical device or machinery that can interrupt the flow of electrical current when it is overloaded; (verb) to become plastic or fluid or liquefied from heat

synonym: (verb) melt, (verb) blend

(1) **fuse** blows, (2) **fuse** with one another

He has a short **fuse**.

algae

n. A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots

(1) **algae** biofuel, (2) blue **algae**

Algae has jammed the inlet to the water turbine.

indistinct

adj. not clear or easily seen, heard, or understood

synonym: faint, blurred, hazy

(1) **indistinct** memory, (2) **indistinct** pronunciation

The **indistinct** shape in the fog made it difficult to determine what it was.

peek

n. a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something

synonym: glimpse, look, glance

(1) sneak **peek**, (2) **peek** at others' misfortune

She took a quick **peek** inside the box before closing it again.

spectacle

n. something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision

synonym: marvel, sensation, phenomenon

(1) pretty **spectacle**, (2) **spectacle** lens

She could not help watching the sad **spectacle**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. get the h__p | <i>n.</i> a rounded lump or bump, especially on an animal's back |
| 2. spinal h__p | <i>n.</i> a rounded lump or bump, especially on an animal's back |
| 3. ap____e hunger | <i>v.</i> to pacify or soothe someone, usually by agreeing to their demands or requests; to calm someone's anger or anxiety |
| 4. blow d__t | <i>n.</i> a small narrow pointed object, sometimes with feathers to help it fly, that is thrown or shot; (verb) to move along rapidly and lightly |
| 5. co____t mission | <i>adj.</i> kept secret or concealed; not openly practiced or engaged in |
| 6. gl____g reviews | <i>adj.</i> highly enthusiastic; greatly praised |
| 7. ga____r attention | <i>v.</i> to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention |
| 8. cam____ge clothing | <i>n.</i> an outward appearance that conceals the underlying essence of something; the way of concealing troops or military equipment so they cannot be seen against the surrounding environment |
| 9. vo____us thirst | <i>adj.</i> having a very strong appetite or desire for something, especially for food or activity; extremely eager or enthusiastic for something |
| 10. ga____r good reviews | <i>v.</i> to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention |

ANSWERS: 1. hump, 2. hump, 3. appease, 4. dart, 5. covert, 6. glowing, 7. garner, 8. camouflage, 9. voracious, 10. garner

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| 11. sneak p__k | <i>n.</i> a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something |
| 12. se_____er pollution | <i>n.</i> water from the sea or ocean, typically containing salt and various other dissolved minerals |
| 13. sh_____r with tears | <i>v.</i> to shine with a soft, flickering light; to reflect light in a wavering or twinkling way; to glimmer or glisten |
| 14. se_____er bacteria | <i>n.</i> water from the sea or ocean, typically containing salt and various other dissolved minerals |
| 15. met_____sis process | <i>n.</i> a profound or dramatic change in form, structure, or condition; a transformation; the process by which an animal or insect undergoes a physical transformation, such as growth, development, or maturation |
| 16. fe_____ze the soil | <i>v.</i> to cause an egg, female animal, or plant to develop by joining sperm from the male with them; to add a natural or chemical substance to land to make plants grow well |
| 17. buying fr___y | <i>n.</i> a state of wild, uncontrolled excitement or activity, often characterized by chaotic or irrational behavior |
| 18. di_____se false information | <i>v.</i> to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so |
| 19. gl_____g cheeks | <i>adj.</i> highly enthusiastic; greatly praised |
| 20. ap_____e her fears | <i>v.</i> to pacify or soothe someone, usually by agreeing to their demands or requests; to calm someone's anger or anxiety |

ANSWERS: 11. peek, 12. seawater, 13. shimmer, 14. seawater, 15. metamorphosis, 16. fertilize, 17. frenzy, 18. disperse, 19. glowing, 20. appease

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| 21. sl__k design | <i>adj.</i> smoothly polished and shiny; cleverly and smoothly done; well-organized and efficient |
| 22. f__e blows | <i>n.</i> a small part in an electrical device or machinery that can interrupt the flow of electrical current when it is overloaded; (verb) to become plastic or fluid or liquefied from heat |
| 23. po__t the premise | <i>v.</i> to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration |
| 24. waterproof ey_____er | <i>n.</i> a cosmetic applied around the edge of the eyelid to enhance the appearance of the eyes |
| 25. bo__t a long history | <i>v.</i> to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction |
| 26. fe_____ze the female egg | <i>v.</i> to cause an egg, female animal, or plant to develop by joining sperm from the male with them; to add a natural or chemical substance to land to make plants grow well |
| 27. gr__m a horse | <i>v.</i> to clean, brush, and care for the fur or feathers of an animal; to prepare oneself or someone else for a special event or occasion; to make something neat |
| 28. ej__t huge amounts of pollutant | <i>v.</i> to force someone to put out or leave a particular place or position |

ANSWERS: 21. slick, 22. fuse, 23. posit, 24. eyeliner, 25. boast, 26. fertilize, 27. groom, 28. eject

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| 29. bu____t market | <i>adj.</i> lighthearted and cheerful; tending to float; having a positive attitude or outlook |
| 30. mo____d skin | <i>adj.</i> marked with spots or patches of different colors or shades |
| 31. work as cam____ge | <i>n.</i> an outward appearance that conceals the underlying essence of something; the way of concealing troops or military equipment so they cannot be seen against the surrounding environment |
| 32. al__e biofuel | <i>n.</i> A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots |
| 33. a sl__k operation | <i>adj.</i> smoothly polished and shiny; cleverly and smoothly done; well-organized and efficient |
| 34. dried cut____sh | <i>n.</i> a sea creature with eight arms and two tentacles (= long parts like arms) that has a wide and flat shell inside its body |
| 35. or____l by fire | <i>n.</i> a painful, difficult, or dangerous experience or trial; a severe test of endurance or patience |
| 36. h__y atmosphere | <i>adj.</i> not clear due to a lack of recollection, comprehension, or detail; unsure or perplexed about something |
| 37. pretty sp____le | <i>n.</i> something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision |

ANSWERS: 29. buoyant, 30. mottled, 31. camouflage, 32. algae, 33. slick, 34. cuttlefish, 35. ordeal, 36. hazy, 37. spectacle

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| 38. sp__n a new concept | <i>v.</i> to lay eggs or to produce offspring; to cause something to develop |
| 39. natural pro_____on | <i>n.</i> the act or process of producing offspring; reproduction |
| 40. cunning tr____ry | <i>n.</i> the use of deceitful or deceptive methods to achieve a goal or advantage; an act of duplicity, cunning, or manipulation |
| 41. du_____ty in words | <i>n.</i> deceitfulness or double-dealing; the act of feigning one's feelings, intentions, or beliefs to deceive others |
| 42. pro_____on instinct | <i>n.</i> the act or process of producing offspring; reproduction |
| 43. undergo a met_____sis | <i>n.</i> a profound or dramatic change in form, structure, or condition; a transformation; the process by which an animal or insect undergoes a physical transformation, such as growth, development, or maturation |
| 44. vo_____us reader | <i>adj.</i> having a very strong appetite or desire for something, especially for food or activity; extremely eager or enthusiastic for something |
| 45. the fin of a cut_____sh | <i>n.</i> a sea creature with eight arms and two tentacles (= long parts like arms) that has a wide and flat shell inside its body |
| 46. sp_____le lens | <i>n.</i> something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision |

ANSWERS: 38. spawn, 39. procreation, 40. trickery, 41. duplicity, 42. procreation, 43. metamorphosis, 44. voracious, 45. cuttlefish, 46. spectacle

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| 47. po__t the existence of life after death | <i>v.</i> to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration |
| 48. fr___y of activity | <i>n.</i> a state of wild, uncontrolled excitement or activity, often characterized by chaotic or irrational behavior |
| 49. gr__m duties | <i>v.</i> to clean, brush, and care for the fur or feathers of an animal; to prepare oneself or someone else for a special event or occasion; to make something neat |
| 50. important fa__t | <i>n.</i> one of the many aspects or sides of a subject or situation, especially when seen from different angles or perspectives; a particular feature or characteristic of something |
| 51. fla_____nt personality | <i>adj.</i> showy, bold, or striking in appearance or behavior; characterized by extravagance, eccentricity, or ostentatiousness |
| 52. sh_____r in the moonlight | <i>v.</i> to shine with a soft, flickering light; to reflect light in a wavering or twinkling way; to glimmer or glisten |
| 53. bo__t of his success | <i>v.</i> to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction |
| 54. bu_____t force | <i>adj.</i> lighthearted and cheerful; tending to float; having a positive attitude or outlook |

ANSWERS: 47. posit, 48. frenzy, 49. groom, 50. facet, 51. flamboyant, 52. shimmer, 53. boast, 54. buoyant

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| 55. political tr____ry | <i>n.</i> the use of deceitful or deceptive methods to achieve a goal or advantage; an act of duplicity, cunning, or manipulation |
| 56. apex pr____or | <i>n.</i> an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others |
| 57. ind____ct pronunciation | <i>adj.</i> not clear or easily seen, heard, or understood |
| 58. wild es____de | <i>n.</i> a reckless adventure or wild prank; an exciting, daring, or adventurous act; an episode involving boldness or adventure |
| 59. have the in____ve talent | <i>adj.</i> able to come up with novel and unique ideas |
| 60. blue al__e | <i>n.</i> A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots |
| 61. sexual pr____ors | <i>n.</i> an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others |
| 62. du____ty in behavior | <i>n.</i> deceitfulness or double-dealing; the act of feigning one's feelings, intentions, or beliefs to deceive others |
| 63. ej__t a player from a game | <i>v.</i> to force someone to put out or leave a particular place or position |
| 64. in____ve approach | <i>adj.</i> able to come up with novel and unique ideas |
| 65. sp__n in spring | <i>v.</i> to lay eggs or to produce offspring; to cause something to develop |
| 66. h__y dream | <i>adj.</i> not clear due to a lack of recollection, comprehension, or detail; unsure or perplexed about something |

ANSWERS: 55. trickery, 56. predator, 57. indistinct, 58. escapade, 59. inventive, 60. algae, 61. predator, 62. duplicity, 63. eject, 64. inventive, 65. spawn, 66. hazy

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| 67. embarrassing es____de | <i>n.</i> a reckless adventure or wild prank; an exciting, daring, or adventurous act; an episode involving boldness or adventure |
| 68. fa__t to a question | <i>n.</i> one of the many aspects or sides of a subject or situation, especially when seen from different angles or perspectives; a particular feature or characteristic of something |
| 69. co____t negotiations | <i>adj.</i> kept secret or concealed; not openly practiced or engaged in |
| 70. winged ey____er | <i>n.</i> a cosmetic applied around the edge of the eyelid to enhance the appearance of the eyes |
| 71. mo____ng ritual | <i>n.</i> the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving |
| 72. d__t here and there | <i>n.</i> a small narrow pointed object, sometimes with feathers to help it fly, that is thrown or shot; (verb) to move along rapidly and lightly |
| 73. ind____ct memory | <i>adj.</i> not clear or easily seen, heard, or understood |
| 74. emotional or____l | <i>n.</i> a painful, difficult, or dangerous experience or trial; a severe test of endurance or patience |
| 75. a mo____d stripe | <i>adj.</i> marked with spots or patches of different colors or shades |
| 76. p__k at others' misfortune | <i>n.</i> a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something |

ANSWERS: 67. escapade, 68. facet, 69. covert, 70. eyeliner, 71. mourning, 72. dart, 73. indistinct, 74. ordeal, 75. mottled, 76. peek

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| 77. di____se the protesters | <i>v.</i> to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so |
| 78. fla_____nt style | <i>adj.</i> showy, bold, or striking in appearance or behavior; characterized by extravagance, eccentricity, or ostentatiousness |
| 79. f__e with one another | <i>n.</i> a small part in an electrical device or machinery that can interrupt the flow of electrical current when it is overloaded; (verb) to become plastic or fluid or liquefied from heat |
| 80. mo_____ng period | <i>n.</i> the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving |

ANSWERS: 77. disperse, 78. flamboyant, 79. fuse, 80. mourning

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We should _____ several hypotheses to discuss the matter.
v. to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
2. The politician gave a _____ speech, but it was full of empty promises.
adj. smoothly polished and shiny; cleverly and smoothly done; well-organized and efficient
3. The salmon swims upstream to _____ in the place they were released.
v. to lay eggs or to produce offspring; to cause something to develop
4. Our immune system can _____ disease germs from the body.
v. to force someone to put out or leave a particular place or position
5. The manager tried to _____ the angry customer by offering them a refund.
v. to pacify or soothe someone, usually by agreeing to their demands or requests; to calm someone's anger or anxiety
6. The _____ leaves on the tree indicated a disease.
adj. marked with spots or patches of different colors or shades
7. The use of contraception can significantly impact the rate of _____ within a population.
n. the act or process of producing offspring; reproduction
8. They utilized branches of trees as _____.
n. an outward appearance that conceals the underlying essence of something; the way of concealing troops or military equipment so they cannot be seen against the surrounding environment

ANSWERS: 1. posit, 2. slick, 3. spawn, 4. eject, 5. appease, 6. mottled, 7. procreation, 8. camouflage

9. He used his charm and charisma to _____ support for his campaign.
v. to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention
10. A poison _____ hit him.
n. a small narrow pointed object, sometimes with feathers to help it fly, that is thrown or shot; (verb) to move along rapidly and lightly
11. The _____ shape in the fog made it difficult to determine what it was.
adj. not clear or easily seen, heard, or understood
12. The couple planned a romantic _____ to a secluded island for their honeymoon.
n. a reckless adventure or wild prank; an exciting, daring, or adventurous act; an episode involving boldness or adventure
13. The butterfly's _____ from a caterpillar to a winged creature is a wonder of nature.
n. a profound or dramatic change in form, structure, or condition; a transformation; the process by which an animal or insect undergoes a physical transformation, such as growth, development, or maturation
14. The western sky was _____ pink.
adj. highly enthusiastic; greatly praised
15. He loves to eat raw, sliced _____.
n. a sea creature with eight arms and two tentacles (= long parts like arms) that has a wide and flat shell inside its body
16. I need to _____ my dog before his fur gets too long.
v. to clean, brush, and care for the fur or feathers of an animal; to prepare oneself or someone else for a special event or occasion; to make something neat

ANSWERS: 9. garner, 10. dart, 11. indistinct, 12. escapade, 13. metamorphosis, 14. glowing, 15. cuttlefish, 16. groom

17. The different _____ of his personality make him a complex individual.
n. one of the many aspects or sides of a subject or situation, especially when seen from different angles or perspectives; a particular feature or characteristic of something
18. The _____ appetite of the teenager was legendary.
adj. having a very strong appetite or desire for something, especially for food or activity; extremely eager or enthusiastic for something
19. My memories of the holiday were _____.
adj. not clear due to a lack of recollection, comprehension, or detail; unsure or perplexed about something
20. She took a quick _____ inside the box before closing it again.
n. a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something
21. All language around the world is consistently _____ but not intrusive.
adj. able to come up with novel and unique ideas
22. The car accident was a traumatic _____ for everyone involved.
n. a painful, difficult, or dangerous experience or trial; a severe test of endurance or patience
23. His _____ personality helped lift the spirits of everyone in the room.
adj. lighthearted and cheerful; tending to float; having a positive attitude or outlook
24. Before authorities _____ the protesters, they yelled slogans.
v. to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so

ANSWERS: 17. facets, 18. voracious, 19. hazy, 20. peek, 21. inventive, 22. ordeal, 23. buoyant, 24. dispersed

25. The native South American animals were in danger because of the _____ arrival.
- n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
26. The government was conducting a _____ operation to gather information on the enemy.
- adj.* kept secret or concealed; not openly practiced or engaged in
27. She wore black clothing as a symbol of _____ for her grandmother.
- n.* the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving
28. The sunlight made the water in the pool _____ like diamonds.
- v.* to shine with a soft, flickering light; to reflect light in a wavering or twinkling way; to glimmer or glisten
29. This town _____ a national park.
- v.* to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction
30. The actor's _____ outfit stole the show at the red carpet-event.
- adj.* showy, bold, or striking in appearance or behavior; characterized by extravagance, eccentricity, or ostentatiousness
31. She could not help watching the sad _____.
- n.* something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision
32. The shoppers were _____ to get the best deals on Black Friday.
- n.* a state of wild, uncontrolled excitement or activity, often characterized by chaotic or irrational behavior

ANSWERS: 25. predator's, 26. covert, 27. mourning, 28. shimmer, 29. boasts, 30. flamboyant, 31. spectacle, 32. frenzy

33. The couple decided to use the non-husband sperm to _____ a wife.
- v.* to cause an egg, female animal, or plant to develop by joining sperm from the male with them; to add a natural or chemical substance to land to make plants grow well
34. The camel's _____ is where it stores fat to survive in the desert.
- n.* a rounded lump or bump, especially on an animal's back
35. She applied a thin line of black _____ to her upper eyelid.
- n.* a cosmetic applied around the edge of the eyelid to enhance the appearance of the eyes
36. _____ has jammed the inlet to the water turbine.
- n.* A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots
37. 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
38. He has a short _____.
- n.* a small part in an electrical device or machinery that can interrupt the flow of electrical current when it is overloaded; (verb) to become plastic or fluid or liquefied from heat
39. The politician's _____ was revealed when he lied about his involvement in the scandal.
- n.* deceitfulness or double-dealing; the act of feigning one's feelings, intentions, or beliefs to deceive others
40. The desalination plant turned _____ into drinking water through a complex process.
- n.* water from the sea or ocean, typically containing salt and various other dissolved minerals

ANSWERS: 33. fertilize, 34. hump, 35. eyeliner, 36. Algae, 37. trickery, 38. fuse, 39. duplicity, 40. seawater

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