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*TED Talk*

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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### biology

*n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

(1) evolutionary **biology**, (2) cell and molecular **biology**

In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in **biology** class.

### reproductive

*adj.* connected with the process of reproduction; relating to reproducing babies, young animals, or plants

*synonym*: procreative, generative

(1) **reproductive** ability, (2) during **reproductive** period

This documentary deals with the **reproductive** biology of the buffalo.

### ovary

*n.* either of the pair of organs in the female reproductive system that produces eggs; (of a plant) the organ that bears the ovules of a flower

(1) **ovary** atrophy, (2) salted **ovary** of walleye pollack

They found **ovary** cancer in an early stage.

### roughly

*adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

*synonym*: approximately, more or less, around

(1) **roughly** explain my idea, (2) **roughly** speaking

Five miles is **roughly** similar to eight kilometers.

## judgment

*n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions

*synonym*: conclusion, decision, determination

(1) an emotional **judgment**, (2) deliver a **judgment**

Her **judgments** are consistently rational and sensible.

## fertility

*n.* the state or quality of being able to produce babies, young animals, fruit, or new plants

*synonym*: richness, pregnancy, productivity

(1) soil **fertility**, (2) **fertility** above replacement

The sperm count is used as an indicator of male **fertility**.

## plea

*n.* an appeal or request, especially for help or understanding; a legal excuse or defense; an earnest entreaty or supplication

*synonym*: petition, appeal, entreaty

(1) **plea** bargaining, (2) emotional **plea**

The defendant entered a **plea** of not guilty during his trial.

## mum

*n.* a British term for "mom" or "mother"; (adjective) failing to speak or communicate when expected to do so

*synonym*: mother, silent, soundless

(1) **mum's** cooking, (2) keep **mum**

My **mum** always knew how to comfort me when I was feeling down.

## grandchild

*n.* a child of someone's son or daughter

*synonym*: offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

## depict

*v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

*synonym*: illustrate, describe, express

(1) **depict** a scene, (2) **depict** a feeling of isolation

His son had accurately **depicted** the bloom.

## desperate

*adj.* feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation

*synonym* : anguish, frantic, hopeless

(1) her **desperate** screams, (2) **desperate** attempt

He was **desperate** when he lost all his money by gambling.

## ovulation

*n.* the process in a woman's menstrual cycle during which an ovary releases an egg

*synonym* : egg-releasing, ovary-releasing, ovum-releasing

(1) **ovulation** cycle, (2) inhibit **ovulation**

The woman tracked her **ovulation** using a fertility app on her smartphone.

## confirm

*v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case

*synonym* : affirm, verify, assure

(1) **confirm** the diagnosis, (2) **confirm** a transaction

Please write to **confirm** your reservation.

## pregnant

*adj.* having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus

*synonym* : expectant

(1) needs of **pregnant** women, (2) a silence **pregnant** with suspense

She vacated the position when she got **pregnant**.

## sperm

*n.* the reproductive cell produced by a man or male animal

*synonym* : seed, semen, seminal fluid

(1) man with a low **sperm** count, (2) production of **sperm**

The male **sperm** fertilizes the female egg.

## exposed

*adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism

*synonym* : endangered, revealed, disclosed

(1) **exposed** to radiation, (2) an **exposed** rock

Tech companies often employ **exposed** ducts and other materials in their office interiors.

## historic

*adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so

*synonym*: memorable, momentous, historical

(1) **historic** accomplishment, (2) achieve the **historic** feat

The Chinese people have accomplished several **historic** feats.

## generation

*n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity

*synonym*: cohort, age group, era

(1) **generation** gap, (2) the **generation** of electricity

The younger **generation** has different values and beliefs than the older one.

## poke

*v.* to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger

*synonym*: prod, jab, push

(1) **poke** around the desk, (2) **poke** a fire

They **poked** fun at each other's jokes, laughing and teasing.

## prod

*v.* to poke or jab with a pointed object, often to urge or encourage movement or action; to provoke or stimulate someone to take action or respond in a particular way

*synonym*: poke, jab, nudge

(1) **prod** him into action, (2) **prod** him with a stick

She used a stick to **prod** the fire and make it burn brighter.

## uterus

*n.* a hollow muscular organ in the body of a woman or other female mammal in which a baby or young animal develops before birth

*synonym*: womb

(1) **uterus** cancer, (2) bleeding from **uterus**

The physician prescribed medication to relieve the contraction of the **uterus**.

**lag**

*v.* to move or develop so slowly that you are behind other people, organizations, etc.  
*synonym* : delay, slow down, fall behind

(1) **lag** a long way behind the progress, (2) **lag** behind its competition

Our interest began to **lag** sharply.

**gap**

*n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.  
*synonym* : opening, lacuna, spread

(1) the **gap** between ideal and reality, (2) distance **gap**

Many people are working together to close the gender **gap**.

**obstetrics**

*n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the care of women during pregnancy, childbirth, and the postpartum period, including the management of complications and the health of the mother and baby  
*synonym* : midwifery, childbirth, tocology

(1) **obstetrics** ward, (2) **obstetrics** clinic

The hospital's **obstetrics** department is responsible for caring for pregnant women and delivering babies.

**gynecology**

*n.* the medical study and treatment of the physiology and diseases of the female reproductive system  
*synonym* : obstetrics, women's health, women's medicine

(1) **gynecology** clinic, (2) **gynecology** exam

The **gynecology** department at the hospital offers state-of-the-art treatments for women's health issues.

**estimate**

*v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something  
*synonym* : calculate, gauge, evaluate

(1) **estimate** a fair value, (2) **estimate** this chicken to weigh three pounds

We **estimated** the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.

## endocrinology

*n.* the study of hormones, their regulation, and their effects on the body; includes the study of endocrine glands such as the pituitary gland, thyroid gland, and adrenal gland

*synonym*: hormone science, hormonal disorder treatment

(1) **endocrinology** lab, (2) pediatric **endocrinology**

The **endocrinology** clinic analyzed my hormone levels to determine the cause of my irregular periods.

## specialize

*v.* to become an expert in a specific career field, study, or business

*synonym*: narrow down, particularize

(1) **specialize** in child care, (2) **specialize** in market research

The restaurant has chefs who **specialize** in beef.

## chip

*n.* a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat

*synonym*: flake, fragment, chunk

(1) a **chip** of wood, (2) I don't care a **chip**

We can use this campaign as a bargaining **chip** in the negotiations.

## persistent

*adj.* continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time

*synonym*: tenacious, steadfast, unrelenting

(1) **persistent** cough, (2) **persistent** data

Despite the setbacks, he remained **persistent** in his pursuit of his dreams.

## myth

*n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people

*synonym*: fable, legend, lore

(1) the **myth** of an old religion, (2) perpetuate a **myth**

With the financial bubble bursting, the **myth** of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.

## viable

*adj.* capable of being done as intended; able to succeed  
*synonym* : feasible, possible, attainable

(1) achieve a **viable** relationship, (2) develop a **viable** therapy

Male gorillas with good drumming skills are more **viable**.

## concentration

*n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.

*synonym* : attention, engagement, assiduity

(1) **concentration** of armaments, (2) his research area of **concentration**

This exam requires excellent **concentration** to pass.

## percentage

*n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred

*synonym* : rate, ratio, portion

(1) the **percentage** of the gold content, (2) a high **percentage**

What is the **percentage** of the consumption tax in the United States?

## norm

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

*synonym* : criterion, mean, standard

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

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

## decline

*v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

*synonym* : descend, drop, deny

(1) **decline** a job offer, (2) **decline** in quality

As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually **declines**.

## motility

*n.* the ability or capacity of organisms or particles to move spontaneously or in response to external stimuli; the

degree or speed of movement

*synonym* : movement, mobility, motion

(1) **motility** rate, (2) sperm **motility**

The doctor was concerned about the **motility** of the patient's digestive system.

## semen

*n.* the fluid that contains sperm and is ejaculated during sexual activity, which may fertilize an egg and lead to pregnancy

*synonym* : sperm, reproductive fluid, seed

(1) **semen** donation, (2) **semen** volume

After undergoing a **semen** analysis, the doctor told him that he had a low sperm count.

## ejaculation

*n.* a sudden and forceful expulsion of something from the body, especially of semen, during sexual activity; a sudden and forceful expression of emotion or sound, similar to a cry

*synonym* : climax, orgasm, cry

(1) **ejaculation** disorder, (2) inhibited **ejaculation**

Diabetes and multiple sclerosis are among the medical conditions that can cause retrograde **ejaculation**.

## volume

*n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound

*synonym* : capacity, amount, intensity

(1) **volume** of work, (2) high **volume**

This container has a **volume** of 10 cubic meters.

## likelihood

*n.* the probability or chance that something will happen or be the case

*synonym* : probability, chance, possibility

(1) **likelihood** of the success, (2) improve the **likelihood** of a cure

The **likelihood** of the project being completed on time is uncertain.



## intercourse

*n.* communication between individuals; the sexual activity between individuals, especially the insertion of a man's penis into a woman's vagina

*synonym* : copulation, intimacy, communication

(1) diplomatic **intercourse**, (2) extramarital **intercourse**  
That meeting markedly improved commercial **intercourse** between the two countries.

## probable

*adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true

*synonym* : likely, possible, potential

(1) **probable** outcome, (2) **probable** cause of a fire  
It seems **probable** that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

## crucial

*adj.* extremely vital or necessary

*synonym* : essential, pivotal, vital

(1) **crucial** information, (2) a **crucial** issue for women  
The revitalization of technology companies is **crucial** to the country's growth.

## independence

*n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence

*synonym* : freedom, liberty, autonomy

(1) financial **independence**, (2) **independence** ceremony  
There is nothing more valuable than **independence** and freedom.

## physician

*n.* a medical doctor who practices medicine

*synonym* : doctor, practitioner, medic

(1) the advice of the **physician**, (2) consult with a **physician**  
She visited the local **physician** to seek treatment for her persistent headache.

## argue

*v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

*synonym* : debate, dispute, quarrel

(1) **argue** a case, (2) **argue** passionately

The couple began to **argue** over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

## struggle

*v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

*synonym*: toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

## breakthrough

*n.* a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem

*synonym*: advance, progress, innovation

(1) **breakthrough** in the negotiations, (2) **breakthrough** discovery

A technique called deep learning has led to **breakthroughs** in AI.

## hound

*v.* to persistently pursue, harass, or pressure someone or something, often in a negative or unwelcome way;  
(noun) a type of dog, often bred for hunting that has a keen sense of smell and is known for its persistence and tenacity

*synonym*: chase, badger, annoy

(1) beagle **hound**, (2) **hound** him for payment

The paparazzi constantly **hound** celebrities for a photo or a story.

## tango

*n.* a ballroom dance that originated in Argentina and Uruguay, characterized by a close embrace and intricate footwork, typically danced to slow, expressive music

(1) passionate **tango**, (2) sensual **tango**

We took a **tango** lesson to prepare for our upcoming dance competition.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. passionate ta\_\_o *n.* a ballroom dance that originated in Argentina and Uruguay, characterized by a close embrace and intricate footwork, typically danced to slow, expressive music
2. se\_\_n donation *n.* the fluid that contains sperm and is ejaculated during sexual activity, which may fertilize an egg and lead to pregnancy
3. cell and molecular bi\_\_\_\_y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
4. develop a vi\_\_\_e therapy *adj.* capable of being done as intended; able to succeed
5. obs\_\_\_\_\_cs ward *n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the care of women during pregnancy, childbirth, and the postpartum period, including the management of complications and the health of the mother and baby
6. spe\_\_\_\_\_ze in child care *v.* to become an expert in a specific career field, study, or business
7. pediatric end\_\_\_\_\_ogy *n.* the study of hormones, their regulation, and their effects on the body; includes the study of endocrine glands such as the pituitary gland, thyroid gland, and adrenal gland
8. his research area of  
con\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.

ANSWERS: 1. tango, 2. semen, 3. biology, 4. viable, 5. obstetrics, 6. specialize, 7. endocrinology, 8. concentration

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| 9. man with a low sp__m count           | <i>n.</i> the reproductive cell produced by a man or male animal  |
| 10. achieve a vi___e relationship       | <i>adj.</i> capable of being done as intended; able to succeed  |
| 11. per_____nt cough                    | <i>adj.</i> continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time   |
| 12. a high per_____ge                   | <i>n.</i> the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred   |
| 13. an emotional ju_____nt              | <i>n.</i> the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions   |
| 14. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship | <i>n.</i> a child of someone's son or daughter  |
| 15. de___t a feeling of isolation       | <i>v.</i> to illustrate someone or something in a photograph  |
| 16. bre_____ugh discovery               | <i>n.</i> a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem  |
| 17. high vo___e                         | <i>n.</i> the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound  |
| 18. beagle ho__d                        | <i>v.</i> to persistently pursue, harass, or pressure someone or something, often in a negative or unwelcome way; (noun) a type of dog, often bred for hunting that has a keen sense of smell and is known for its persistence and tenacity |

ANSWERS: 9. sperm, 10. viable, 11. persistent, 12. percentage, 13. judgment, 14. grandchild, 15. depict, 16. breakthrough, 17. volume, 18. hound

19. an ex\_\_\_\_\_d rock *adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
20. spe\_\_\_\_\_ze in market research *v.* to become an expert in a specific career field, study, or business
21. st\_\_\_\_\_le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
22. l\_g a long way behind the progress *v.* to move or develop so slowly that you are behind other people, organizations, etc.
23. ov\_\_y atrophy *n.* either of the pair of organs in the female reproductive system that produces eggs; (of a plant) the organ that bears the ovules of a flower
24. n\_\_m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
25. p\_\_e a fire *v.* to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger
26. es\_\_\_\_\_te a fair value *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
27. gen\_\_\_\_\_on gap *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
28. de\_\_\_\_\_e in quality *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
29. a silence pr\_\_\_\_\_nt with suspense *adj.* having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus

ANSWERS: 19. exposed, 20. specialize, 21. struggle, 22. lag, 23. ovary, 24. norm, 25. poke, 26. estimate, 27. generation, 28. decline, 29. pregnant

30. production of sp\_\_m *n.* the reproductive cell produced by a man or male animal
31. gra\_\_\_\_\_ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
32. ar\_\_e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
33. end\_\_\_\_\_ogy lab *n.* the study of hormones, their regulation, and their effects on the body; includes the study of endocrine glands such as the pituitary gland, thyroid gland, and adrenal gland
34. de\_\_\_t a scene *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
35. per\_\_\_\_\_nt data *adj.* continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time
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38. vo\_\_\_e of work *n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
39. con\_\_\_\_\_ion of armaments *n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.

ANSWERS: 30. sperm, 31. grandchild, 32. argue, 33. endocrinology, 34. depict, 35. persistent, 36. reproductive, 37. decline, 38. volume, 39. concentration

40. salted ov\_\_y of walleye pollack *n.* either of the pair of organs in the female reproductive system that produces eggs; (of a plant) the organ that bears the ovules of a flower
41. inhibited eja\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a sudden and forceful expulsion of something from the body, especially of semen, during sexual activity; a sudden and forceful expression of emotion or sound, similar to a cry
42. perpetuate a m\_\_h *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
43. emotional p\_\_a *n.* an appeal or request, especially for help or understanding; a legal excuse or defense; an earnest entreaty or supplication
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48. pr\_\_\_\_\_le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
49. the advice of the ph\_\_\_\_\_an *n.* a medical doctor who practices medicine

ANSWERS: 40. ovary, 41. ejaculation, 42. myth, 43. plea, 44. chip, 45. ovulation, 46. likelihood, 47. gap, 48. probable, 49. physician

50. fe\_\_\_\_\_ty above replacement *n.* the state or quality of being able to produce babies, young animals, fruit, or new plants
51. se\_\_n volume *n.* the fluid that contains sperm and is ejaculated during sexual activity, which may fertilize an egg and lead to pregnancy
52. consult with a ph\_\_\_\_\_an *n.* a medical doctor who practices medicine
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59. bleeding from ut\_\_\_\_s *n.* a hollow muscular organ in the body of a woman or other female mammal in which a baby or young animal develops before birth

ANSWERS: 50. fertility, 51. semen, 52. physician, 53. motility, 54. desperate, 55. percentage, 56. crucial, 57. estimate, 58. gynecology, 59. uterus



60. p\_\_d him with a stick      *v.* to poke or jab with a pointed object, often to urge or encourage movement or action; to provoke or stimulate someone to take action or respond in a particular way
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97. evolutionary bi\_\_\_\_\_y      *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
98. p\_\_e around the desk      *v.* to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger

ANSWERS: 89. likelihood, 90. historic, 91. roughly, 92. breakthrough, 93. fertility, 94. hound, 95. intercourse, 96. mum, 97. biology, 98. poke

99. rep\_\_\_\_\_ive ability      *adj.* connected with the process of reproduction; relating to reproducing babies, young animals, or plants
100. I don't care a c\_\_p      *n.* a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat
101. achieve the hi\_\_\_\_\_ic feat      *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
102. obs\_\_\_\_\_cs clinic      *n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the care of women during pregnancy, childbirth, and the postpartum period, including the management of complications and the health of the mother and baby

ANSWERS: 99. reproductive, 100. chip, 101. historic, 102. obstetrics

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The hospital's \_\_\_\_\_ department is responsible for caring for pregnant women and delivering babies.
  - n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the care of women during pregnancy, childbirth, and the postpartum period, including the management of complications and the health of the mother and baby
  
2. Diabetes and multiple sclerosis are among the medical conditions that can cause retrograde \_\_\_\_\_.
  - n.* a sudden and forceful expulsion of something from the body, especially of semen, during sexual activity; a sudden and forceful expression of emotion or sound, similar to a cry
  
3. The paparazzi constantly \_\_\_\_\_ celebrities for a photo or a story.
  - v.* to persistently pursue, harass, or pressure someone or something, often in a negative or unwelcome way; (noun) a type of dog, often bred for hunting that has a keen sense of smell and is known for its persistence and tenacity
  
4. The Chinese people have accomplished several \_\_\_\_\_ feats.
  - adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
  
5. Her \_\_\_\_\_ are consistently rational and sensible.
  - n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
  
6. We took a \_\_\_\_\_ lesson to prepare for our upcoming dance competition.
  - n.* a ballroom dance that originated in Argentina and Uruguay, characterized by a close embrace and intricate footwork, typically danced to slow, expressive music

ANSWERS: 1. obstetrics, 2. ejaculation, 3. hound, 4. historic, 5. judgments, 6. tango

7. The \_\_\_\_\_ department at the hospital offers state-of-the-art treatments for women's health issues.
- n.* the medical study and treatment of the physiology and diseases of the female reproductive system
8. Many people are working together to close the gender \_\_\_\_.
- n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
9. He could not \_\_\_\_\_ against temptation.
- v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
10. After undergoing a \_\_\_\_\_ analysis, the doctor told him that he had a low sperm count.
- n.* the fluid that contains sperm and is ejaculated during sexual activity, which may fertilize an egg and lead to pregnancy
11. The male \_\_\_\_\_ fertilizes the female egg.
- n.* the reproductive cell produced by a man or male animal
12. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
13. Please write to \_\_\_\_\_ your reservation.
- v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case
14. My \_\_\_\_ always knew how to comfort me when I was feeling down.
- n.* a British term for "mom" or "mother"; (adjective) failing to speak or communicate when expected to do so

ANSWERS: 7. gynecology, 8. gap, 9. struggle, 10. semen, 11. sperm, 12. norms, 13. confirm, 14. mum

15. The couple began to \_\_\_\_\_ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.  
*v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
16. Our interest began to \_\_\_\_ sharply.  
*v.* to move or develop so slowly that you are behind other people, organizations, etc.
17. The defendant entered a \_\_\_\_\_ of not guilty during his trial.  
*n.* an appeal or request, especially for help or understanding; a legal excuse or defense; an earnest entreaty or supplication
18. The revitalization of technology companies is \_\_\_\_\_ to the country's growth.  
*adj.* extremely vital or necessary
19. The doctor was concerned about the \_\_\_\_\_ of the patient's digestive system.  
*n.* the ability or capacity of organisms or particles to move spontaneously or in response to external stimuli; the degree or speed of movement
20. His son had accurately \_\_\_\_\_ the bloom.  
*v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
21. The restaurant has chefs who \_\_\_\_\_ in beef.  
*v.* to become an expert in a specific career field, study, or business
22. It seems \_\_\_\_\_ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.  
*adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
23. She visited the local \_\_\_\_\_ to seek treatment for her persistent headache.  
*n.* a medical doctor who practices medicine

ANSWERS: 15. argue, 16. lag, 17. plea, 18. crucial, 19. motility, 20. depicted, 21. specialize, 22. probable, 23. physician



24. The physician prescribed medication to relieve the contraction of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a hollow muscular organ in the body of a woman or other female mammal in which a baby or young animal develops before birth
25. The sperm count is used as an indicator of male \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the state or quality of being able to produce babies, young animals, fruit, or new plants
26. This documentary deals with the \_\_\_\_\_ biology of the buffalo.
- adj.* connected with the process of reproduction; relating to reproducing babies, young animals, or plants
27. We \_\_\_\_\_ the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.
- v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
28. Tech companies often employ \_\_\_\_\_ ducts and other materials in their office interiors.
- adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
29. That meeting markedly improved commercial \_\_\_\_\_ between the two countries.
- n.* communication between individuals; the sexual activity between individuals, especially the insertion of a man's penis into a woman's vagina
30. The grandparents take care of their \_\_\_\_\_ while the parents are at work.
- n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
31. She vacated the position when she got \_\_\_\_\_.
- adj.* having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus

ANSWERS: 24. uterus, 25. fertility, 26. reproductive, 27. estimated, 28. exposed, 29. intercourse, 30. grandchild, 31. pregnant

32. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the project being completed on time is uncertain.  
*n.* the probability or chance that something will happen or be the case
33. We can use this campaign as a bargaining \_\_\_\_\_ in the negotiations.  
*n.* a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat
34. She used a stick to \_\_\_\_\_ the fire and make it burn brighter.  
*v.* to poke or jab with a pointed object, often to urge or encourage movement or action; to provoke or stimulate someone to take action or respond in a particular way
35. In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in \_\_\_\_\_ class.  
*n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
36. Five miles is \_\_\_\_\_ similar to eight kilometers.  
*adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
37. Male gorillas with good drumming skills are more \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* capable of being done as intended; able to succeed
38. The woman tracked her \_\_\_\_\_ using a fertility app on her smartphone.  
*n.* the process in a woman's menstrual cycle during which an ovary releases an egg
39. There is nothing more valuable than \_\_\_\_\_ and freedom.  
*n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
40. They found \_\_\_\_\_ cancer in an early stage.  
*n.* either of the pair of organs in the female reproductive system that produces eggs; (of a plant) the organ that bears the ovules of a flower

ANSWERS: 32. likelihood, 33. chip, 34. prod, 35. biology, 36. roughly, 37. viable, 38. ovulation, 39. independence, 40. ovary

41. This container has a \_\_\_\_\_ of 10 cubic meters.  
*n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
42. He was \_\_\_\_\_ when he lost all his money by gambling.  
*adj.* feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation
43. The younger \_\_\_\_\_ has different values and beliefs than the older one.  
*n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
44. They \_\_\_\_\_ fun at each other's jokes, laughing and teasing.  
*v.* to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger
45. A technique called deep learning has led to \_\_\_\_\_ in AI.  
*n.* a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem
46. What is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the consumption tax in the United States?  
*n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
47. The \_\_\_\_\_ clinic analyzed my hormone levels to determine the cause of my irregular periods.  
*n.* the study of hormones, their regulation, and their effects on the body; includes the study of endocrine glands such as the pituitary gland, thyroid gland, and adrenal gland
48. As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

ANSWERS: 41. volume, 42. desperate, 43. generation, 44. poked, 45. breakthroughs, 46. percentage, 47. endocrinology, 48. declines

49. Despite the setbacks, he remained \_\_\_\_\_ in his pursuit of his dreams.

*adj.* continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time

50. With the financial bubble bursting, the \_\_\_\_\_ of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.

*n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people

51. This exam requires excellent \_\_\_\_\_ to pass.

*n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.

ANSWERS: 49. persistent, 50. myth, 51. concentration