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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### 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.

### trousers

*n.* a pair of leg coverings that extends from the waist to the ankles covering each leg separately, often referred to as pants

*synonym* : pants, slacks, jeans

(1) work **trousers**, (2) denim **trousers**

He wore black **trousers** and a white shirt to the job interview.

### Renaissance

*n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music

*synonym* : rebirth, golden age

(1) artistic **renaissance**, (2) industrial **renaissance**

Folk music is now experiencing a **renaissance**.

### confiscate

*v.* to seize, take or appropriate something by authority, often as a penalty for breaking laws or rules

*synonym* : seize, take, expropriate

(1) **confiscate** drugs, (2) **confiscate** property

The security officer had to **confiscate** the weapon from the suspect.

## folly

*n.* a lack of good sense or judgment; foolishness or absurdity; specifically, a costly, useless, or pointless building or project that has been created or undertaken for no practical purpose or benefit

*synonym*: absurdity, foolishness, irrationality

(1) economic **folly**, (2) act of **folly**

It was **folly** for the hiker to climb the dangerous mountain alone.

## peninsula

*n.* a long piece of land that is almost surrounded by water but is linked to a larger part of the land

*synonym*: cape, foreland

(1) the tip of the **peninsula**, (2) the Arab **peninsula**

That **peninsula** was an essential base for the country's defense.

## bloodletting

*n.* the act of intentionally cutting a person's skin or vein to remove blood once thought to cure various illnesses; indiscriminate slaughter

*synonym*: bleeding, phlebotomy, blood donation

(1) **bloodletting** device, (2) ethnic **bloodletting**

The doctor used leeches for **bloodletting**, as they were thought to be more effective than cutting the skin.

## 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.

## enlightened

*adj.* having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook

*synonym* : educated, informed, aware

(1) **enlightened** age, (2) make an **enlightened** decision

The **enlightened** teacher taught the class about the importance of compassion and empathy.

## scandalous

*adj.* causing public outrage or offense by being morally or socially unacceptable; involving shameful or improper behavior

*synonym* : disgraceful, shocking, shameful

(1) **scandalous** behavior, (2) **scandalous** revelations

The media exposed the **scandalous** affair between the politician and his assistant.

## rev

*n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

*synonym* : revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

## collarbone

*n.* the bone that connects the shoulder blade to the breastbone; also known as the clavicle

*synonym* : clavicle, shoulder blade, scapula

(1) broken **collarbone**, (2) dislocated **collarbone**

The athlete suffered a broken **collarbone** after a hard fall during the game.

## sag

*v.* to droop or hang down, especially due to a lack of support or the weight of something

*synonym* : droop, slump, bend

(1) **sag** my jaw, (2) **sag** with fatigue

The old mattress **sagged** in the middle, making it uncomfortable to sleep on.

## attire

*n.* clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose  
*synonym* : clothing, dress, garb

(1) businesslike **attire**, (2) casual **attire**

The formal **attire** for the wedding was a black tie.

## shorthand

*n.* a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something

*synonym* : stenography, speedwriting, tachygraphy

(1) learn **shorthand**, (2) write in **shorthand**

The secretary's **shorthand** was so good that she could type up meeting minutes within minutes.

## credential

*v.* to provide someone with certification or verification of their qualifications, usually in a particular field or profession; (noun) a document attesting to the truth of certain stated facts

*synonym* : certify, verify, (noun) certificate

(1) **credential** themselves by showing their registration,

(2) teaching **credential**

To get the job, I need to **credential** my experience and education.

## patriarch

*n.* a man who is the head of a family or tribe or a man who is revered because of his age, wisdom, or spiritual leadership

*synonym* : father, elder, leader

(1) **Patriarch** of Constantinople, (2) **patriarch** of a religion

The family **patriarch** was a respected elder who was always consulted on important decisions.

## aristocracy

*n.* a group of persons with high social status

*synonym* : elite, nobility, upper class

(1) member of the **aristocracy**, (2) the blue-blooded **aristocracy**

Despite his popularity among the **aristocracy**, he was

unpopular with the general public.

## edgy

*adj.* being tense, nervous, or irritable; nervous, jittery behavior; having a provocative, unconventional, or avant-garde style or mentality

*synonym*: tense, nervous, anxious

(1) **edgy** haircut, (2) **edgy** fashion

I always feel **edgy** when I have to give a speech in front of a large crowd.

## wardrobe

*n.* a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings

*synonym*: clothing, attire, closet

(1) walk-in **wardrobe**, (2) minimalist **wardrobe**

Her **wardrobe** selection included several pieces from high-end designer brands.

## artsy

*adj.* (also arty) relating to or characteristic of artists, especially those who are experimental, unconventional, avant-garde, or eclectic; having an interest in art, craft, or design, often in a creative, whimsical, or fanciful way

*synonym*: creative, artistic, imaginative

(1) **artsy** film, (2) **artsy** décor

The art exhibit showcased many different **artsy** pieces from local artists.

## afterward

*adv.* after the time mentioned

*synonym*: later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

## 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.

## **forbid**

*v.* to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising

*synonym*: prohibit, ban, outlaw

(1) **forbid** smoking in public areas, (2) **forbid** the use of chemical weapons

God **forbid** you should regret your marriage.

## **braid**

*n.* a complex pattern, design, or plait formed out of three or more strands, often used decoratively in hair, clothing, or textiles; threads of silk, cotton, or other material attached to clothes, uniforms, or other things made of cloth, as a decoration

*synonym*: plait, twist, weave

(1) **braid** hair, (2) elastic cord **braid**

She always wore her hair in a single **braid** down her back.

## **straighten**

*v.* to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned

*synonym*: even up, align, untangle

(1) **straighten** out a problem, (2) **straighten** a crooked picture

I need to **straighten** my hair before I go to the party.

## **stereotype**

*n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

(1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes**

Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

## **circulate**

*v.* to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system

*synonym*: flow, disperse, rotate

(1) **circulate** a rumor, (2) **circulate** an agenda before the

meeting

The fan **circulates** the air in the room quickly.

## **barefoot**

*adj.* without shoes or other foot coverings; wearing nothing on the feet

*synonym* : bare, shoeless, unshod

(1) **barefoot** walk, (2) **barefoot** fashion

The **barefoot** hiker enjoyed feeling the earth beneath their feet.

## **nod**

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

*synonym* : respond, acknowledge, greet

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

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

## **frivolous**

*adj.* not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant

*synonym* : silly, foolish, unimportant

(1) **frivolous** lawsuits, (2) engage in **frivolous** conversation

He was accused of being **frivolous** and not taking his responsibilities seriously.

## **indifference**

*n.* a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something

*synonym* : apathy, disinterest, unconcern

(1) **indifference** to pain, (2) general **indifference**

I tried to assume an air of **indifference**.

## **ethic**

*n.* a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems

*synonym* : moral code, code of conduct, principles

(1) moral **ethic**, (2) professional **ethic**

Having a strong work **ethic** is important for success in any

field.

## pretension

*n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

*synonym*: presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

## insidious

*adj.* tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way

*synonym*: sly, cunning, subtle

(1) **insidious** plot, (2) **insidious** behavior

The disease has an **insidious** onset, making it difficult to diagnose.

## midtown

*n.* the central area of a city or town, typically a busy commercial or business district

*synonym*: downtown, city center, central business district

(1) **midtown** traffic, (2) **midtown** coffee shop

The conference is being held in **midtown** Manhattan.

## subconscious

*adj.* relating to or concerning the part of the mind that is not fully conscious but still influences thoughts, feelings, and behavior

*synonym*: unconscious, latent, hidden

(1) **subconscious** influence, (2) **subconscious** behavior

The **subconscious** mind is said to hold our deepest desires and fears.



## Session 2: Spelling

1. str\_\_\_\_\_en a crooked picture      *v.* to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned
2. br\_\_d hair      *n.* a complex pattern, design, or plait formed out of three or more strands, often used decoratively in hair, clothing, or textiles; threads of silk, cotton, or other material attached to clothes, uniforms, or other things made of cloth, as a decoration
3. ba\_\_\_\_\_ot walk      *adj.* without shoes or other foot coverings; wearing nothing on the feet
4. cre\_\_\_\_\_al themselves by showing their registration      *v.* to provide someone with certification or verification of their qualifications, usually in a particular field or profession; (noun) a document attesting to the truth of certain stated facts
5. low-r\_v engine      *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
6. fo\_\_d the use of chemical weapons      *v.* to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising
7. baseless pre\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

ANSWERS: 1. straighten, 2. braid, 3. barefoot, 4. credential, 5. rev, 6. forbid, 7. pretension

8. engage in fr\_\_\_\_\_us conversation      *adj.* not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant
9. member of the ari\_\_\_\_\_cy      *n.* a group of persons with high social status
10. ar\_\_y film      *adj.* (also arty) relating to or characteristic of artists, especially those who are experimental, unconventional, avant-garde, or eclectic; having an interest in art, craft, or design, often in a creative, whimsical, or fanciful way
11. work tr\_\_\_\_\_rs      *n.* a pair of leg coverings that extends from the waist to the ankles covering each leg separately, often referred to as pants
12. ind\_\_\_\_\_nce to pain      *n.* a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something
13. ethnic blo\_\_\_\_\_ing      *n.* the act of intentionally cutting a person's skin or vein to remove blood once thought to cure various illnesses; indiscriminate slaughter
14. pre\_\_\_\_\_on to authority      *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
15. con\_\_\_\_\_te property      *v.* to seize, take or appropriate something by authority, often as a penalty for breaking laws or rules
16. enl\_\_\_\_\_ed age      *adj.* having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook

ANSWERS: 8. frivolous, 9. aristocracy, 10. artsy, 11. trousers, 12. indifference, 13. bloodletting, 14. pretension, 15. confiscate, 16. enlightened

17. e\_\_y haircut *adj.* being tense, nervous, or irritable; nervous, jittery behavior; having a provocative, unconventional, or avant-garde style or mentality
18. write in sh\_\_\_\_\_nd *n.* a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something
19. ci\_\_\_\_\_te an agenda before the meeting *v.* to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system
20. sca\_\_\_\_\_us revelations *adj.* causing public outrage or offense by being morally or socially unacceptable; involving shameful or improper behavior
21. fr\_\_\_\_\_us lawsuits *adj.* not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant
22. dislocated col\_\_\_\_\_ne *n.* the bone that connects the shoulder blade to the breastbone; also known as the clavicle
23. n\_d courteously *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
24. r\_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 17. edgy, 18. shorthand, 19. circulate, 20. scandalous, 21. frivolous, 22. collarbone, 23. nod, 24. rev



33. sca\_\_\_\_\_us behavior *adj.* causing public outrage or offense by being morally or socially unacceptable; involving shameful or improper behavior
34. ar\_\_y d□cor *adj.* (also arty) relating to or characteristic of artists, especially those who are experimental, unconventional, avant-garde, or eclectic; having an interest in art, craft, or design, often in a creative, whimsical, or fanciful way
35. blo\_\_\_\_\_ing device *n.* the act of intentionally cutting a person's skin or vein to remove blood once thought to cure various illnesses; indiscriminate slaughter
36. elastic cord br\_\_d *n.* a complex pattern, design, or plait formed out of three or more strands, often used decoratively in hair, clothing, or textiles; threads of silk, cotton, or other material attached to clothes, uniforms, or other things made of cloth, as a decoration
37. n\_d at each other *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
38. industrial ren\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
39. in\_\_\_\_\_us behavior *adj.* tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way

ANSWERS: 33. scandalous, 34. artsy, 35. bloodletting, 36. braid, 37. nod, 38. Renaissance, 39. insidious

40. minimalist wa\_\_\_\_\_be *n.* a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings
41. mo\_\_\_\_\_us behavior *adj.* extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance
42. general ind\_\_\_\_\_nce *n.* a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something
43. s\_g my jaw *v.* to droop or hang down, especially due to a lack of support or the weight of something
44. broken col\_\_\_\_\_ne *n.* the bone that connects the shoulder blade to the breastbone; also known as the clavicle
45. artistic ren\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
46. negative ste\_\_\_\_\_pes *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
47. the blue-blooded ari\_\_\_\_\_cy *n.* a group of persons with high social status
48. a mo\_\_\_\_\_us iceberg *adj.* extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance
49. moral et\_\_c *n.* a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems

ANSWERS: 40. wardrobe, 41. monstrous, 42. indifference, 43. sag, 44. collarbone, 45. Renaissance, 46. stereotype, 47. aristocracy, 48. monstrous, 49. ethic

50. mi\_\_\_\_\_n coffee shop *n.* the central area of a city or town, typically a busy commercial or business district
51. emotional or\_\_\_\_l *n.* a painful, difficult, or dangerous experience or trial; a severe test of endurance or patience
52. mi\_\_\_\_\_n traffic *n.* the central area of a city or town, typically a busy commercial or business district
53. make an enl\_\_\_\_\_ed decision *adj.* having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook
54. avoid ste\_\_\_\_\_pe *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
55. in\_\_\_\_\_us plot *adj.* tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way
56. the tip of the pe\_\_\_\_\_la *n.* a long piece of land that is almost surrounded by water but is linked to a larger part of the land
57. ba\_\_\_\_\_ot fashion *adj.* without shoes or other foot coverings; wearing nothing on the feet
58. str\_\_\_\_\_en out a problem *v.* to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned
59. pa\_\_\_\_\_ch of a religion *n.* a man who is the head of a family or tribe or a man who is revered because of his age, wisdom, or spiritual leadership

ANSWERS: 50. midtown, 51. ordeal, 52. midtown, 53. enlightened, 54. stereotype, 55. insidious, 56. peninsula, 57. barefoot, 58. straighten, 59. patriarch

60. a few years af\_\_\_\_\_rd      *adv.* after the time mentioned
61. s\_g with fatigue      *v.* to droop or hang down, especially due to a lack of support or the weight of something
62. gr\_\_m a horse      *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
63. the Arab pe\_\_\_\_\_la      *n.* a long piece of land that is almost surrounded by water but is linked to a larger part of the land
64. act of fo\_\_y      *n.* a lack of good sense or judgment; foolishness or absurdity; specifically, a costly, useless, or pointless building or project that has been created or undertaken for no practical purpose or benefit
65. denim tr\_\_\_\_\_rs      *n.* a pair of leg coverings that extends from the waist to the ankles covering each leg separately, often referred to as pants
66. e\_\_y fashion      *adj.* being tense, nervous, or irritable; nervous, jittery behavior; having a provocative, unconventional, or avant-garde style or mentality
67. or\_\_\_l by fire      *n.* a painful, difficult, or dangerous experience or trial; a severe test of endurance or patience

ANSWERS: 60. afterward, 61. sag, 62. groom, 63. peninsula, 64. folly, 65. trousers, 66. edgy, 67. ordeal



68. learn sh\_\_\_\_\_nd *n.* a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something
69. sub\_\_\_\_\_ous influence *adj.* relating to or concerning the part of the mind that is not fully conscious but still influences thoughts, feelings, and behavior
70. Pa\_\_\_\_\_ch of Constantinople *n.* a man who is the head of a family or tribe or a man who is revered because of his age, wisdom, or spiritual leadership
71. businesslike at\_\_\_e *n.* clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose
72. casual at\_\_\_e *n.* clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose
73. gr\_\_m duties *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
74. go there af\_\_\_\_\_rd *adv.* after the time mentioned

ANSWERS: 68. shorthand, 69. subconscious, 70. patriarch, 71. attire, 72. attire, 73. groom, 74. afterward

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Having a strong work \_\_\_\_\_ is important for success in any field.  
*n.* a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems
2. To get the job, I need to \_\_\_\_\_ my experience and education.  
*v.* to provide someone with certification or verification of their qualifications, usually in a particular field or profession; (noun) a document attesting to the truth of certain stated facts
3. Her \_\_\_\_\_ selection included several pieces from high-end designer brands.  
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4. It was \_\_\_\_\_ for the hiker to climb the dangerous mountain alone.  
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5. The athlete suffered a broken \_\_\_\_\_ after a hard fall during the game.  
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6. The \_\_\_\_\_ teacher taught the class about the importance of compassion and empathy.  
*adj.* having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ hiker enjoyed feeling the earth beneath their feet.  
*adj.* without shoes or other foot coverings; wearing nothing on the feet

ANSWERS: 1. ethic, 2. credential, 3. wardrobe, 4. folly, 5. collarbone, 6. enlightened, 7. barefoot

8. Despite his popularity among the \_\_\_\_\_ he was unpopular with the general public.
- n.* a group of persons with high social status
9. The security officer had to \_\_\_\_\_ the weapon from the suspect.
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ANSWERS: 8. aristocracy, 9. confiscate, 10. artsy, 11. circulates, 12. groom, 13. peninsula, 14. bloodletting, 15. stereotypes

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- adj.* not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant

ANSWERS: 16. patriarch, 17. shorthand, 18. straighten, 19. afterward, 20. edgy, 21. braid, 22. frivolous

23. The disease has an \_\_\_\_\_ onset, making it difficult to diagnose.  
*adj.* tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way
24. The old mattress \_\_\_\_\_ in the middle, making it uncomfortable to sleep on.  
*v.* to droop or hang down, especially due to a lack of support or the weight of something
25. Folk music is now experiencing a \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
26. I tried to assume an air of \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something
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29. The media exposed the \_\_\_\_\_ affair between the politician and his assistant.  
*adj.* causing public outrage or offense by being morally or socially unacceptable; involving shameful or improper behavior
30. The conference is being held in \_\_\_\_\_ Manhattan.  
*n.* the central area of a city or town, typically a busy commercial or business district

ANSWERS: 23. insidious, 24. sagged, 25. renaissance, 26. indifference, 27. rev, 28. monstrous, 29. scandalous, 30. midtown

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- n.* clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose

34. He wore black \_\_\_\_\_ and a white shirt to the job interview.

- n.* a pair of leg coverings that extends from the waist to the ankles covering each leg separately, often referred to as pants

35. She \_\_\_\_\_ quietly in response to the question.

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

36. 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

37. The \_\_\_\_\_ mind is said to hold our deepest desires and fears.

- adj.* relating to or concerning the part of the mind that is not fully conscious but still influences thoughts, feelings, and behavior

ANSWERS: 31. forbid, 32. pretensions, 33. attire, 34. trousers, 35. nodded, 36. ordeal, 37. subconscious