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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### sight

*n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen

*synonym*: vision, spectacle, view

(1) an unexpected **sight**, (2) dull **sight**

Many famous **sights** are within walking distance.

### grand

*adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent

*synonym*: impressive, great, ambitious

(1) a **grand** meal, (2) **grand** bargain

This year's **grand** gathering will be held in Canada.

### AI

*n.* (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation

*synonym*: robot, machine learning, neural network

(1) **AI** expert, (2) apply **AI** technology to art

The evolution of processors has dramatically improved the performance of **AI**.

### develop

*v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add

detail to something that is in the process of being created

*synonym*: evolve, progress, advance

(1) **develop** a strategy, (2) **develop** a skill

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

## superhuman

*adj.* possessing abilities or characteristics that exceed those of normal humans; beyond human capacity or capability

*synonym*: supernatural, inhuman, beyond human

(1) **superhuman** beings, (2) **superhuman** effort

The athlete's **superhuman** strength allowed him to lift twice his body weight.

## breakout

*n.* an escape or sudden release from confinement, often used to describe a prison break or a spread of a disease

*synonym*: escape, eruption, jailbreak

(1) fire **breakout**, (2) stock market **breakout**

The prisoners staged a **breakout** and escaped from the prison.

## glaring

*adj.* extremely noticeable or obvious, often in a way that is unpleasant or unpleasantly bright

*synonym*: blatant, flagrant, obvious

(1) **glaring** example, (2) **glaring** omission

The **glaring** sun was making it difficult to see while driving.

## revenge

*n.* the act of inflicting punishment or harm in return for an injury or wrongdoing; retaliation, retribution

*synonym*: retaliation, retribution, vengeance

(1) plot **revenge**, (2) **revenge** killing

He seeks **revenge** against the person who wronged him.

## vex

*v.* to irritate or annoy with petty frustrations; to cause distress or agitation

*synonym*: annoy, irritate, bother

(1) **vex** my mind, (2) **vex** me all night

The loud noise from the construction site was starting to **vex** the nearby residents.

## spoil

*v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad

*synonym*: rot, decay, deteriorate

(1) **spoil** a person's sport, (2) **spoil** the surprise

If you leave the milk out of the refrigerator for too long, it will **spoil**.

## alert

*v.* to warn or arouse to a sense of danger; (adjective) paying close attention or being in a state of readiness for action

*synonym*: warn, inform, (adjective) vigilant

(1) **alert** consumers to the dangers, (2) **alert** system

The company's cybersecurity team **alerted** the CEO to potential threats.

## involve

*v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

*synonym*: implicate, include, engage

(1) **involve** a lot of paperwork, (2) **involve** a high degree of risk

The investigation **involves** several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

## reinforcement

*n.* the act of strengthening, supporting, or consolidating; something that serves to strengthen or support

*synonym*: strengthening, support, underpinning

(1) social **reinforcement**, (2) **reinforcement** of beliefs

The wall was strengthened with the **reinforcement** of heavy steel beams.

## maximum

*adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained

*synonym*: peak, top, highest

(1) **maximum** limit, (2) the **maximum** speed  
The **maximum** temperature recorded this summer was higher than average.

## numerical

*adj.* relating to, expressed, or denoted by a number  
*synonym*: quantitative, numeral, mathematical

(1) 3D **numerical** simulation, (2) the **numerical** keypad  
The **numerical** value of Pi is approximately 3.14.

## reward

*n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

*synonym*: compensation, gratuity, bonus

(1) the **reward** for good works, (2) shopping **rewards** cards  
Night fishing has a lot of **rewards**.

## underlying

*adj.* significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly

*synonym*: fundamental, latent, basic

(1) an **underlying** motive, (2) an **underlying** cause of an accident

The **underlying** principle of every business was identical.

## environment

*n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

*synonym*: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

## predict

*v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

*synonym*: forecast, anticipate, foresee

(1) **predict** the future, (2) **predict** when she will arrive  
It's notoriously challenging to **predict** birth rates.

## explicit

*adj.* stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt

*synonym*: clear, unambiguous, unequivocal

(1) **explicit** content, (2) **explicit** instructions

The movie had an **explicit** sex scene that some viewers might find offensive.

## instance

*n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something

*synonym*: example, sample, illustration

(1) for **instance**, (2) notable **instance**

These articles cite five **instances** of climate change.

## mash

*v.* to crush or grind something into a soft, wet, pulpy mass; to talk or behave amorously, without serious intentions;  
(*noun*) a mixture of crushed malt grains and hot water

*synonym*: crush, grind, pulverize

(1) **mash** his words, (2) potato **mash**

She **mashed** the potatoes with a fork until they were smooth and creamy.

## random

*adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

*synonym*: incidental, arbitrary, unanticipated

(1) a **random** choice, (2) bombs fell at **random**

To find drunk drivers, police conduct **random** tests.

## sequence

*n.* a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order

*synonym*: arrangement, succession, series

(1) the **sequence** of the seasons, (2) the DNA **sequence**

We do move forward with those tasks in **sequence** next week.

## infant

*n.* a baby or very young child

*synonym*: baby, newborn, tot

(1) **infant** daughter, (2) **infant** food

Mozart was an **infant** prodigy.

## consistent

*adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.

*synonym*: coherent, constant, compatible

(1) do on a **consistent** basis, (2) get **consistent** results  
You are not **consistent** in your behavior.

## intrinsically

*adv.* from the inherent nature or quality of something or arising from within

*synonym*: inherently, essentially, fundamentally

(1) **intrinsically** motivated, (2) **intrinsically** valuable  
The kindness of strangers is **intrinsically** rewarding, even when no reward is expected.

## novelty

*n.* the quality of being new, attractive, and unusual

*synonym*: originality, newness, wonder

(1) bit of a **novelty**, (2) the **novelty** of an invention  
In Europe, this tropical fruit is still a **novelty**.

## essential

*adj.* indispensable; fundamental

*synonym*: critical, crucial, basic

(1) **essential** amino acid, (2) **essential** commodities of life  
Trial and error is an **essential** part of education.

## ingenious

*adj.* showing inventiveness and ability or skill

*synonym*: creative, innovative, inventive

(1) **ingenious** device, (2) **ingenious** idea  
I always look forward to reading his stories since they're so **ingenious**.

## preference

*n.* a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person

*synonym*: taste, choice, affection

(1) his meal **preferences**, (2) a particular **preference** for Chinese art

Her **preference** is comfortable clothing over fashionable ones.

## suddenly

*adv.* quickly and unexpectedly

*synonym* : abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

## explore

*v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it

*synonym* : analyze, delve into, examine

(1) **explore** the world, (2) **explore** our options

The management must **explore** strategies to increase office security.

## grab

*v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

*synonym* : clutch, snatch, grasp

(1) **grab** an audience, (2) **grab** an opportunity

Shall we **grab** a bite to eat?

## temple

*n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead

*synonym* : shrine, mosque, synagogue

(1) **temple** complex, (2) a tour guide at the **temple**

He visited the **temple** to pray and make offerings to the gods.

## chamber

*n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament

*synonym* : association, cabin, legislature

(1) a gas **chamber**, (2) the lower **chamber**

The surgeon made an incision in the **chambers** of the patient's heart.

## emphasize

*v.* to give or show particular importance to something  
*synonym*: highlight, accentuate, stress

(1) **emphasize** her words, (2) **emphasize** a direct relationship

Use italics or capitals to **emphasize** a word in a piece of writing.

## eventually

*adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

*synonym*: finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed

The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

## motivation

*n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way

*synonym*: inspiration, incentive, reason

(1) understand his **motivation**, (2) **motivation** for a change

A significant amount of **motivation** is required to be a teacher.

## alternate

*adj.* occurring or existing one after the other regularly

*synonym*: substitute, back up, equivalent

(1) **alternate** choice, (2) every **alternate** year

The cleaning lady comes on **alternate** Wednesdays.

## encounter

*v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

*synonym*: meet, run into, come across

(1) **encounter** a crisis, (2) **encounter** a storm

I'm prepared to **encounter** challenges throughout this adventure.

## constant

*adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time

*synonym*: ceaseless, stable, unchanging



(1) a **constant** wind, (2) a **constant** temperature  
**Constant** dropping wears away the stone.

## novel

*n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

*synonym*: fiction, story, (adjective) innovative

(1) historical **novel**, (2) **novel** effect

The **novel** has largely gotten positive feedback.

## essentially

*adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

*synonym*: fundamentally, basically, virtually

(1) **essentially** correct, (2) become **essentially** same

**Essentially**, a society is an organism.

## paralyze

*v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel

*synonym*: immobilize, disable, numb

(1) **paralyze** a city, (2) **paralyze** a person

The venom from the snake bite **paralyzed** his arm.

## inspiration

*n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

*synonym*: motivation, drive, encouragement

(1) source of **inspiration**, (2) get **inspiration** from nature

He found **inspiration** in the works of his favorite authors.

## stick

*v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

*synonym*: pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

## practical

*adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas

*synonym* : applicable, functional, realistic

(1) **practical** English, (2) gain **practical** experience

Her concept is highly **practical** and helpful.

## increasingly

*adv.* more and more

*synonym* : more and more, progressively

(1) **increasingly** become common, (2) face **increasingly** complicated challenges

Our company found it **increasingly** difficult to keep up with the competition.

## intelligence

*n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

*synonym* : brains, brightness, cleverness

(1) an **intelligence** test, (2) field of artificial **intelligence**

In terms of **intelligence**, he was head and shoulders above his classmates.

## insight

*n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

*synonym* : wisdom, discernment, understanding

(1) a profound **insight**, (2) share my **insights**

We gained various **insights** by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.

## unstick

*v.* to free something that is stuck or adhering to something else

*synonym* : detach, remove, free

(1) **unstick** the door, (2) **unstick** the pages of a book

I had to use a knife to **unstick** the envelope from the table.

## boredom

*n.* a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation

*synonym* : ennui, tedium, monotony

(1) **boredom** relief, (2) chronic **boredom**

The long lecture on a topic I already knew left me struggling to fight off **boredom**.

## depression

*n.* a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market

*synonym* : recession, slump, despair

(1) the Great **Depression**, (2) the root problem of her **depression**

**Depression** symptoms might include a decrease in appetite and weight loss.

## addiction

*n.* the inability to stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

*synonym* : dependence

(1) alcohol **addiction**, (2) **addiction** to foreign oil

He is now fighting his **addiction** to drugs.

## curiosity

*n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something

*synonym* : interest, inquisitiveness, novelty

(1) boundless **curiosity**, (2) satisfy my intellectual **curiosity**

We are motivated by **curiosity** rather than necessity.

## creative

*adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

*synonym* : imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1. in___t food                       | <i>n.</i> a baby or very young child   |
| 2. every al_____te year              | <i>adj.</i> occurring or existing one after the other regularly  |
| 3. em_____ze a direct relationship   | <i>v.</i> to give or show particular importance to something   |
| 4. plot re_____e                     | <i>n.</i> the act of inflicting punishment or harm in return for an injury or wrongdoing; retaliation, retribution   |
| 5. ma_____m limit                    | <i>adj.</i> the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained   |
| 6. in_____e a lot of paperwork       | <i>v.</i> to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else  |
| 7. field of artificial int_____nce   | <i>n.</i> the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons  |
| 8. v_x me all night                  | <i>v.</i> to irritate or annoy with petty frustrations; to cause distress or agitation   |
| 9. satisfy my intellectual cu_____ty | <i>n.</i> a strong desire to know or learn about something   |
| 10. m__h his words                   | <i>v.</i> to crush or grind something into a soft, wet, pulpy mass; to talk or behave amorously, without serious intentions; (noun) a mixture of crushed malt grains and hot water |

ANSWERS: 1. infant, 2. alternate, 3. emphasize, 4. revenge, 5. maximum, 6. involve, 7. intelligence, 8. vex, 9. curiosity, 10. mash

11. alcohol ad\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the inability to stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
12. g\_\_b an opportunity *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
13. chaotic env\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
14. do on a con\_\_\_\_\_nt basis *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
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ANSWERS: 11. addiction, 12. grab, 13. environment, 14. consistent, 15. depression, 16. grab, 17. numerical, 18. sight, 19. chamber, 20. practical, 21. reinforcement

22. get con\_\_\_\_\_nt results *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
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25. gl\_\_\_\_\_g example *adj.* extremely noticeable or obvious, often in a way that is unpleasant or unpleasantly bright
26. es\_\_\_\_\_al amino acid *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
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31. gr\_\_d bargain *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
32. notable in\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
33. a ra\_\_\_m choice *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

ANSWERS: 22. consistent, 23. temple, 24. grand, 25. glaring, 26. essential, 27. numerical, 28. alert, 29. chamber, 30. infant, 31. grand, 32. instance, 33. random

34. rei\_\_\_\_\_ent of beliefs *n.* the act of strengthening, supporting, or consolidating; something that serves to strengthen or support
35. es\_\_\_\_\_al commodities of life *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
36. fire br\_\_\_\_\_ut *n.* an escape or sudden release from confinement, often used to describe a prison break or a spread of a disease
37. get ins\_\_\_\_\_on from nature *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
38. sup\_\_\_\_\_an effort *adj.* possessing abilities or characteristics that exceed those of normal humans; beyond human capacity or capability
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44. the no\_\_\_\_y of an invention *n.* the quality of being new, attractive, and unusual
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53. bombs fell at ra\_\_\_\_m *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
54. en\_\_\_\_er a crisis *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

ANSWERS: 44. novelty, 45. vex, 46. spoil, 47. reward, 48. curiosity, 49. explicit, 50. underlying, 51. stick, 52. addiction, 53. random, 54. encounter



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69. su\_\_\_\_\_ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
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ANSWERS: 66. ingenious, 67. constant, 68. AI, 69. suddenly, 70. reward, 71. develop, 72. novel, 73. explicit, 74. AI

75. ex\_\_\_\_\_e our options      *v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
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94. en\_\_\_\_\_er a storm      *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

ANSWERS: 86. explore, 87. environment, 88. underlying, 89. inspiration, 90. temple, 91. depression, 92. alert, 93. eventually, 94. encounter

95. barren of cr\_\_\_\_ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
96. die su\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
97. in\_\_\_\_us idea *adj.* showing inventiveness and ability or skill
98. historical no\_\_l *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
99. a profound in\_\_\_\_t *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
100. ess\_\_\_\_ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
101. the se\_\_\_\_ce of the seasons *n.* a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order
102. face inc\_\_\_\_gly complicated challenges *adv.* more and more
103. for in\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
104. chronic bo\_\_\_\_m *n.* a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation
105. share my in\_\_\_\_ts *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

ANSWERS: 95. creative, 96. suddenly, 97. ingenious, 98. novel, 99. insight, 100. essentially, 101. sequence, 102. increasingly, 103. instance, 104. boredom, 105. insight

106. pr\_\_\_\_t the future      *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
107. un\_\_\_\_k the door      *v.* to free something that is stuck or adhering to something else
108. the DNA se\_\_\_\_ce      *n.* a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order
109. stock market br\_\_\_\_ut      *n.* an escape or sudden release from confinement, often used to describe a prison break or a spread of a disease
110. pa\_\_\_\_ze a city      *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
111. int\_\_\_\_lly motivated      *adv.* from the inherent nature or quality of something or arising from within
112. un\_\_\_\_k the pages of a book      *v.* to free something that is stuck or adhering to something else
113. eve\_\_\_\_ly become obsolete      *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
114. st\_\_k a key in a lock      *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

ANSWERS: 106. predict, 107. unstick, 108. sequence, 109. breakout, 110. paralyze, 111. intrinsically, 112. unstick, 113. eventually, 114. stick

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The cleaning lady comes on \_\_\_\_\_ Wednesdays.

*adj.* occurring or existing one after the other regularly

2. \_\_\_\_\_ dropping wears away the stone.

*adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time

3. Night fishing has a lot of \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

4. She \_\_\_\_\_ the potatoes with a fork until they were smooth and creamy.

*v.* to crush or grind something into a soft, wet, pulpy mass; to talk or behave amorously, without serious intentions; (noun) a mixture of crushed malt grains and hot water

5. A significant amount of \_\_\_\_\_ is required to be a teacher.

*n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way

6. You are not \_\_\_\_\_ in your behavior.

*adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.

7. The management must \_\_\_\_\_ strategies to increase office security.

*v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it

8. The investigation \_\_\_\_\_ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

*v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

ANSWERS: 1. alternate, 2. Constant, 3. rewards, 4. mashed, 5. motivation, 6. consistent, 7. explore, 8. involves

9. These articles cite five \_\_\_\_\_ of climate change.  
*n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
10. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
11. Our company found it \_\_\_\_\_ difficult to keep up with the competition.  
*adv.* more and more
12. I always look forward to reading his stories since they're so \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* showing inventiveness and ability or skill
13. Trial and error is an \_\_\_\_\_ part of education.  
*adj.* indispensable; fundamental
14. The company's cybersecurity team \_\_\_\_\_ the CEO to potential threats.  
*v.* to warn or arouse to a sense of danger; (adjective) paying close attention or being in a state of readiness for action
15. The \_\_\_\_\_ temperature recorded this summer was higher than average.  
*adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
16. If you leave the milk out of the refrigerator for too long, it will \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad
17. Many famous \_\_\_\_\_ are within walking distance.  
*n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen

ANSWERS: 9. instances, 10. environment, 11. increasingly, 12. ingenious, 13. essential, 14. alerted, 15. maximum, 16. spoil, 17. sights



18. He found \_\_\_\_\_ in the works of his favorite authors.

- n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

19. To find drunk drivers, police conduct \_\_\_\_\_ tests.

- adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

20. I'm prepared to \_\_\_\_\_ challenges throughout this adventure.

- v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

21. You \_\_\_\_\_ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

- v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

22. The evolution of processors has dramatically improved the performance of \_\_\_\_.

- n.* (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation

23. \_\_\_\_\_ symptoms might include a decrease in appetite and weight loss.

- n.* a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market

24. The prisoners staged a \_\_\_\_\_ and escaped from the prison.

- n.* an escape or sudden release from confinement, often used to describe a prison break or a spread of a disease

ANSWERS: 18. inspiration, 19. random, 20. encounter, 21. stick, 22. AI, 23. Depression, 24. breakout

25. He is now fighting his \_\_\_\_\_ to drugs.

*n.* the inability to stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

26. Use italics or capitals to \_\_\_\_\_ a word in a piece of writing.

*v.* to give or show particular importance to something

27. He visited the \_\_\_\_\_ to pray and make offerings to the gods.

*n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead

28. This year's \_\_\_\_\_ gathering will be held in Canada.

*adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent

29. Who answers \_\_\_\_\_ knows little.

*adv.* quickly and unexpectedly

30. He seeks \_\_\_\_\_ against the person who wronged him.

*n.* the act of inflicting punishment or harm in return for an injury or wrongdoing; retaliation, retribution

31. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

32. The \_\_\_\_\_ sun was making it difficult to see while driving.

*adj.* extremely noticeable or obvious, often in a way that is unpleasant or unpleasantly bright

ANSWERS: 25. addiction, 26. emphasize, 27. temple, 28. grand, 29. suddenly, 30. revenge, 31. creative, 32. glaring

33. The \_\_\_\_\_ has largely gotten positive feedback.
- n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
34. Shall we \_\_\_\_\_ a bite to eat?
- v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
35. The loud noise from the construction site was starting to \_\_\_\_\_ the nearby residents.
- v.* to irritate or annoy with petty frustrations; to cause distress or agitation
36. In terms of \_\_\_\_\_ he was head and shoulders above his classmates.
- n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
37. It's notoriously challenging to \_\_\_\_\_ birth rates.
- v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
38. Mozart was an \_\_\_\_\_ prodigy.
- n.* a baby or very young child
39. The surgeon made an incision in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the patient's heart.
- n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
40. \_\_\_\_\_ a society is an organism.
- adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

ANSWERS: 33. novel, 34. grab, 35. vex, 36. intelligence, 37. predict, 38. infant, 39. chambers, 40. Essentially,

41. The wall was strengthened with the \_\_\_\_\_ of heavy steel beams.  
*n.* the act of strengthening, supporting, or consolidating; something that serves to strengthen or support
42. Her concept is highly \_\_\_\_\_ and helpful.  
*adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas
43. In Europe, this tropical fruit is still a \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the quality of being new, attractive, and unusual
44. The \_\_\_\_\_ principle of every business was identical.  
*adj.* significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly
45. Her \_\_\_\_\_ is comfortable clothing over fashionable ones.  
*n.* a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person
46. The \_\_\_\_\_ value of Pi is approximately 3.14.  
*adj.* relating to, expressed, or denoted by a number
47. The corporation \_\_\_\_\_ dominated the entire tobacco business.  
*adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
48. The movie had an \_\_\_\_\_ sex scene that some viewers might find offensive.  
*adj.* stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt

ANSWERS: 41. reinforcement, 42. practical, 43. novelty, 44. underlying, 45. preference, 46. numerical, 47. eventually, 48. explicit

49. I had to use a knife to \_\_\_\_\_ the envelope from the table.  
*v.* to free something that is stuck or adhering to something else
50. We are motivated by \_\_\_\_\_ rather than necessity.  
*n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
51. The athlete's \_\_\_\_\_ strength allowed him to lift twice his body weight.  
*adj.* possessing abilities or characteristics that exceed those of normal humans; beyond human capacity or capability
52. The long lecture on a topic I already knew left me struggling to fight off \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation
53. The kindness of strangers is \_\_\_\_\_ rewarding, even when no reward is expected.  
*adv.* from the inherent nature or quality of something or arising from within
54. The venom from the snake bite \_\_\_\_\_ his arm.  
*v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
55. We must \_\_\_\_\_ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.  
*v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
56. We do move forward with those tasks in \_\_\_\_\_ next week.  
*n.* a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order

ANSWERS: 49. unstick, 50. curiosity, 51. superhuman, 52. boredom, 53. intrinsically, 54. paralyzed, 55. develop, 56. sequence

57. We gained various \_\_\_\_\_ by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.

- n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

ANSWERS: 57. insights