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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### crook

*n.* a bend or curve, especially in a rod or stick; someone who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime

*synonym* : bend, curve, arc

(1) hi-tech **crook**, (2) a **crook** in a stream

The police caught the **crook** after a string of burglaries.

### grandparent

*n.* a parent of one's father or mother

(1) great- **grandparent**, (2) person of **grandparent** age

She was close to her paternal **grandparents** and often spent summers with them.

### gulf

*n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land

*synonym* : chasm, divide, abyss

(1) **gulf** war, (2) **gulf** stream

The **Gulf** of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.

### instinct

*n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

*synonym* : intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**  
When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

## bury

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb  
*synonym*: entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

## cringe

v. to move back or away from someone or something because you are afraid or shocked; to shrink as in fear, disgust, or embarrassment

*synonym*: shrink, cower, quiver

(1) **cringe** with fear, (2) **cringe** at the thought of an accident

The dog **cringed** at its master voice.

## stash

v. to store or hide something in a safe or secret place, especially for future use

*synonym*: hoard, stockpile, reserve

(1) **stash** gems in a safe, (2) **stash** your phone

He **stashed** away a large amount of money in a Swiss bank.

## 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.

## repurpose

v. to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended

*synonym*: reutilize, recycle, reuse

(1) **repurpose** an old building, (2) **repurpose** a used car

The old barn was **repurposed** into a modern event space.

- rag** *n.* a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning  
*synonym* : cloth, fragment  
(1) a **rag** of cloud, (2) **rag** doll  
He used an old **rag** to clean the grease off the car's engine.
- ember** *n.* a small piece of smoking wood or coal that remains after a fire has died out; a spark or glowing fragment that remains after something has been consumed or destroyed  
*synonym* : spark, glow, cinder  
(1) smoldering **ember**, (2) red-hot **ember**  
The warm **ember** from the fireplace glowed brightly.
- sensibility** *n.* mental responsiveness and awareness toward something  
*synonym* : emotion, sense, aesthesia  
(1) cultural **sensibility**, (2) design **sensibility**  
Everything he writes shows the breadth of his **sensibility**.
- industrious** *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort  
*synonym* : diligent, hardworking, assiduous  
(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student  
He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.
- nostalgia** *n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past  
*synonym* : longing, wistfulness, yearning  
(1) a warm **nostalgia**, (2) **nostalgia** trip  
The ice cream truck's sound brought back **nostalgia** for my childhood.
- craze** *n.* an enthusiasm for a particular activity, object, or idea that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a fad  
*synonym* : mania, fad, agitation

(1) **craze** for speculation, (2) fitness **craze**

We experienced a **craze** for electric vehicles as interest in green tech grew.

## yesteryear

*n.* the past, especially a past era or time period that is now considered outdated

*synonym*: past, yesterday, bygone days

(1) **yesteryear** fashion, (2) **yesteryear** nostalgia

My grandparents love reminiscing about their favorite movies from **yesteryear**.

## zeitgeist

*n.* the spirit or general outlook of a particular period of time, especially as it is reflected in the beliefs and attitudes of that time; the cultural, intellectual, or moral climate of a society or era

*synonym*: spirit of the time, trend, fashion

(1) the **zeitgeist** of the era, (2) cultural **zeitgeist**

The political speech resonated with the **zeitgeist** of national unity and cooperation.

## troublesome

*adj.* causing difficulty or annoyance for someone

*synonym*: disconcerting, unsettling, upsetting

(1) undertake a **troublesome** task, (2) **troublesome** behavior

He had to resolve a **troublesome** event that happened unexpectedly

## cognizant

*adj.* aware of or knowledgeable about something; having consciousness or recognition of something

*synonym*: aware, mindful, conscious

(1) **cognizant** of the risk, (2) become **cognizant**

I have to be **cognizant** of my budget when I go on vacation.

## salient

*adj.* most noticeable or important; striking

*synonym*: striking, noticeable, important

(1) the **salient** part of the speech, (2) **salient** feature

The most **salient** point made during the presentation was the potential profit increase.

## augment

*v.* to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it

*synonym* : boost, increase, expand

(1) **augment** the reality, (2) **augment** immunity

Economic factors and monetary policy **augmented** inflation.

## redo

*v.* to do again, usually to correct or improve upon a previous attempt; to renovate or redesign something to make it better or more suitable

*synonym* : revise, remake, rework

(1) **redo** a kitchen, (2) **redo** a project

I had to **redo** my entire presentation because the formatting was off.

## palatable

*adj.* having a pleasant or acceptable taste; pleasing or agreeable to the mind or senses; easily tolerated or accepted

*synonym* : delicious, tasty, flavorful

(1) **palatable** food, (2) **palatable** solution

I'm usually a picky eater, but the seafood at this restaurant was surprisingly **palatable**.

## revisal

*n.* an act of revising or reviewing something, particularly a written text or document

*synonym* : revision, alteration, modification

(1) **revisal** process, (2) the **revisal** of the project timeline

The critic suggested a **revisal** of the script to make it more engaging for the audience.

## porous

*adj.* having many small holes and being able to absorb or pass through fluids

*synonym* : permeable, spongy, absorbent

(1) **porous** materials, (2) **porous** membrane

Our unfenced and largely unpoliced border inevitably has

been very **porous** for insurgents.

## **vantage**

*n.* a position or place that provides a commanding or advantageous view or perspective; a favorable position or advantage

*synonym*: advantage, benefit, edge

(1) strategic **vantage**, (2) gain a **vantage**

From our **vantage** point, we could see the whole city skyline.

## **ancestor**

*n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

*synonym*: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

## **resonate**

*v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound

*synonym*: echo, reverberate, resound

(1) deeply **resonate** with the consumers, (2) **resonate** in the same frequency

The sound **resonates** well in this theater.

## **elevate**

*v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

*synonym*: lift, heighten, promote

(1) **elevate** educational standards, (2) **elevate** a close relationship

Eating food in a hurry **elevates** blood glucose levels.

## **retell**

*v.* to tell someone about something again or differently

*synonym*: reiterate, repeat, restate

(1) **retell** a story, (2) **retell** an old tale

He **retells** the truth to plead not guilty.

## **upend**

*v.* to turn or flip over; to overthrow or upset the established order

*synonym*: overturn, upset, invert

(1) **upend** a table, (2) **upend** a tradition

The sudden news **upended** their plans for the weekend.

## **squirm**

v. to twist, wiggle, or contort the body uncomfortably or awkwardly, often due to embarrassment, discomfort, or nervousness

*synonym*: squiggle, wiggle, writhe

(1) **squirm** uncomfortably, (2) **squirm** with excitement

The child **squirmed** out of his mother's grasp and ran off.

## **savior**

n. a person who rescues a people from harm or danger; (in Christianity) Jesus Christ who is a teacher and prophet born in Bethlehem and active in Nazareth

*synonym*: hero, rescuer, redeemer

(1) political **savior**, (2) pray to the **savior**

The guru of that religion thought of himself as a **savior**.

## **underwrite**

v. to assume financial responsibility for something

*synonym*: insure, guarantee, cover

(1) **underwrite** a loan, (2) **underwrite** an issue of shares

The insurance company decided to **underwrite** the policy for the new building.

## **outweigh**

v. to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something

*synonym*: dominate, outrank, overpower

(1) **outweigh** the benefit, (2) **outweigh** our wishes

The advantages would undoubtedly **outweigh** the disadvantages.

## **playwright**

n. a person who writes plays

*synonym*: dramatist, scribe, librettist

(1) acclaimed **playwright**, (2) a **playwright** attached to the theatre

The **playwright's** work was praised by critics and audiences alike.

## confuse

*v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

*synonym*: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

## synonymous

*adj.* having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase

*synonym*: equivalent, interchangeable, similar

(1) **synonymous** terms, (2) non- **synonymous** mutation

The phrase "big shot" and "important person" are **synonymous**.

## onstage

*adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience

(1) appeared **onstage**, (2) walk **onstage**

He performed his magic trick **onstage**, leaving the audience in awe.

## nauseam

*n.* (also used as "ad nauseam") a feeling of sickness with an inclination to vomit; commonly associated with dizziness, weakness, and a loss of appetite; (ad nauseam, adjective or ) repeated or discussed excessively, to the point where it becomes annoying, tedious, or boring

*synonym*: sickness, queasiness, nausea

(1) **nauseam** feeling, (2) ad **nauseam** repetition

The song played on the radio to an ad **nauseam** degree.

## categorical

*adj.* stating something as an absolute fact, without the possibility of doubt or exception; relating to or included in a category or categories

*synonym*: absolute, unconditional, unqualified

(1) **categorical** denial, (2) law of **categorical** judgment

She made a **categorical** statement that she would never eat sushi.



## permutation

*n.* the act or process of rearranging or reordering a set of elements or objects in a different sequence or configuration; a specific arrangement or order of a set of elements or objects

*synonym*: variation, transformation, alteration

(1) **permutation** formula, (2) **permutation** test

Scientists study the **permutations** of chemical elements and compounds to better understand their properties and potential uses.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|---------------------------------------|---|
| 1. in____ct for self-preservation     | <i>n.</i> an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true   |
| 2. up__d a table                      | <i>v.</i> to turn or flip over; to overthrow or upset the established order   |
| 3. re___l an old tale                 | <i>v.</i> to tell someone about something again or differently  |
| 4. pray to the sa___r                 | <i>n.</i> a person who rescues a people from harm or danger; (in Christianity) Jesus Christ who is a teacher and prophet born in Bethlehem and active in Nazareth |
| 5. walk on____e                       | <i>adv.</i> onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience  |
| 6. g__f war                           | <i>n.</i> a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land  |
| 7. design sen_____ty                  | <i>n.</i> mental responsiveness and awareness toward something  |
| 8. deeply re____te with the consumers | <i>v.</i> to be filled with a deep echoing sound  |
| 9. re____te in the same frequency     | <i>v.</i> to be filled with a deep echoing sound  |
| 10. cat_____al denial                 | <i>adj.</i> stating something as an absolute fact, without the possibility of doubt or exception; relating to or included in a category or categories             |

ANSWERS: 1. instinct, 2. upend, 3. retell, 4. savior, 5. onstage, 6. gulf, 7. sensibility, 8. resonate, 9. resonate, 10. categorical

11. a warm no\_\_\_\_\_ia                      *n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
12. per\_\_\_\_\_on test                      *n.* the act or process of rearranging or reordering a set of elements or objects in a different sequence or configuration; a specific arrangement or order of a set of elements or objects
13. cultural ze\_\_\_\_\_st                      *n.* the spirit or general outlook of a particular period of time, especially as it is reflected in the beliefs and attitudes of that time; the cultural, intellectual, or moral climate of a society or era
14. great-gra\_\_\_\_\_nt                      *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
15. aggressive in\_\_\_\_\_ct                      *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
16. na\_\_\_\_\_m feeling                      *n.* (also used as "ad nauseam") a feeling of sickness with an inclination to vomit; commonly associated with dizziness, weakness, and a loss of appetite; (ad nauseam, adjective or ) repeated or discussed excessively, to the point where it becomes annoying, tedious, or boring
17. und\_\_\_\_\_te a loan                      *v.* to assume financial responsibility for something
18. r\_\_o a project                      *v.* to do again, usually to correct or improve upon a previous attempt; to renovate or redesign something to make it better or more suitable

ANSWERS: 11. nostalgia, 12. permutation, 13. zeitgeist, 14. grandparent, 15. instinct, 16. nauseam, 17. underwrite, 18. redo

19. au\_\_\_\_t immunity *v.* to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it
20. earliest human an\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
21. gain a va\_\_\_\_e *n.* a position or place that provides a commanding or advantageous view or perspective; a favorable position or advantage
22. ou\_\_\_\_gh the benefit *v.* to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something
23. el\_\_\_\_e educational standards *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
24. r\_\_o a kitchen *v.* to do again, usually to correct or improve upon a previous attempt; to renovate or redesign something to make it better or more suitable
25. strategic va\_\_\_\_e *n.* a position or place that provides a commanding or advantageous view or perspective; a favorable position or advantage
26. a pla\_\_\_\_ht attached to the theatre *n.* a person who writes plays
27. po\_\_\_s membrane *adj.* having many small holes and being able to absorb or pass through fluids
28. und\_\_\_\_te an issue of shares *v.* to assume financial responsibility for something
29. au\_\_\_\_t the reality *v.* to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it

ANSWERS: 19. augment, 20. ancestor, 21. vantage, 22. outweigh, 23. elevate, 24. redo, 25. vantage, 26. playwright, 27. porous, 28. underwrite, 29. augment

30. law of cat\_\_\_\_\_al judgment *adj.* stating something as an absolute fact, without the possibility of doubt or exception; relating to or included in a category or categories
31. st\_\_h your phone *v.* to store or hide something in a safe or secret place, especially for future use
32. cr\_\_\_e at the thought of an accident *v.* to move back or away from someone or something because you are afraid or shocked; to shrink as in fear, disgust, or embarrassment
33. sq\_\_\_m with excitement *v.* to twist, wiggle, or contort the body uncomfortably or awkwardly, often due to embarrassment, discomfort, or nervousness
34. st\_\_h gems in a safe *v.* to store or hide something in a safe or secret place, especially for future use
35. co\_\_\_\_\_nt of the risk *adj.* aware of or knowledgeable about something; having consciousness or recognition of something
36. smoldering em\_\_r *n.* a small piece of smoking wood or coal that remains after a fire has died out; a spark or glowing fragment that remains after something has been consumed or destroyed
37. red-hot em\_\_r *n.* a small piece of smoking wood or coal that remains after a fire has died out; a spark or glowing fragment that remains after something has been consumed or destroyed
38. an\_\_\_\_\_or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

ANSWERS: 30. categorical, 31. stash, 32. cringe, 33. squirm, 34. stash, 35. cognizant, 36. ember, 37. ember, 38. ancestor

39. sa\_\_\_\_t feature *adj.* most noticeable or important; striking
40. 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
41. re\_\_\_\_\_se a used car *v.* to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended
42. g\_\_f stream *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
43. yes\_\_\_\_\_ar nostalgia *n.* the past, especially a past era or time period that is now considered outdated
44. po\_\_\_\_s materials *adj.* having many small holes and being able to absorb or pass through fluids
45. ind\_\_\_\_\_us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
46. the re\_\_\_\_\_l of the project timeline *n.* an act of revising or reviewing something, particularly a written text or document
47. re\_\_\_\_\_se an old building *v.* to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended
48. re\_\_\_\_l a story *v.* to tell someone about something again or differently
49. appeared on\_\_\_\_\_e *adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
50. non-syn\_\_\_\_\_us mutation *adj.* having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase
51. undertake a tro\_\_\_\_\_me task *adj.* causing difficulty or annoyance for someone

ANSWERS: 39. salient, 40. pretension, 41. repurpose, 42. gulf, 43. yesteryear, 44. porous, 45. industrious, 46. revisal, 47. repurpose, 48. retell, 49. onstage, 50. synonymous, 51. troublesome

52. ou\_\_\_\_gh our wishes      *v.* to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something
53. cr\_\_\_\_e with fear      *v.* to move back or away from someone or something because you are afraid or shocked; to shrink as in fear, disgust, or embarrassment
54. the sa\_\_\_\_t part of the speech      *adj.* most noticeable or important; striking
55. el\_\_\_\_e a close relationship      *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
56. pa\_\_\_\_le food      *adj.* having a pleasant or acceptable taste; pleasing or agreeable to the mind or senses; easily tolerated or accepted
57. syn\_\_\_\_us terms      *adj.* having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase
58. co\_\_\_\_e fantasy with reality      *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
59. b\_\_y emotion      *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
60. sq\_\_\_\_m uncomfortably      *v.* to twist, wiggle, or contort the body uncomfortably or awkwardly, often due to embarrassment, discomfort, or nervousness
61. ad na\_\_\_\_m repetition      *n.* (also used as "ad nauseam") a feeling of sickness with an inclination to vomit; commonly associated with dizziness, weakness, and a loss of appetite; (ad nauseam, adjective or ) repeated or discussed excessively, to the point where it becomes annoying, tedious, or boring

ANSWERS: 52. outweigh, 53. cringe, 54. salient, 55. elevate, 56. palatable, 57. synonymous, 58. confuse, 59. bury, 60. squirm, 61. nauseam

62. become co\_\_\_\_\_nt *adj.* aware of or knowledgeable about something; having consciousness or recognition of something
63. the ze\_\_\_\_\_st of the era *n.* the spirit or general outlook of a particular period of time, especially as it is reflected in the beliefs and attitudes of that time; the cultural, intellectual, or moral climate of a society or era
64. co\_\_\_\_\_e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
65. re\_\_\_\_\_l process *n.* an act of revising or reviewing something, particularly a written text or document
66. r\_g doll *n.* a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning
67. fitness cr\_\_e *n.* an enthusiasm for a particular activity, object, or idea that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a fad
68. a cr\_\_k in a stream *n.* a bend or curve, especially in a rod or stick; someone who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime
69. political sa\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person who rescues a people from harm or danger; (in Christianity) Jesus Christ who is a teacher and prophet born in Bethlehem and active in Nazareth
70. hi-tech cr\_\_k *n.* a bend or curve, especially in a rod or stick; someone who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime

ANSWERS: 62. cognizant, 63. zeitgeist, 64. confuse, 65. revisal, 66. rag, 67. craze, 68. crook, 69. savior, 70. crook



71. person of gra\_\_\_\_\_nt age *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
72. ind\_\_\_\_\_us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
73. cultural sen\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* mental responsiveness and awareness toward something
74. pa\_\_\_\_\_le solution *adj.* having a pleasant or acceptable taste; pleasing or agreeable to the mind or senses; easily tolerated or accepted
75. b\_\_y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
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79. a r\_g of cloud *n.* a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning
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81. up\_\_d a tradition *v.* to turn or flip over; to overthrow or upset the established order
82. yes\_\_\_\_\_ar fashion *n.* the past, especially a past era or time period that is now considered outdated

ANSWERS: 71. grandparent, 72. industrious, 73. sensibility, 74. palatable, 75. bury, 76. permutation, 77. nostalgia, 78. playwright, 79. rag, 80. craze, 81. upend, 82. yesteryear

83. tro\_\_\_\_\_me behavior

*adj.* causing difficulty or annoyance for someone

84. 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: 83. troublesome, 84. pretension

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Economic factors and monetary policy \_\_\_\_\_ inflation.
  - v.* to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it
  
2. The dog \_\_\_\_\_ at its master voice.
  - v.* to move back or away from someone or something because you are afraid or shocked; to shrink as in fear, disgust, or embarrassment
  
3. The political speech resonated with the \_\_\_\_\_ of national unity and cooperation.
  - n.* the spirit or general outlook of a particular period of time, especially as it is reflected in the beliefs and attitudes of that time; the cultural, intellectual, or moral climate of a society or era
  
4. His \_\_\_\_\_ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.
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5. We experienced a \_\_\_\_\_ for electric vehicles as interest in green tech grew.
  - n.* an enthusiasm for a particular activity, object, or idea that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a fad
  
6. I'm usually a picky eater, but the seafood at this restaurant was surprisingly \_\_\_\_\_.
  - adj.* having a pleasant or acceptable taste; pleasing or agreeable to the mind or senses; easily tolerated or accepted

ANSWERS: 1. augmented, 2. cringed, 3. zeitgeist, 4. pretensions, 5. craze, 6. palatable

7. The sound \_\_\_\_\_ well in this theater.  
*v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
8. My remote \_\_\_\_\_ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.  
*n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
9. The critic suggested a \_\_\_\_\_ of the script to make it more engaging for the audience.  
*n.* an act of revising or reviewing something, particularly a written text or document
10. When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial \_\_\_\_\_ was to flee.  
*n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
11. My grandparents love reminiscing about their favorite movies from \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the past, especially a past era or time period that is now considered outdated
12. The child \_\_\_\_\_ out of his mother's grasp and ran off.  
*v.* to twist, wiggle, or contort the body uncomfortably or awkwardly, often due to embarrassment, discomfort, or nervousness
13. The guru of that religion thought of himself as a \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a person who rescues a people from harm or danger; (in Christianity) Jesus Christ who is a teacher and prophet born in Bethlehem and active in Nazareth
14. Everything he writes shows the breadth of his \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* mental responsiveness and awareness toward something

ANSWERS: 7. resonates, 8. ancestor, 9. revisal, 10. instinct, 11. yesteryear, 12. squirmed, 13. savior, 14. sensibility

15. She made a \_\_\_\_\_ statement that she would never eat sushi.  
*adj.* stating something as an absolute fact, without the possibility of doubt or exception; relating to or included in a category or categories
16. The insurance company decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the policy for the new building.  
*v.* to assume financial responsibility for something
17. The most \_\_\_\_\_ point made during the presentation was the potential profit increase.  
*adj.* most noticeable or important; striking
18. The song played on the radio to an ad \_\_\_\_\_ degree.  
*n.* (also used as "ad nauseam") a feeling of sickness with an inclination to vomit; commonly associated with dizziness, weakness, and a loss of appetite; (ad nauseam, adjective or ) repeated or discussed excessively, to the point where it becomes annoying, tedious, or boring
19. The \_\_\_\_\_ work was praised by critics and audiences alike.  
*n.* a person who writes plays
20. The old barn was \_\_\_\_\_ into a modern event space.  
*v.* to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended
21. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.  
*n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
22. The phrase "big shot" and "important person" are \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase

ANSWERS: 15. categorical, 16. underwrite, 17. salient, 18. nauseam, 19. playwright's, 20. repurposed, 21. Gulf, 22. synonymous

23. He performed his magic trick \_\_\_\_\_ leaving the audience in awe.  
*adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
24. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.  
*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
25. Eating food in a hurry \_\_\_\_\_ blood glucose levels.  
*v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
26. The advantages would undoubtedly \_\_\_\_\_ the disadvantages.  
*v.* to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something
27. There is plenty of space to \_\_\_\_\_ everyone.  
*v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
28. I had to \_\_\_\_\_ my entire presentation because the formatting was off.  
*v.* to do again, usually to correct or improve upon a previous attempt; to renovate or redesign something to make it better or more suitable
29. Our unfenced and largely unpoliced border inevitably has been very \_\_\_\_\_ for insurgents.  
*adj.* having many small holes and being able to absorb or pass through fluids
30. I have to be \_\_\_\_\_ of my budget when I go on vacation.  
*adj.* aware of or knowledgeable about something; having consciousness or recognition of something
31. The ice cream truck's sound brought back \_\_\_\_\_ for my childhood.  
*n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past

ANSWERS: 23. onstage, 24. industrious, 25. elevates, 26. outweigh, 27. bury, 28. redo, 29. porous, 30. cognizant, 31. nostalgia

32. From our \_\_\_\_\_ point, we could see the whole city skyline.  
*n.* a position or place that provides a commanding or advantageous view or perspective; a favorable position or advantage
33. The warm \_\_\_\_\_ from the fireplace glowed brightly.  
*n.* a small piece of smoking wood or coal that remains after a fire has died out; a spark or glowing fragment that remains after something has been consumed or destroyed
34. He \_\_\_\_\_ away a large amount of money in a Swiss bank.  
*v.* to store or hide something in a safe or secret place, especially for future use
35. He \_\_\_\_\_ the truth to plead not guilty.  
*v.* to tell someone about something again or differently
36. The sudden news \_\_\_\_\_ their plans for the weekend.  
*v.* to turn or flip over; to overthrow or upset the established order
37. He had to resolve a \_\_\_\_\_ event that happened unexpectedly  
*adj.* causing difficulty or annoyance for someone
38. Her remarks \_\_\_\_\_ the debate.  
*v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
39. Scientists study the \_\_\_\_\_ of chemical elements and compounds to better understand their properties and potential uses.  
*n.* the act or process of rearranging or reordering a set of elements or objects in a different sequence or configuration; a specific arrangement or order of a set of elements or objects

ANSWERS: 32. vantage, 33. ember, 34. stashed, 35. retells, 36. upended, 37. troublesome, 38. confused, 39. permutations

40. She was close to her paternal \_\_\_\_\_ and often spent summers with them.

*n.* a parent of one's father or mother

41. He used an old \_\_\_\_ to clean the grease off the car's engine.

*n.* a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning

42. The police caught the \_\_\_\_\_ after a string of burglaries.

*n.* a bend or curve, especially in a rod or stick; someone who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime

ANSWERS: 40. grandparents, 41. rag, 42. crook