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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	<i>n.</i> a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
12. per_____on test	<i>n.</i> 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	<i>n.</i> 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	<i>n.</i> a parent of one's father or mother
15. aggressive in____ct	<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
16. na____m feeling	<i>n.</i> (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	<i>v.</i> to assume financial responsibility for something
18. r__o a project	<i>v.</i> 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	<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
31. st__h your phone	<i>v.</i> to store or hide something in a safe or secret place, especially for future use
32. cr___e at the thought of an accident	<i>v.</i> 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	<i>v.</i> to twist, wiggle, or contort the body uncomfortably or awkwardly, often due to embarrassment, discomfort, or nervousness
34. st __ h gems in a safe	<i>v.</i> to store or hide something in a safe or secret place, especially for future use
35. co_____nt of the risk	<i>adj.</i> aware of or knowledgeable about something; having consciousness or recognition of something
36. smoldering em__r	<i>n.</i> 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	<i>n.</i> 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	<i>n.</i> 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	<i>adj.</i> most noticeable or important; striking
40. pre____on to authority	<i>n.</i> 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	<i>v.</i> to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended
42. g__f stream	<i>n.</i> a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
43. yes____ar nostalgia	<i>n.</i> the past, especially a past era or time period that is now considered outdated
44. po___s materials	<i>adj.</i> having many small holes and being able to absorb or pass through fluids
45. ind_____us student	<i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
46. the re____l of the project timeline	<i>n.</i> an act of revising or reviewing something, particularly a written text or document
47. re____se an old building	<i>v.</i> to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended
48. re___l a story	<i>v.</i> to tell someone about something again or differently
49. appeared on____e	<i>adv.</i> onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
50. non-syn____us mutation	<i>adj.</i> having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase
51. undertake a tro____me task	<i>adj.</i> 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	<i>adj.</i> aware of or knowledgeable about something; having consciousness or recognition of something
63. the ze_____st of the era	<i>n.</i> 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	<i>v.</i> to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
65. re____l process	<i>n.</i> an act of revising or reviewing something, particularly a written text or document
66. r_g doll	<i>n.</i> a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning
67. fitness cr__e	<i>n.</i> 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	<i>n.</i> 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	<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
70. hi-tech cr__k	<i>n.</i> 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. revision, 66. rag, 67. craze, 68. crook, 69. savior, 70. crook

71. person of gra_____nt age	<i>n.</i> a parent of one's father or mother
72. ind_____us worker	<i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
73. cultural sen_____ty	<i>n.</i> mental responsiveness and awareness toward something
74. pa_____le solution	<i>adj.</i> having a pleasant or acceptable taste; pleasing or agreeable to the mind or senses; easily tolerated or accepted
75. b__y in the earth	<i>v.</i> to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
76. per_____on formula	<i>n.</i> 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
77. no_____ia trip	<i>n.</i> a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
78. acclaimed pla_____ht	<i>n.</i> a person who writes plays
79. a r_g of cloud	<i>n.</i> a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning
80. cr__e for speculation	<i>n.</i> an enthusiasm for a particular activity, object, or idea that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a fad
81. up__d a tradition	<i>v.</i> to turn or flip over; to overthrow or upset the established order
82. yes_____ar fashion	<i>n.</i> 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.
n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

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