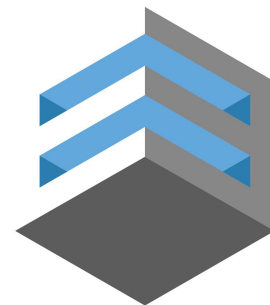


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Session 1: Word List

incriminate

v. to make someone seem guilty of a crime or wrongdoing

synonym: accuse, indict, prosecute

(1) **incriminate** the person, (2) **incriminate** many well-known politicians

He exercised his right not to **incriminate** himself

Jewish

adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

synonym: Judaic

(1) **Jewish** history, (2) **Jewish** culture

My friend is a **Jewish** woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

smuggle

v. to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally

(1) **smuggle** drugs, (2) **smuggle** herself out of a country

He was able to **smuggle** a gun inside the prison.

crusade

n. a series of wars fought by Christians in the middle ages to recover the holy land from the Muslims; a series of actions advancing a principle or tending toward a particular end

synonym: holy war, religious war, expedition

(1) a **crusade** against smoking, (2) environmental **crusade**
During the **Crusade** period, many European Christians went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Semitic

adj. relating to the group of languages that includes Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic, spoken by the peoples of the middle east and north Africa

(1) anti- **Semitic** movement, (2) **Semitic** culture
The **Semitic** languages include Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic.

Catholic

adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

(1) **catholic** in his tastes, (2) the **Catholic** Church
Sociologists are now interested in **catholic** world peace.

furious

adj. extremely angry; full of rage

synonym: angry, rageful, livid

(1) **furious** anger, (2) a **furious** sea

The coach was **furious** with the players for their lack of effort during the game.

denounce

v. to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone

synonym: condemn, disapprove, criticize

(1) **denounce** a statement, (2) **denounce** a heresy

He **denounced** the actions of the corrupt official.

segregation

n. the act or process of separating or isolating people, things, or groups based on race, gender, religion, social class, or other characteristics; a political or social system that enforces such separation or isolation

synonym: isolation, separation, discrimination

(1) racial **segregation**, (2) **segregation** of power

Segregation based on race or ethnicity is illegal and unjust.

deface

- v. to mar or spoil the surface or appearance of something, typically by drawing or writing on it

synonym: disfigure, blemish, wreck

(1) **deface** private property, (2) **deface** the wall with graffiti

The teacher warned the boys not to **deface** public property.

troublemaker

- n. a person who intentionally causes difficulties or problems for others, often by disruptive or provocative behavior; a person who tends to create or attract trouble or controversy

synonym: troublemonger, instigator, agitator

(1) **troublemaker** kid, (2) accused **troublemaker**

The teacher had to reprimand the **troublemaker** in class constantly.

invade

- v. to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

synonym: intrude, raid, overrun

(1) **invade** other tissues, (2) **invade** his privacy

I have no intention to **invade** your privacy.

erode

- v. to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time

synonym: wear away, deteriorate, corrode

(1) **erode** coast, (2) **erode** trust

The ongoing budget cuts have **eroded** the quality of education in many schools.

starve

- v. to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

synonym: famish, hunger

(1) **starve** for a victory, (2) **starve** to death

If you don't eat soon, you're going to **starve**.

pretense

n. an act or instance of pretending or feigning; a false or insincere show or claim

synonym: act, facade, show

(1) **pretense** of innocence, (2) maintain a **pretense**

He put on a **pretense** of enjoying the party even though he was feeling miserable.

typhus

n. an infectious disease caused by the bacterium *Rickettsia*, transmitted by fleas or lice, and marked by high fever, headache, rash, and often delirium or stupor

synonym: plague, fever, infection

(1) abdominal **typhus**, (2) **typhus** epidemic

The **typhus** outbreak in the refugee camp was a major concern for health officials.

coffin

n. a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin

synonym: casket, box, chest

(1) **coffin** lid, (2) wooden **coffin**

The priest prayed over the **coffin** before it was lowered into the ground.

toolbox

n. a container or storage unit for tools, typically characterized by a handle and one or more compartments for organizing and storing various tools and equipment

synonym: tool chest, tool kit, tool bag

(1) design **toolbox**, (2) **toolbox** storage

You should always keep a basic **toolbox** in your car in case of an emergency.

briefcase

n. a flat, rectangular container, typically made of leather or other sturdy material, used for carrying documents, books, or other important items

synonym: portfolio, attaché, case

(1) **briefcase** handle, (2) leather **briefcase**

The detective found crucial evidence inside the suspect's

briefcase.

courthouse

n. a building where courts of law are held, or administrative offices for legal proceedings are located

synonym: court, tribunal, judiciary

(1) **courthouse** security, (2) municipal **courthouse**

The verdict was announced at the **courthouse** after a long trial.

straddle

v. to sit or stand with one leg on either side of something or someone; to adopt a position or attitude that involves a compromise or combination of two or more opposing principles, ideas, or interests

synonym: straddle, sit astride, span

(1) **straddle** a fence, (2) **straddle** a motorcycle

We had to **straddle** the fallen tree to cross the river.

orphanage

n. an institution for the care of orphans (= a child whose parents are dead)

synonym: home for orphans, children's home, foster home

(1) build an **orphanage**, (2) **orphanage** director

He grew up in a Christian **orphanage** and never knew his biological parents.

convent

n. a community of nuns, usually living together in a religious order under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience

synonym: abbey, monastery, nunnery

(1) **convent** school, (2) nunnery **convent**

The old **convent** was converted into a hotel and retained some original features.

painstaking

adj. cautious and correct, and requiring a significant amount of effort

synonym: detailed, meticulous, conscientious

(1) **painstaking** research, (2) a **painstaking** student

The training of a hawk was a **painstaking** process.

- pun** *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
synonym: joke, quip, wordplay
(1) witty **pun**, (2) silly **pun**
The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.
- 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.
- downfall** *n.* a sudden or catastrophic decline or failure
synonym: demise, collapse, ruin
(1) a **downfall** earthquake, (2) **downfall** government
The company's financial mismanagement was the **downfall** of the once-successful business.
- arresting** *adj.* attracting attention or interest; striking or impressive in appearance or effect; halting or stopping the movement or progress of something
synonym: striking, impressive, captivating
(1) an **arresting** image, (2) an **arresting** sight
The painting's **arresting** beauty made it difficult to look away.
- betray** *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
synonym: fail, denounce, display
(1) **betray** a friend, (2) **betray** confidence
He felt **betrayed** when his best friend revealed their secret to the enemy.
- defiant** *adj.* showing bold resistance or disobedience to authority, rules, or norms
synonym: rebellious, disobedient, insubordinate
(1) a **defiant** attitude, (2) **defiant** eye

The **defiant** student refused to follow the teacher's instructions and continued to talk during class.

germ

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

synonym: bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

divert

v. to change the course or direction of something, often away from a specific path or target; to entertain or amuse someone, often to distract them from a problem or concern; to appropriate something for a different purpose

synonym: distract, redirect, sidetrack

(1) **divert** attention, (2) **divert** an assault

Due to the road construction, we had to **divert** our course to get to the restaurant.

bullhorn

n. a portable or hand-held device that amplifies sound, often used by public speakers, protests, or law enforcement

synonym: megaphone, loudspeaker, hailer

(1) **bullhorn** volume, (2) deliver a speech through a **bullhorn**

The coach shouted into a **bullhorn** to give instructions to his players.

proclaim

v. to announce or state something publicly and forcefully

synonym: announce, declare, trumpet

(1) **proclaim** victory, (2) **proclaim** law

The leader **proclaimed** a state of emergency in the country.

anew

adv. in a new or different way

synonym: again, once more, fresh

(1) arm **anew**, (2) review **anew**

He decided to start **anew** and leave his old life behind.

reconnect

v. to connect again after a break or interruption

synonym: reopen, rejoin, link up

(1) **reconnect** a telephone, (2) **reconnect** with family

After a long period of estrangement, they **reconnected** with each other.

hesitant

adj. unsure or uncertain about what to do or how to act;
reluctant or unwilling to take action or make a decision

synonym: indecisive, uncertain, reluctant

(1) **hesitant** response, (2) **hesitant** to take action

She was **hesitant** to speak in public but eventually overcame her fear.

qualm

n. an uneasy feeling of doubt, uncertainty, or apprehension, often about the morality or propriety of action; a sudden fit or attack of pain or nausea

synonym: unease, apprehension, doubt

(1) **qualms** of conscience, (2) moral **qualms**

The politician didn't seem to have any **qualms** about lying to his constituents.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. do____ll government | <i>n.</i> a sudden or catastrophic decline or failure |
| 2. st___e for a victory | <i>v.</i> to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance |
| 3. st___e to death | <i>v.</i> to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance |
| 4. deliver a speech through a
bu____rn | <i>n.</i> a portable or hand-held device that amplifies sound, often used by public speakers, protests, or law enforcement |
| 5. st__h gems in a safe | <i>v.</i> to store or hide something in a safe or secret place, especially for future use |
| 6. abdominal ty____s | <i>n.</i> an infectious disease caused by the bacterium Rickettsia, transmitted by fleas or lice, and marked by high fever, headache, rash, and often delirium or stupor |
| 7. wooden co____n | <i>n.</i> a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin |
| 8. fu____s anger | <i>adj.</i> extremely angry; full of rage |

ANSWERS: 1. downfall, 2. starve, 3. starve, 4. bullhorn, 5. stash, 6. typhus, 7. coffin, 8. furious

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| 9. sm_____e drugs | <i>v.</i> to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally |
| 10. be____y a friend | <i>v.</i> to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally |
| 11. cou_____se security | <i>n.</i> a building where courts of law are held, or administrative offices for legal proceedings are located |
| 12. in____e other tissues | <i>v.</i> to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation |
| 13. anti-Se_____c movement | <i>adj.</i> relating to the group of languages that includes Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic, spoken by the peoples of the middle east and north Africa |
| 14. er__e coast | <i>v.</i> to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time |
| 15. di____t an assault | <i>v.</i> to change the course or direction of something, often away from a specific path or target; to entertain or amuse someone, often to distract them from a problem or concern; to appropriate something for a different purpose |
| 16. Se_____c culture | <i>adj.</i> relating to the group of languages that includes Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic, spoken by the peoples of the middle east and north Africa |

ANSWERS: 9. smuggle, 10. betray, 11. courthouse, 12. invade, 13. Semitic, 14. erode, 15. divert, 16. Semitic

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| 17. co____t school | <i>n.</i> a community of nuns, usually living together in a religious order under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience |
| 18. a de____t attitude | <i>adj.</i> showing bold resistance or disobedience to authority, rules, or norms |
| 19. review a__w | <i>adv.</i> in a new or different way |
| 20. or____ge director | <i>n.</i> an institution for the care of orphans (= a child whose parents are dead) |
| 21. inc____te many well-known politicians | <i>v.</i> to make someone seem guilty of a crime or wrongdoing |
| 22. co____n lid | <i>n.</i> a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin |
| 23. to____x storage | <i>n.</i> a container or storage unit for tools, typically characterized by a handle and one or more compartments for organizing and storing various tools and equipment |
| 24. leather br____se | <i>n.</i> a flat, rectangular container, typically made of leather or other sturdy material, used for carrying documents, books, or other important items |
| 25. moral qu__ms | <i>n.</i> an uneasy feeling of doubt, uncertainty, or apprehension, often about the morality or propriety of action; a sudden fit or attack of pain or nausea |
| 26. de____t eye | <i>adj.</i> showing bold resistance or disobedience to authority, rules, or norms |

ANSWERS: 17. convent, 18. defiant, 19. anew, 20. orphanage, 21. incriminate, 22. coffin, 23. toolbox, 24. briefcase, 25. qualm, 26. defiant

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| 27. a pai_____ng student | <i>adj.</i> cautious and correct, and requiring a significant amount of effort |
| 28. de_____ce a statement | <i>v.</i> to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone |
| 29. sm_____e herself out of a country | <i>v.</i> to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally |
| 30. nunnery co_____t | <i>n.</i> a community of nuns, usually living together in a religious order under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience |
| 31. he_____nt to take action | <i>adj.</i> unsure or uncertain about what to do or how to act; reluctant or unwilling to take action or make a decision |
| 32. st_____le a fence | <i>v.</i> to sit or stand with one leg on either side of something or someone; to adopt a position or attitude that involves a compromise or combination of two or more opposing principles, ideas, or interests |
| 33. arm a__w | <i>adv.</i> in a new or different way |
| 34. ca_____ic in his tastes | <i>adj.</i> universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader |
| 35. an ar_____ng image | <i>adj.</i> attracting attention or interest; striking or impressive in appearance or effect; halting or stopping the movement or progress of something |
| 36. di____t attention | <i>v.</i> to change the course or direction of something, often away from a specific path or target; to entertain or amuse someone, often to distract them from a problem or concern; to appropriate something for a different purpose |

ANSWERS: 27. painstaking, 28. denounce, 29. smuggle, 30. convent, 31. hesitant, 32. straddle, 33. anew, 34. Catholic, 35. arresting, 36. divert

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| 37. a do____ll earthquake | <i>n.</i> a sudden or catastrophic decline or failure |
| 38. Je____h history | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism |
| 39. de____e private property | <i>v.</i> to mar or spoil the surface or appearance of something, typically by drawing or writing on it |
| 40. inc____te the person | <i>v.</i> to make someone seem guilty of a crime or wrongdoing |
| 41. ty____s epidemic | <i>n.</i> an infectious disease caused by the bacterium Rickettsia, transmitted by fleas or lice, and marked by high fever, headache, rash, and often delirium or stupor |
| 42. st____le a motorcycle | <i>v.</i> to sit or stand with one leg on either side of something or someone; to adopt a position or attitude that involves a compromise or combination of two or more opposing principles, ideas, or interests |
| 43. witty p_n | <i>n.</i> a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay |
| 44. re____ct with family | <i>v.</i> to connect again after a break or interruption |
| 45. pr____im law | <i>v.</i> to announce or state something publicly and forcefully |
| 46. pr____im victory | <i>v.</i> to announce or state something publicly and forcefully |

ANSWERS: 37. downfall, 38. Jewish, 39. deface, 40. incriminate, 41. typhus, 42. straddle, 43. pun, 44. reconnect, 45. proclaim, 46. proclaim

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| 47. silly p_n | <i>n.</i> a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay |
| 48. br_____se handle | <i>n.</i> a flat, rectangular container, typically made of leather or other sturdy material, used for carrying documents, books, or other important items |
| 49. build an or_____ge | <i>n.</i> an institution for the care of orphans (= a child whose parents are dead) |
| 50. antibiotic-resistant g__m | <i>n.</i> a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one |
| 51. Je___h culture | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism |
| 52. de_____ce a heresy | <i>v.</i> to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone |
| 53. pr_____se of innocence | <i>n.</i> an act or instance of pretending or feigning; a false or insincere show or claim |
| 54. tro_____ker kid | <i>n.</i> a person who intentionally causes difficulties or problems for others, often by disruptive or provocative behavior; a person who tends to create or attract trouble or controversy |
| 55. er__e trust | <i>v.</i> to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time |

ANSWERS: 47. pun, 48. briefcase, 49. orphanage, 50. germ, 51. Jewish, 52. denounce, 53. pretense, 54. troublemaker, 55. erode

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| 56. design to____x | <i>n.</i> a container or storage unit for tools, typically characterized by a handle and one or more compartments for organizing and storing various tools and equipment |
| 57. a g__m-free environment | <i>n.</i> a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one |
| 58. in___e his privacy | <i>v.</i> to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation |
| 59. pai_____ng research | <i>adj.</i> cautious and correct, and requiring a significant amount of effort |
| 60. accused tro_____ker | <i>n.</i> a person who intentionally causes difficulties or problems for others, often by disruptive or provocative behavior; a person who tends to create or attract trouble or controversy |
| 61. de___e the wall with graffiti | <i>v.</i> to mar or spoil the surface or appearance of something, typically by drawing or writing on it |
| 62. a cr_____e against smoking | <i>n.</i> a series of wars fought by Christians in the middle ages to recover the holy land from the Muslims; a series of actions advancing a principle or tending toward a particular end |
| 63. environmental cr_____e | <i>n.</i> a series of wars fought by Christians in the middle ages to recover the holy land from the Muslims; a series of actions advancing a principle or tending toward a particular end |

ANSWERS: 56. toolbox, 57. germ, 58. invade, 59. painstaking, 60. troublemaker, 61. deface, 62. crusade, 63. crusade

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| 64. re_____ct a telephone | <i>v.</i> to connect again after a break or interruption |
| 65. st__h your phone | <i>v.</i> to store or hide something in a safe or secret place, especially for future use |
| 66. be___y confidence | <i>v.</i> to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally |
| 67. qu__ms of conscience | <i>n.</i> an uneasy feeling of doubt, uncertainty, or apprehension, often about the morality or propriety of action; a sudden fit or attack of pain or nausea |
| 68. he_____nt response | <i>adj.</i> unsure or uncertain about what to do or how to act; reluctant or unwilling to take action or make a decision |
| 69. the Ca_____ic Church | <i>adj.</i> universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader |
| 70. a fu_____s sea | <i>adj.</i> extremely angry; full of rage |
| 71. racial seg_____on | <i>n.</i> the act or process of separating or isolating people, things, or groups based on race, gender, religion, social class, or other characteristics; a political or social system that enforces such separation or isolation |
| 72. municipal cou_____se | <i>n.</i> a building where courts of law are held, or administrative offices for legal proceedings are located |
| 73. an ar_____ng sight | <i>adj.</i> attracting attention or interest; striking or impressive in appearance or effect; halting or stopping the movement or progress of something |

ANSWERS: 64. reconnect, 65. stash, 66. betray, 67. qualm, 68. hesitant, 69. Catholic, 70. furious, 71. segregation, 72. courthouse, 73. arresting

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| 74. maintain a pr____se | <i>n.</i> an act or instance of pretending or feigning; a false or insincere show or claim |
| 75. seg_____on of power | <i>n.</i> the act or process of separating or isolating people, things, or groups based on race, gender, religion, social class, or other characteristics; a political or social system that enforces such separation or isolation |
| 76. bu_____rn volume | <i>n.</i> a portable or hand-held device that amplifies sound, often used by public speakers, protests, or law enforcement |

ANSWERS: 74. pretense, 75. segregation, 76. bullhorn

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The painting's _____ beauty made it difficult to look away.
adj. attracting attention or interest; striking or impressive in appearance or effect; halting or stopping the movement or progress of something
2. The old _____ was converted into a hotel and retained some original features.
n. a community of nuns, usually living together in a religious order under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
3. The training of a hawk was a _____ process.
adj. cautious and correct, and requiring a significant amount of effort
4. During the _____ period, many European Christians went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land.
n. a series of wars fought by Christians in the middle ages to recover the holy land from the Muslims; a series of actions advancing a principle or tending toward a particular end
5. The priest prayed over the _____ before it was lowered into the ground.
n. a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin
6. He grew up in a Christian _____ and never knew his biological parents.
n. an institution for the care of orphans (= a child whose parents are dead)
7. He felt _____ when his best friend revealed their secret to the enemy.
v. to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally

ANSWERS: 1. arresting, 2. convent, 3. painstaking, 4. Crusade, 5. coffin, 6. orphanage, 7. betrayed

8. The leader _____ a state of emergency in the country.
v. to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
9. He exercised his right not to _____ himself
v. to make someone seem guilty of a crime or wrongdoing
10. _____ based on race or ethnicity is illegal and unjust.
n. the act or process of separating or isolating people, things, or groups based on race, gender, religion, social class, or other characteristics; a political or social system that enforces such separation or isolation
11. The _____ student refused to follow the teacher's instructions and continued to talk during class.
adj. showing bold resistance or disobedience to authority, rules, or norms
12. The coach was _____ with the players for their lack of effort during the game.
adj. extremely angry; full of rage
13. She was _____ to speak in public but eventually overcame her fear.
adj. unsure or uncertain about what to do or how to act; reluctant or unwilling to take action or make a decision
14. The verdict was announced at the _____ after a long trial.
n. a building where courts of law are held, or administrative offices for legal proceedings are located
15. He _____ the actions of the corrupt official.
v. to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone

ANSWERS: 8. proclaimed, 9. incriminate, 10. Segregation, 11. defiant, 12. furious, 13. hesitant, 14. courthouse, 15. denounced

16. Sociologists are now interested in _____ world peace.

adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

17. The politician didn't seem to have any _____ about lying to his constituents.

n. an uneasy feeling of doubt, uncertainty, or apprehension, often about the morality or propriety of action; a sudden fit or attack of pain or nausea

18. He decided to start _____ and leave his old life behind.

adv. in a new or different way

19. The comedian's _____ had the audience laughing out loud.

n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

20. The detective found crucial evidence inside the suspect's _____.

n. a flat, rectangular container, typically made of leather or other sturdy material, used for carrying documents, books, or other important items

21. After a long period of estrangement, they _____ with each other.

v. to connect again after a break or interruption

22. The _____ languages include Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic.

adj. relating to the group of languages that includes Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic, spoken by the peoples of the middle east and north Africa

23. 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

ANSWERS: 16. catholic, 17. qualms, 18. anew, 19. pun, 20. briefcase, 21. reconnected, 22. Semitic, 23. stashed

24. The ongoing budget cuts have _____ the quality of education in many schools.
- v. to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time
25. The _____ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.
- n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
26. He was able to _____ a gun inside the prison.
- v. to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally
27. The teacher had to reprimand the _____ in class constantly.
- n. a person who intentionally causes difficulties or problems for others, often by disruptive or provocative behavior; a person who tends to create or attract trouble or controversy
28. You should always keep a basic _____ in your car in case of an emergency.
- n. a container or storage unit for tools, typically characterized by a handle and one or more compartments for organizing and storing various tools and equipment
29. We had to _____ the fallen tree to cross the river.
- v. to sit or stand with one leg on either side of something or someone; to adopt a position or attitude that involves a compromise or combination of two or more opposing principles, ideas, or interests
30. The _____ outbreak in the refugee camp was a major concern for health officials.
- n. an infectious disease caused by the bacterium *Rickettsia*, transmitted by fleas or lice, and marked by high fever, headache, rash, and often delirium or stupor

ANSWERS: 24. eroded, 25. germ, 26. smuggle, 27. troublemaker, 28. toolbox, 29. straddle, 30. typhus

31. The company's financial mismanagement was the _____ of the once-successful business.

n. a sudden or catastrophic decline or failure

32. My friend is a _____ woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

33. If you don't eat soon, you're going to _____.

v. to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

34. I have no intention to _____ your privacy.

v. to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

35. The coach shouted into a _____ to give instructions to his players.

n. a portable or hand-held device that amplifies sound, often used by public speakers, protests, or law enforcement

36. Due to the road construction, we had to _____ our course to get to the restaurant.

v. to change the course or direction of something, often away from a specific path or target; to entertain or amuse someone, often to distract them from a problem or concern; to appropriate something for a different purpose

37. The teacher warned the boys not to _____ public property.

v. to mar or spoil the surface or appearance of something, typically by drawing or writing on it

ANSWERS: 31. downfall, 32. Jewish, 33. starve, 34. invade, 35. bullhorn, 36. divert, 37. deface

38. He put on a _____ of enjoying the party even though he was feeling miserable.

n. an act or instance of pretending or feigning; a false or insincere show or claim

ANSWERS: 38. pretense