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Session 1: Word List

hazy

adj. not clear due to a lack of recollection, comprehension, or detail; unsure or perplexed about something

synonym : blurred, clouded, foggy

(1) **hazy** dream, (2) **hazy** atmosphere

My memories of the holiday were **hazy**.

septic

adj. containing, infected by, or resulting from disease-causing organisms

synonym : infected, contaminated, unclean

(1) **septic** sewage, (2) **septic** system

The **septic** tank was not properly maintained and caused a health hazard.

quarterback

n. the player in American football who typically leads the offense and is responsible for calling plays, passing the ball, and directing the team's overall strategy on the field

synonym : signal caller, field general

(1) elite **quarterback**, (2) backup **quarterback**

The coach decided to bench the starting **quarterback** after multiple turnovers.

corkscrew

n. a twisting device used for opening bottles or jars with a cork or other stopper, typically consisting of a spiral

metal rod attached to a handle

synonym : spiral, bottle opener, wine opener

(1) **corkscrew** bottle opener, (2) **corkscrew** staircase

The gymnast executed a breathtaking **corkscrew** flip, landing perfectly on the mat.

gruesome

adj. causing horror or disgust

synonym : appalling, horrific, terrible

(1) hear **gruesome** details, (2) **gruesome** accident

The **gruesome** crime scene was difficult for the detectives to stomach.

playoff

n. a series of games or matches played among teams or individuals to determine the winner of a competition or championship, particularly in sports

synonym : elimination game, finals

(1) **playoff** game, (2) 18-hole **playoff**

The team made it to the **playoff** round and is one step closer to the championship.

rousing

adj. exciting, stimulating, or inspiring; causing a strong emotional or physical response; arousing enthusiasm or interest

synonym : exciting, stirring, invigorating

(1) **rousing** music, (2) **rousing** business

The **rousing** speech by the coach pumped up the team before the big game.

comeback

n. a return to popularity, success, or performance after a decline or period of inactivity; a quick, witty response to a criticism or insult

synonym : return, resurgence, revival

(1) political **comeback**, (2) career **comeback**

The musician made an impressive **comeback** with their latest album.

chant

n. a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation

synonym : hymn, mantra, (verb) recite

(1) **chant** melodies, (2) **chant** in the chapel

The soccer game crowd broke into a **chant** of "Go, team, go!"

self-doubt

n. lack of confidence in one's abilities or oneself

synonym : insecurity, uncertainty, diffident

(1) overcome **self-doubt**, (2) spiral of **self-doubt**

I was filled with **self-doubt**.

thigh

n. the part of the human leg between the hip and the knee; in animals, the corresponding upper part of the hind leg

synonym : thigh-bone, femur, upper leg

(1) **thigh** muscle, (2) chicken **thigh**

The marathon runner felt a cramp in her **thigh** at the 20th mile.

heartbeat

n. the regular movement or sound of the heart as it sends blood around the body; an animating or vital unifying force

synonym : beat, pulse, force

(1) **heartbeat** abnormality, (2) a pounding **heartbeat**

New York is the commercial **heartbeat** of America.

meaningless

adj. having no meaning, direction, or purpose

synonym : pointless, absurd, senseless

(1) a **meaningless** endeavor, (2) do a **meaningless** task

This experiment's results are **meaningless** because the other conditions are not identical.

catapult

n. a device used to hurl an object a long distance

synonym : launcher, trebuchet, slingshot

(1) powerful **catapult**, (2) **catapult** mechanism

The army used a **catapult** to launch large rocks over the

castle walls.

paralyze

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

synonym: immobilize, disable, numb

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

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

terrify

v. to frighten someone very much

synonym: unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing complex tasks.

nauseous

adj. causing a feeling of nausea or sickness, often due to an unpleasant taste or smell; affected by a feeling of nausea or discomfort

synonym: sickening, queasy, abhorrent

(1) become **nauseous**, (2) **nauseous** stomach

The smell of the fish made me feel **nauseous**.

pleat

n. a fold or crease made in cloth or paper by doubling or bending over one part of it and pressing it down; a ridge or a raised line on a surface

synonym: fold, plait, tuck

(1) **pleat** skirt, (2) accordion **pleat**

The dress had a **pleat** in the front that added some elegant detail.

khaki

n. a light brownish-yellow color, often associated with military or safari-style clothing made from a durable, dust-resistant fabric of the same name

synonym: tan, beige, sand

(1) **khaki** jacket, (2) **khaki** shorts

The safari guide wore a **khaki** hat to protect himself from the sun.

tuck

v. to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable

synonym : insert, wrap, pinch

(1) **tuck** a baby in the blanket, (2) **tuck** into another cigarette

You should **tuck** your shirt into your trousers.

linebacker

n. a defensive player in American football whose primary responsibility is to tackle the ball carrier or block pass attempts by the opposing team

synonym : defensive back

(1) **linebacker** position, (2) rookie **linebacker**

The team's defensive strategy relied heavily on their **linebacker's** ability to read the opposing team's offense.

counterweight

n. a weight that balances or opposes another weight to achieve stability or equilibrium; a weight that is used to offset the weight of another object or to provide mechanical advantage

synonym : balance, counterbalance, counterpoise

(1) **counterweight** system, (2) **counterweight** balance

The **counterweight** on the suspension bridge helped keep it stable during windy conditions.

ethic

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

synonym : moral code, code of conduct, principles

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

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

infect

v. to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

synonym : pollute, contaminate, affect

(1) **infect** other animal species, (2) **infect** a computer with a virus

Children often **infect** parents with this head cold.

drape

v. to arrange or hang cloth or clothing loosely over something, typically in a decorative way; to cover or decorate loosely with material

synonym: cover, hang, arrange

(1) **drape** a coat, (2) **drape** a curtain

She **draped** a shawl over her shoulders to keep warm.

rehabilitate

v. to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment

synonym: reform, restore, renovate

(1) **rehabilitate** prisoners, (2) **rehabilitate** wildlife

The organization works to **rehabilitate** drug addicts and help them rebuild their lives.

intrepid

adj. courageous and not afraid of danger or difficulties

synonym: unfearing, courageous, dauntless

(1) **intrepid** personality, (2) **intrepid** travelers

There were still **intrepid** pioneers who planned to start their businesses

unheard

adj. not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention

synonym: unknown, obscure

(1) an **unheard** story, (2) previously **unheard-of** economic development

The **unheard** melody was beautiful and touched everyone's hearts.

eerily

adv. in a strange, weird, or unsettling manner; suggesting the presence of supernatural or mysterious elements

synonym: spookily, strangely, creepily

(1) **eerily** accurate, (2) **eerily** atmospheric

The abandoned house was **eerily** silent as if someone was watching from within.

explode

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

synonym: detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity

The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

amputee

n. a person who has had an arm or a leg cut off

(1) quadruple **amputee**, (2) **amputee** runner

Amputees often experience an illusion of a phantom limb.

rejoin

v. to return to someone or something

synonym: come back, return, reunite

(1) **rejoin** their mother ship, (2) **rejoin** the party

After the battle, the soldier managed to **rejoin** his unit.

shove

v. to push someone or something in a rough way

synonym: push, jab, elbow

(1) **shove** a person aside, (2) **shove** hamburger into my mouth

He forcibly **shoved** the flyer into my bag.

setback

n. an unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes; a reversal or check in progress

synonym: obstacle, hindrance, difficulty

(1) major **setback**, (2) suffer a **setback**

The team experienced a **setback** when their star player was injured during the game.

coronavirus

n. a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2

synonym : covid

(1) **coronavirus** antibody test kit, (2) **coronavirus** bankruptcy

Considering the situation of **coronavirus**, organized stopped this year's beer festival.

liberate

v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

synonym : emancipate, release, set free

(1) **liberate** people from oppression, (2) **liberate** potential

The prisoners were **liberated** after the war ended.

inflict

v. to cause harm, injury, or suffering to someone or something

synonym : impose, levy, administer

(1) **inflict** a heavier tax, (2) **inflict** a hard blow

The storm **inflicted** significant damage on the town.

maniac

adj. behaving in an extremely wild or violent way; (noun) a person who is extremely enthusiastic about or devoted to a particular thing

synonym : lunatic, maniacal, mad

(1) **maniac** about things, (2) a homicidal **maniac**

He was a **maniac** for collecting stamps.

eccentric

adj. weird or unusual, sometimes in a funny way

synonym : bizarre, abnormal, curious

(1) display **eccentric** behavior, (2) **eccentric** characters

He was **eccentric**, but he was also a genius.

grotesque

adj. bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre

synonym : bizarre, deformed, monstrous

(1) have **grotesque** design, (2) **grotesque** appearance

The **grotesque** sculpture made me feel uneasy.

deformity

n. a physical abnormality or distortion

synonym: abnormality, malformation, disfigurement

(1) **deformity** of character, (2) physical **deformity**

The **deformity** in the steel beam caused the bridge to collapse.

scar

n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

synonym: blemish, imperfection, blotch

(1) burn **scar**, (2) carry a **scar**

Even after the wound has healed, a **scar** remains.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. cor_____us antibody test kit | <i>n.</i> a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2 |
| 2. am_____e runner | <i>n.</i> a person who has had an arm or a leg cut off |
| 3. in_____id travelers | <i>adj.</i> courageous and not afraid of danger or difficulties |
| 4. previously un_____d-of economic development | <i>adj.</i> not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention |
| 5. sh__e a person aside | <i>v.</i> to push someone or something in a rough way |
| 6. major se_____k | <i>n.</i> an unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes; a reversal or check in progress |
| 7. chicken th__h | <i>n.</i> the part of the human leg between the hip and the knee; in animals, the corresponding upper part of the hind leg |
| 8. ee___y atmospheric | <i>adv.</i> in a strange, weird, or unsettling manner; suggesting the presence of supernatural or mysterious elements |
| 9. professional et__c | <i>n.</i> a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems |

ANSWERS: 1. coronavirus, 2. amputee, 3. intrepid, 4. unheard, 5. shove, 6. setback, 7. thigh, 8. eerily, 9. ethic

10. de_____ty of character *n.* a physical abnormality or distortion
11. reh_____ate wildlife *v.* to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment
12. ec_____ic characters *adj.* weird or unusual, sometimes in a funny way
13. ma___c about things *adj.* behaving in an extremely wild or violent way; (noun) a person who is extremely enthusiastic about or devoted to a particular thing
14. sh__e hamburger into my mouth *v.* to push someone or something in a rough way
15. na_____us stomach *adj.* causing a feeling of nausea or sickness, often due to an unpleasant taste or smell; affected by a feeling of nausea or discomfort
16. pa_____ze a city *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
17. co_____ew bottle opener *n.* a twisting device used for opening bottles or jars with a cork or other stopper, typically consisting of a spiral metal rod attached to a handle
18. t__k into another cigarette *v.* to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable
19. backup qua_____ck *n.* the player in American football who typically leads the offense and is responsible for calling plays, passing the ball, and directing the team's overall strategy on the field

ANSWERS: 10. deformity, 11. rehabilitate, 12. eccentric, 13. maniac, 14. shove, 15. nauseous, 16. paralyze, 17. corkscrew, 18. tuck, 19. quarterback

20. th__h muscle *n.* the part of the human leg between the hip and the knee; in animals, the corresponding upper part of the hind leg
21. co_____ew staircase *n.* a twisting device used for opening bottles or jars with a cork or other stopper, typically consisting of a spiral metal rod attached to a handle
22. in_____t a heavier tax *v.* to cause harm, injury, or suffering to someone or something
23. ex_____e in popularity *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
24. a pounding he_____at *n.* the regular movement or sound of the heart as it sends blood around the body; an animating or vital unifying force
25. do a mea_____ss task *adj.* having no meaning, direction, or purpose
26. h__y dream *adj.* not clear due to a lack of recollection, comprehension, or detail; unsure or perplexed about something
27. elite qua_____ck *n.* the player in American football who typically leads the offense and is responsible for calling plays, passing the ball, and directing the team's overall strategy on the field
28. a mea_____ss endeavor *adj.* having no meaning, direction, or purpose
29. an un_____d story *adj.* not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention

ANSWERS: 20. thigh, 21. corkscrew, 22. inflict, 23. explode, 24. heartbeat, 25. meaningless, 26. hazy, 27. quarterback, 28. meaningless, 29. unheard

30. pl_____f game *n.* a series of games or matches played among teams or individuals to determine the winner of a competition or championship, particularly in sports
31. cou_____ght balance *n.* a weight that balances or opposes another weight to achieve stability or equilibrium; a weight that is used to offset the weight of another object or to provide mechanical advantage
32. li_____te potential *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
33. gr_____me accident *adj.* causing horror or disgust
34. he_____at abnormality *n.* the regular movement or sound of the heart as it sends blood around the body; an animating or vital unifying force
35. physical de_____ty *n.* a physical abnormality or distortion
36. ex_____e in anger *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
37. become na_____us *adj.* causing a feeling of nausea or sickness, often due to an unpleasant taste or smell; affected by a feeling of nausea or discomfort
38. carry a s__r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
39. hear gr_____me details *adj.* causing horror or disgust
40. accordion pl__t *n.* a fold or crease made in cloth or paper by doubling or bending over one part of it and pressing it down; a ridge or a raised line on a surface

ANSWERS: 30. playoff, 31. counterweight, 32. liberate, 33. gruesome, 34. heartbeat, 35. deformity, 36. explode, 37. nauseous, 38. scar, 39. gruesome, 40. pleat

41. ee___y accurate *adv.* in a strange, weird, or unsettling manner; suggesting the presence of supernatural or mysterious elements
42. t__k a baby in the blanket *v.* to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable
43. political co_____ck *n.* a return to popularity, success, or performance after a decline or period of inactivity; a quick, witty response to a criticism or insult
44. dr__e a curtain *v.* to arrange or hang cloth or clothing loosely over something, typically in a decorative way; to cover or decorate loosely with material
45. pl__t skirt *n.* a fold or crease made in cloth or paper by doubling or bending over one part of it and pressing it down; a ridge or a raised line on a surface
46. powerful ca_____lt *n.* a device used to hurl an object a long distance
47. ro_____g music *adj.* exciting, stimulating, or inspiring; causing a strong emotional or physical response; arousing enthusiasm or interest
48. ca_____lt mechanism *n.* a device used to hurl an object a long distance
49. se___c sewage *adj.* containing, infected by, or resulting from disease-causing organisms

ANSWERS: 41. eerily, 42. tuck, 43. comeback, 44. drape, 45. pleat, 46. catapult, 47. rousing, 48. catapult, 49. septic

50. have gr_____ue design *adj.* bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre
51. moral et__c *n.* a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems
52. dr__e a coat *v.* to arrange or hang cloth or clothing loosely over something, typically in a decorative way; to cover or decorate loosely with material
53. lin_____er position *n.* a defensive player in American football whose primary responsibility is to tackle the ball carrier or block pass attempts by the opposing team
54. re___n the party *v.* to return to someone or something
55. 18-hole pl_____f *n.* a series of games or matches played among teams or individuals to determine the winner of a competition or championship, particularly in sports
56. overcome sel_____bt *n.* lack of confidence in one's abilities or oneself
57. the threats te_____y him *v.* to frighten someone very much
58. kh__i jacket *n.* a light brownish-yellow color, often associated with military or safari-style clothing made from a durable, dust-resistant fabric of the same name
59. ro_____g business *adj.* exciting, stimulating, or inspiring; causing a strong emotional or physical response; arousing enthusiasm or interest

ANSWERS: 50. grotesque, 51. ethic, 52. drape, 53. linebacker, 54. rejoin, 55. playoff, 56. self-doubt, 57. terrify, 58. khaki, 59. rousing

60. career co_____ck *n.* a return to popularity, success, or performance after a decline or period of inactivity; a quick, witty response to a criticism or insult
61. li_____te people from oppression *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
62. pa_____ze a person *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
63. cou_____ght system *n.* a weight that balances or opposes another weight to achieve stability or equilibrium; a weight that is used to offset the weight of another object or to provide mechanical advantage
64. in_____t a hard blow *v.* to cause harm, injury, or suffering to someone or something
65. h__y atmosphere *adj.* not clear due to a lack of recollection, comprehension, or detail; unsure or perplexed about something
66. kh__i shorts *n.* a light brownish-yellow color, often associated with military or safari-style clothing made from a durable, dust-resistant fabric of the same name
67. rookie lin_____er *n.* a defensive player in American football whose primary responsibility is to tackle the ball carrier or block pass attempts by the opposing team
68. cor_____us bankruptcy *n.* a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2

ANSWERS: 60. comeback, 61. liberate, 62. paralyze, 63. counterweight, 64. inflict, 65. hazy, 66. khaki, 67. linebacker, 68. coronavirus

69. se___c system *adj.* containing, infected by, or resulting from disease-causing organisms
70. in___t a computer with a virus *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
71. quadruple am_____e *n.* a person who has had an arm or a leg cut off
72. in_____id personality *adj.* courageous and not afraid of danger or difficulties
73. spiral of sel_____bt *n.* lack of confidence in one's abilities or oneself
74. te_____y people *v.* to frighten someone very much
75. display ec_____ic behavior *adj.* weird or unusual, sometimes in a funny way
76. burn s__r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
77. a homicidal ma___c *adj.* behaving in an extremely wild or violent way; (noun) a person who is extremely enthusiastic about or devoted to a particular thing
78. ch__t melodies *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
79. suffer a se_____k *n.* an unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes; a reversal or check in progress
80. in___t other animal species *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

ANSWERS: 69. septic, 70. infect, 71. amputee, 72. intrepid, 73. self-doubt, 74. terrify, 75. eccentric, 76. scar, 77. maniac, 78. chant, 79. setback, 80. infect

81. gr_____ue appearance *adj.* bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre
82. ch__t in the chapel *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
83. re___n their mother ship *v.* to return to someone or something
84. reh_____ate prisoners *v.* to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment

ANSWERS: 81. grotesque, 82. chant, 83. rejoin, 84. rehabilitate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The old building _____ in a fiery inferno.
 - v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

2. The musician made an impressive _____ with their latest album.
 - n. a return to popularity, success, or performance after a decline or period of inactivity; a quick, witty response to a criticism or insult

3. Children often _____ parents with this head cold.
 - v. to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

4. The organization works to _____ drug addicts and help them rebuild their lives.
 - v. to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment

5. You should _____ your shirt into your trousers.
 - v. to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable

6. The _____ crime scene was difficult for the detectives to stomach.
 - adj. causing horror or disgust

7. The gymnast executed a breathtaking _____ flip, landing perfectly on the mat.
 - n. a twisting device used for opening bottles or jars with a cork or other stopper, typically consisting of a spiral metal rod attached to a handle

ANSWERS: 1. exploded, 2. comeback, 3. infect, 4. rehabilitate, 5. tuck, 6. gruesome, 7. corkscrew

8. The safari guide wore a _____ hat to protect himself from the sun.
n. a light brownish-yellow color, often associated with military or safari-style clothing made from a durable, dust-resistant fabric of the same name
9. Having a strong work _____ is important for success in any field.
n. a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems
10. After the battle, the soldier managed to _____ his unit.
v. to return to someone or something
11. This experiment's results are _____ because the other conditions are not identical.
adj. having no meaning, direction, or purpose
12. The dress had a _____ in the front that added some elegant detail.
n. a fold or crease made in cloth or paper by doubling or bending over one part of it and pressing it down; a ridge or a raised line on a surface
13. My memories of the holiday were _____.
adj. not clear due to a lack of recollection, comprehension, or detail; unsure or perplexed about something
14. The prisoners were _____ after the war ended.
v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
15. The smell of the fish made me feel _____.
adj. causing a feeling of nausea or sickness, often due to an unpleasant taste or smell; affected by a feeling of nausea or discomfort

ANSWERS: 8. khaki, 9. ethic, 10. rejoin, 11. meaningless, 12. pleat, 13. hazy, 14. liberated, 15. nauseous

16. The _____ speech by the coach pumped up the team before the big game.
adj. exciting, stimulating, or inspiring; causing a strong emotional or physical response; arousing enthusiasm or interest
17. The _____ melody was beautiful and touched everyone's hearts.
adj. not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention
18. The _____ sculpture made me feel uneasy.
adj. bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre
19. He forcibly _____ the flyer into my bag.
v. to push someone or something in a rough way
20. _____ often experience an illusion of a phantom limb.
n. a person who has had an arm or a leg cut off
21. He was a _____ for collecting stamps.
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22. She _____ a shawl over her shoulders to keep warm.
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23. The _____ in the steel beam caused the bridge to collapse.
n. a physical abnormality or distortion
24. He was _____ but he was also a genius.
adj. weird or unusual, sometimes in a funny way

ANSWERS: 16. rousing, 17. unheard, 18. grotesque, 19. shoved, 20. Amputees, 21. maniac, 22. draped, 23. deformity, 24. eccentric,

25. The _____ tank was not properly maintained and caused a health hazard.
adj. containing, infected by, or resulting from disease-causing organisms
26. The _____ on the suspension bridge helped keep it stable during windy conditions.
n. a weight that balances or opposes another weight to achieve stability or equilibrium; a weight that is used to offset the weight of another object or to provide mechanical advantage
27. The storm _____ significant damage on the town.
v. to cause harm, injury, or suffering to someone or something
28. Considering the situation of _____ organized stopped this year's beer festival.
n. a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2
29. The venom from the snake bite _____ his arm.
v. to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
30. The team made it to the _____ round and is one step closer to the championship.
n. a series of games or matches played among teams or individuals to determine the winner of a competition or championship, particularly in sports
31. The team experienced a _____ when their star player was injured during the game.
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ANSWERS: 25. septic, 26. counterweight, 27. inflicted, 28. coronavirus, 29. paralyzed, 30. playoff, 31. setback

32. The army used a _____ to launch large rocks over the castle walls.
n. a device used to hurl an object a long distance
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n. a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
34. The coach decided to bench the starting _____ after multiple turnovers.
n. the player in American football who typically leads the offense and is responsible for calling plays, passing the ball, and directing the team's overall strategy on the field
35. The abandoned house was _____ silent as if someone was watching from within.
adv. in a strange, weird, or unsettling manner; suggesting the presence of supernatural or mysterious elements
36. Even after the wound has healed, a _____ remains.
n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
37. It would be best not to _____ your associates into doing complex tasks.
v. to frighten someone very much
38. The marathon runner felt a cramp in her _____ at the 20th mile.
n. the part of the human leg between the hip and the knee; in animals, the corresponding upper part of the hind leg
39. New York is the commercial _____ of America.
n. the regular movement or sound of the heart as it sends blood around the body; an animating or vital unifying force

ANSWERS: 32. catapult, 33. chant, 34. quarterback, 35. eerily, 36. scar, 37. terrify, 38. thigh, 39. heartbeat

40. There were still _____ pioneers who planned to start their businesses

adj. courageous and not afraid of danger or difficulties

41. I was filled with _____.

n. lack of confidence in one's abilities or oneself

42. The team's defensive strategy relied heavily on their _____ ability to read the opposing team's offense.

n. a defensive player in American football whose primary responsibility is to tackle the ball carrier or block pass attempts by the opposing team

ANSWERS: 40. intrepid, 41. self-doubt, 42. linebacker's