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Session 1: Word List

fortress

n. a large and strongly built structure, typically with high walls and a moat, used as a military defense or for protection against attackers

synonym: castle, citadel, stronghold

(1) **fortress** wall, (2) military **fortress**

The ancient **fortress** was built on a hill to give the defenders a strategic advantage.

preside

v. to be in charge of or to lead a meeting, ceremony, or organization

synonym: chair, lead, control

(1) **preside** at the piano, (2) **preside** over ceremony

The **president** will preside over the meeting tomorrow.

birthplace

n. the house, town, etc., where someone was born

synonym: hometown, native place, origin

(1) ancestral **birthplaces**, (2) **birthplace** of modern soccer

The **birthplace** of civilization is a topic of much debate among historians.

dynasty

n. a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country

(1) **dynasty** of China, (2) during the Ming **dynasty**

During the Habsburg **dynasty**, colonization began.

warlord

n. a military leader who has gained control over a region or territory, typically through force or intimidation; a commander of an army or group of soldiers who operates outside the control of a legitimate government

synonym: chieftain, commander, leader

(1) tribal **warlord**, (2) regional **warlord**

The **warlord's** army was well-equipped and well-trained, making them a formidable force to reckon with.

descend

v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

synonym: dip, drop, come down

(1) **descend** a steep hill, (2) **descend** by elevator

She was **descended** from an old Italian noble family.

isle

n. a small island, especially one in the sea

synonym: island, atoll, cay

(1) **isle** of paradise, (2) tiny **isle**

I love to spend my vacations on a beautiful **isle** with pristine beaches.

seize

v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

synonym: grab, grasp, capture

(1) **seize** a person's property, (2) **seize** the day

He has the superpower to **seize** a business opportunity.

turbulent

adj. marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation

synonym: chaotic, stormy, tumultuous

(1) **turbulent** waves, (2) **turbulent** age

The stock market has been **turbulent** lately, with prices fluctuating rapidly.

feud

n. a bitter argument between two parties, causing a lot of anger or violence

synonym: argument, conflict, dispute

(1) family **feud**, (2) carry out a **feud**

The retired politician resolved the **feud** between groups through mediation.

descendant

n. children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal

synonym: child, offspring, heir

(1) **descendant** of a pioneer, (2) third-generation **descendant**

Those warriors' **descendants** are still skilled archers.

rove

v. to move or travel aimlessly or in a wandering fashion; to roam or wander over a wide area

synonym: wander, roam, traverse

(1) **rove** the globe, (2) **rove** the countryside

We decided to **rove** around the city to explore new neighborhoods.

seaway

n. a navigable passage of water, especially one that connects two larger bodies of water

synonym: waterway, canal, channel

(1) inland **seaway**, (2) **seaway** traffic

The St. Lawrence **Seaway** is an important shipping channel connecting the Great Lakes to the Atlantic Ocean.

inhabitant

n. a person or an animal that lives in a particular place

synonym: dweller, occupant, resident

(1) the early **inhabitants** of Europe, (2) **inhabitant** tax

His family is the oldest **inhabitant** of the island.

outsize

adj. larger or more extensive than what is considered average or normal; of an unusually large size or amount

synonym: oversize, huge, massive

(1) **outsize** impact, (2) **outsize** equipment

The musician's **outsized** stage presence made her concerts an unforgettable experience.

plunder

v. to rob or steal, especially by force or in times of war or chaos; to pillage or loot a place or property

synonym: pillage, loot, despoil

(1) **plunder** the enemy's stronghold, (2) **plunder** his reputation

The pirates could **plunder** the ship and steal all of the valuable cargo.

proWess

n. exceptional or superior skill or ability, particularly in a physical or athletic context; valorous bravery or courage

synonym: expertise, skill, ability

(1) economic **proWess**, (2) intellectual **proWess**

The athlete's **proWess** in her sport earned her many accolades.

woe

n. significant problems or troubles; great unhappiness

synonym: anguish, despair, suffering

(1) economic **woe**, (2) full of **woe**

Recurrent financial **woes** hampered his subsequent career.

hefty

adj. large, bulky, and heavy; impressively large, substantial, or powerful; large in amount, extent, or significance

synonym: weighty, substantial, sizeable

(1) **hefty** price, (2) **hefty** breakfast

The **hefty** box of books was too heavy to lift on my own.

perch

v. to sit, stand, or rest on something, particularly a narrow or elevated surface; to position oneself confidently or dominantly; to place something in a high or elevated position; (noun) a branch or other elevated place where a bird can rest or roost

synonym: sit, roost, squat

(1) **perch** on a ledge, (2) **perch** of a bird of prey

The bird **perched** on the branch, watching the world below.

spar

v. to engage in boxing or other combat sports with a partner for practice or training purposes; to practice fighting or defending oneself using light blows or drills

synonym : fight, wrestle

(1) **spar** with a partner, (2) **spar** over ideas

The kayakers had to **spar** with the strong winds and waves to reach the shore.

rivalry

n. competition or opposition between people or groups, especially in sports or business

synonym : competition, contest, struggle

(1) fierce **rivalry**, (2) **rivalry** among airlines

The **rivalry** between the two teams was intense and heated.

chieftain

n. a leader or ruler of a clan or tribe; a leader or chief; a person who is in charge of a group or organization

synonym : leader, ruler, chief

(1) **chieftain** leader, (2) corporate **chieftain**

All respected the **chieftain** of the tribe.

blossom

n. the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success

synonym : flower, bloom, bud

(1) apple **blossom**, (2) **blossom** garden

The cherry **blossom** trees in the park were in full bloom, creating a beautiful sight.

nephew

n. a son of your brother or sister

(1) three-year-old **nephew**, (2) nieces and **nephews**

My **nephew** is eight months old and still being breastfed.

mutilate

v. to cause severe damage, disfigurement, or injury, usually to a person or an animal; to destroy, alter, or damage something severely or irreparably

synonym : maim, disfigure, deform

(1) **mutilate** a document, (2) **mutilate** a body

It is cruel for anyone to **mutilate** an animal for any reason.

mound

n. a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap

synonym : hill, knoll, rise

(1) **mound** of dirt, (2) burial **mound**

The team discovered a hidden **mound** in the desert.

erupt

v. (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently

synonym : eject, emit, burst

(1) **erupt** in anger, (2) **erupt** into tears

Battles between whites and blacks **erupted** immediately.

squabble

v. to engage in a petty quarrel, argument, or dispute, often about a minor or trivial matter; to bicker or exchange angry words in a noisy or aggressive manner

synonym : argue, bicker, quarrel

(1) **squabble** over money, (2) **squabble** with a neighbor

The siblings always **squabble** over who gets to sit in the car's front seat.

shipwreck

n. the destruction or loss of a ship at sea, usually caused by sinking or running aground; the remains or wreckage of a ship that has been destroyed or lost at sea

synonym : wreckage, ocean disaster

(1) **shipwreck** site, (2) **shipwreck** survivor

Divers discovered the remains of an old **shipwreck** while exploring the reef.

assassin

n. a person who murders a prominent or well-known person for political reasons or in exchange for money

synonym : killer, manslayer

(1) fall victim to an **assassin**, (2) would-be **assassin**

She hired an **assassin** to kill her opponent.

heir *n.* a person who has the legal right to receive someone's money, property, or a title from another person when that person dies
synonym: successor, inheritor, beneficiary
(1) an imperial **heir**, (2) **heir** at law
She recognized me as her lawful **heir**.

scribe *n.* a person who writes out copies of documents or manuscripts, especially in ancient times
synonym: copyist, transcriber, writer
(1) **scribe** in ancient Egypt, (2) financial **scribe**
The **scribe's** skills were in high demand in medieval times, when many people were illiterate.

annex *v.* to add territory to a country, state, or region, typically by conquest; (noun) an addition that extends a main building
synonym: add, take over, (noun) appendix
(1) **annex** notes, (2) hotel **annex**
The government **annexed** the territory from the neighboring country.

chronicle *n.* a historical account of events arranged in order of time, typically without analysis or interpretation
synonym: record, history, annals
(1) **chronicle** of the war, (2) heroic **chronicle**
The **chronicle** of the kingdom's history was passed down through generations of royalty.

Christ *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
synonym: Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus
(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**
Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

etch

- v. to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern

synonym: engrave, inscribe, carve

(1) **etch** a metal plate, (2) **etch** a design into wood

He used a sharp tool to **etch** his initials onto the metal.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. economic w_e | <i>n.</i> significant problems or troubles; great unhappiness |
| 2. des_____nt of a pioneer | <i>n.</i> children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal |
| 3. the early inh_____nts of Europe | <i>n.</i> a person or an animal that lives in a particular place |
| 4. sh_____ck survivor | <i>n.</i> the destruction or loss of a ship at sea, usually caused by sinking or running aground; the remains or wreckage of a ship that has been destroyed or lost at sea |
| 5. e__h a metal plate | <i>v.</i> to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern |
| 6. sq_____le with a neighbor | <i>v.</i> to engage in a petty quarrel, argument, or dispute, often about a minor or trivial matter; to bicker or exchange angry words in a noisy or aggressive manner |
| 7. economic pr_____s | <i>n.</i> exceptional or superior skill or ability, particularly in a physical or athletic context; valorous bravery or courage |
| 8. he__y price | <i>adj.</i> large, bulky, and heavy; impressively large, substantial, or powerful; large in amount, extent, or significance |
| 9. apple bl_____m | <i>n.</i> the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success |

ANSWERS: 1. woe, 2. descendant, 3. inhabitant, 4. shipwreck, 5. etch, 6. squabble, 7. prowess, 8. hefty, 9. blossom

10. h__r at law *n.* a person who has the legal right to receive someone's money, property, or a title from another person when that person dies
11. ch_____in leader *n.* a leader or ruler of a clan or tribe; a leader or chief; a person who is in charge of a group or organization
12. during the Ming dy_____y *n.* a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country
13. burial mo__d *n.* a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap
14. mu_____te a document *v.* to cause severe damage, disfigurement, or injury, usually to a person or an animal; to destroy, alter, or damage something severely or irreparably
15. bir_____ce of modern soccer *n.* the house, town, etc., where someone was born
16. three-year-old ne___w *n.* a son of your brother or sister
17. inland se_____y *n.* a navigable passage of water, especially one that connects two larger bodies of water
18. r__e the globe *v.* to move or travel aimlessly or in a wandering fashion; to roam or wander over a wide area
19. an__x notes *v.* to add territory to a country, state, or region, typically by conquest; (noun) an addition that extends a main building

ANSWERS: 10. heir, 11. chieftain, 12. dynasty, 13. mound, 14. mutilate, 15. birthplace, 16. nephew, 17. seaway, 18. rove, 19. annex

20. pl_____r his reputation *v.* to rob or steal, especially by force or in times of war or chaos; to pillage or loot a place or property
21. i__e of paradise *n.* a small island, especially one in the sea
22. tribal wa_____d *n.* a military leader who has gained control over a region or territory, typically through force or intimidation; a commander of an army or group of soldiers who operates outside the control of a legitimate government
23. fall victim to an as_____in *n.* a person who murders a prominent or well-known person for political reasons or in exchange for money
24. inh_____nt tax *n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
25. dy_____y of China *n.* a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country
26. ancestral bir_____ces *n.* the house, town, etc., where someone was born
27. financial sc_____e *n.* a person who writes out copies of documents or manuscripts, especially in ancient times
28. er__t into tears *v.* (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently
29. bl_____m garden *n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success

ANSWERS: 20. plunder, 21. isle, 22. warlord, 23. assassin, 24. inhabitant, 25. dynasty, 26. birthplace, 27. scribe, 28. erupt, 29. blossom

30. ou____e impact *adj.* larger or more extensive than what is considered average or normal; of an unusually large size or amount
31. er__t in anger *v.* (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently
32. sh_____ck site *n.* the destruction or loss of a ship at sea, usually caused by sinking or running aground; the remains or wreckage of a ship that has been destroyed or lost at sea
33. regional wa____d *n.* a military leader who has gained control over a region or territory, typically through force or intimidation; a commander of an army or group of soldiers who operates outside the control of a legitimate government
34. he__y breakfast *adj.* large, bulky, and heavy; impressively large, substantial, or powerful; large in amount, extent, or significance
35. sq_____le over money *v.* to engage in a petty quarrel, argument, or dispute, often about a minor or trivial matter; to bicker or exchange angry words in a noisy or aggressive manner
36. third-generation des_____nt *n.* children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal
37. pl_____r the enemy's stronghold *v.* to rob or steal, especially by force or in times of war or chaos; to pillage or loot a place or property
38. r__e the countryside *v.* to move or travel aimlessly or in a wandering fashion; to roam or wander over a wide area

ANSWERS: 30. outsize, 31. erupt, 32. shipwreck, 33. warlord, 34. hefty, 35. squabble, 36. descendant, 37. plunder, 38. rove

39. tu_____nt waves *adj.* marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation
40. pe__h of a bird of prey *v.* to sit, stand, or rest on something, particularly a narrow or elevated surface; to position oneself confidently or dominantly; to place something in a high or elevated position; (noun) a branch or other elevated place where a bird can rest or roost
41. intellectual pr_____s *n.* exceptional or superior skill or ability, particularly in a physical or athletic context; valorous bravery or courage
42. would-be as_____in *n.* a person who murders a prominent or well-known person for political reasons or in exchange for money
43. ou_____e equipment *adj.* larger or more extensive than what is considered average or normal; of an unusually large size or amount
44. before Ch____t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
45. corporate ch_____in *n.* a leader or ruler of a clan or tribe; a leader or chief; a person who is in charge of a group or organization
46. tu_____nt age *adj.* marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation
47. teaching of Ch____t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

ANSWERS: 39. turbulent, 40. perch, 41. prowess, 42. assassin, 43. outsize, 44. Christ, 45. chieftain, 46. turbulent, 47. Christ

48. se___y traffic *n.* a navigable passage of water, especially one that connects two larger bodies of water
49. heroic ch_____le *n.* a historical account of events arranged in order of time, typically without analysis or interpretation
50. se__e the day *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
51. e__h a design into wood *v.* to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern
52. tiny i__e *n.* a small island, especially one in the sea
53. se__e a person's property *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
54. de_____d by elevator *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
55. de_____d a steep hill *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
56. pr_____e over ceremony *v.* to be in charge of or to lead a meeting, ceremony, or organization
57. military fo_____ss *n.* a large and strongly built structure, typically with high walls and a moat, used as a military defense or for protection against attackers

ANSWERS: 48. seaway, 49. chronicle, 50. seize, 51. etch, 52. isle, 53. seize, 54. descend, 55. descend, 56. preside, 57. fortress

58. pe__h on a ledge *v.* to sit, stand, or rest on something, particularly a narrow or elevated surface; to position oneself confidently or dominantly; to place something in a high or elevated position; (noun) a branch or other elevated place where a bird can rest or roost
59. mo__d of dirt *n.* a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap
60. an imperial h__r *n.* a person who has the legal right to receive someone's money, property, or a title from another person when that person dies
61. ch_____le of the war *n.* a historical account of events arranged in order of time, typically without analysis or interpretation
62. full of w_e *n.* significant problems or troubles; great unhappiness
63. carry out a f__d *n.* a bitter argument between two parties, causing a lot of anger or violence
64. fo_____ss wall *n.* a large and strongly built structure, typically with high walls and a moat, used as a military defense or for protection against attackers
65. pr_____e at the piano *v.* to be in charge of or to lead a meeting, ceremony, or organization
66. hotel an__x *v.* to add territory to a country, state, or region, typically by conquest; (noun) an addition that extends a main building

ANSWERS: 58. perch, 59. mound, 60. heir, 61. chronicle, 62. woe, 63. feud, 64. fortress, 65. preside, 66. annex

67. family f__d *n.* a bitter argument between two parties, causing a lot of anger or violence
68. s__r over ideas *v.* to engage in boxing or other combat sports with a partner for practice or training purposes; to practice fighting or defending oneself using light blows or drills
69. s__r with a partner *v.* to engage in boxing or other combat sports with a partner for practice or training purposes; to practice fighting or defending oneself using light blows or drills
70. ri____y among airlines *n.* competition or opposition between people or groups, especially in sports or business
71. mu____te a body *v.* to cause severe damage, disfigurement, or injury, usually to a person or an animal; to destroy, alter, or damage something severely or irreparably
72. sc___e in ancient Egypt *n.* a person who writes out copies of documents or manuscripts, especially in ancient times
73. fierce ri____y *n.* competition or opposition between people or groups, especially in sports or business
74. nieces and ne___ws *n.* a son of your brother or sister

ANSWERS: 67. feud, 68. spar, 69. spar, 70. rivalry, 71. mutilate, 72. scribe, 73. rivalry, 74. nephew

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We decided to _____ around the city to explore new neighborhoods.
v. to move or travel aimlessly or in a wandering fashion; to roam or wander over a wide area

2. The stock market has been _____ lately, with prices fluctuating rapidly.
adj. marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation

3. Recurrent financial _____ hampered his subsequent career.
n. significant problems or troubles; great unhappiness

4. The St. Lawrence _____ is an important shipping channel connecting the Great Lakes to the Atlantic Ocean.
n. a navigable passage of water, especially one that connects two larger bodies of water

5. It is cruel for anyone to _____ an animal for any reason.
v. to cause severe damage, disfigurement, or injury, usually to a person or an animal; to destroy, alter, or damage something severely or irreparably

6. The _____ will preside over the meeting tomorrow.
v. to be in charge of or to lead a meeting, ceremony, or organization

7. The _____ army was well-equipped and well-trained, making them a formidable force to reckon with.
n. a military leader who has gained control over a region or territory, typically through force or intimidation; a commander of an army or group of soldiers who operates outside the control of a legitimate government

ANSWERS: 1. rove, 2. turbulent, 3. woes, 4. Seaway, 5. mutilate, 6. president, 7. warlord's

8. The _____ skills were in high demand in medieval times, when many people were illiterate.
- n.* a person who writes out copies of documents or manuscripts, especially in ancient times
9. He has the superpower to _____ a business opportunity.
- v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
10. The ancient _____ was built on a hill to give the defenders a strategic advantage.
- n.* a large and strongly built structure, typically with high walls and a moat, used as a military defense or for protection against attackers
11. The kayakers had to _____ with the strong winds and waves to reach the shore.
- v.* to engage in boxing or other combat sports with a partner for practice or training purposes; to practice fighting or defending oneself using light blows or drills
12. She recognized me as her lawful _____.
- n.* a person who has the legal right to receive someone's money, property, or a title from another person when that person dies
13. The cherry _____ trees in the park were in full bloom, creating a beautiful sight.
- n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success
14. She hired an _____ to kill her opponent.
- n.* a person who murders a prominent or well-known person for political reasons or in exchange for money

ANSWERS: 8. scribe's, 9. seize, 10. fortress, 11. spar, 12. heir, 13. blossom, 14. assassin

15. He used a sharp tool to _____ his initials onto the metal.

- v.* to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern

16. _____ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

- n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

17. The siblings always _____ over who gets to sit in the car's front seat.

- v.* to engage in a petty quarrel, argument, or dispute, often about a minor or trivial matter; to bicker or exchange angry words in a noisy or aggressive manner

18. Those warriors' _____ are still skilled archers.

- n.* children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal

19. The _____ box of books was too heavy to lift on my own.

- adj.* large, bulky, and heavy; impressively large, substantial, or powerful; large in amount, extent, or significance

20. The government _____ the territory from the neighboring country.

- v.* to add territory to a country, state, or region, typically by conquest; (noun) an addition that extends a main building

21. During the Habsburg _____ colonization began.

- n.* a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country

22. The athlete's _____ in her sport earned her many accolades.

- n.* exceptional or superior skill or ability, particularly in a physical or athletic context; valorous bravery or courage

ANSWERS: 15. etch, 16. Christmas, 17. squabble, 18. descendants, 19. hefty, 20. annexed, 21. dynasty, 22. prowess

23. My _____ is eight months old and still being breastfed.

n. a son of your brother or sister

24. The team discovered a hidden _____ in the desert.

n. a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap

25. The _____ between the two teams was intense and heated.

n. competition or opposition between people or groups, especially in sports or business

26. The musician's _____ stage presence made her concerts an unforgettable experience.

adj. larger or more extensive than what is considered average or normal; of an unusually large size or amount

27. Divers discovered the remains of an old _____ while exploring the reef.

n. the destruction or loss of a ship at sea, usually caused by sinking or running aground; the remains or wreckage of a ship that has been destroyed or lost at sea

28. I love to spend my vacations on a beautiful _____ with pristine beaches.

n. a small island, especially one in the sea

29. Battles between whites and blacks _____ immediately.

v. (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently

30. She was _____ from an old Italian noble family.

v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

ANSWERS: 23. nephew, 24. mound, 25. rivalry, 26. outsize, 27. shipwreck, 28. isle, 29. erupted, 30. descended

31. The bird _____ on the branch, watching the world below.
- v.* to sit, stand, or rest on something, particularly a narrow or elevated surface; to position oneself confidently or dominantly; to place something in a high or elevated position; (noun) a branch or other elevated place where a bird can rest or roost
32. The pirates could _____ the ship and steal all of the valuable cargo.
- v.* to rob or steal, especially by force or in times of war or chaos; to pillage or loot a place or property
33. His family is the oldest _____ of the island.
- n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
34. The _____ of the kingdom's history was passed down through generations of royalty.
- n.* a historical account of events arranged in order of time, typically without analysis or interpretation
35. All respected the _____ of the tribe.
- n.* a leader or ruler of a clan or tribe; a leader or chief; a person who is in charge of a group or organization
36. The _____ of civilization is a topic of much debate among historians.
- n.* the house, town, etc., where someone was born
37. The retired politician resolved the _____ between groups through mediation.
- n.* a bitter argument between two parties, causing a lot of anger or violence

ANSWERS: 31. perched, 32. plunder, 33. inhabitant, 34. chronicle, 35. chieftain, 36. birthplace, 37. feud