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Session 1: Word List

ramshackle

adj. in a state of severe disrepair; poorly constructed or hastily put together; rickety or unstable in structure

synonym: dilapidated, rundown, shabby

(1) **ramshackle** bridge, (2) **ramshackle** building

The **ramshackle** old house had been abandoned for years and desperately needed repair.

hut

n. a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud

synonym: shack, cabin, cottage

(1) shepherd's **hut**, (2) fishing **hut**

The little girl lived in a small **hut** in the woods with her family.

ponder

v. to think deeply or carefully about something

synonym: think about, consider, reflect on

(1) **ponder** divine matters, (2) **ponder** life's meaning

She sat quietly, **pondering** the difficult decision.

shadowy

adj. dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain

synonym: dim, dark, obscure

(1) **shadowy** doorway, (2) **shadowy** past

The **shadowy** figure in the corner of the room made me

uneasy.

silhouette

n. an outline of a solid object that you see against a light background; a drawing of the outline of an object filled in with some uniform color

synonym : outline, contour, shape

(1) a person's **silhouette**, (2) the **silhouette** of a garment
After the war, the **silhouette** of the country appears.

godfather

n. a male godparent who witnesses a child's baptism and accepts a spiritual responsibility for their upbringing; a trusted mentor or advisor who has significant influence and offers support and guidance in personal or professional matters

synonym : sponsor, mentor, protector

(1) political **godfather**, (2) be my **godfather** at my christening

The wealthy businessman acted as a **godfather** to his protege, helping him to succeed in his career.

entrust

v. to delegate or assign responsibility or authority to someone else; to put trust or confidence in someone's abilities or judgment

synonym : trust, delegate, hand over

(1) **entrust** with responsibility, (2) **entrust** money to him
I **entrusted** my keys to my neighbor while I was on vacation.

tangle

n. a confused mass of something twisted together

synonym : knot, snarl, entanglement

(1) in a **tangle**, (2) **tangle** wires

The cords behind my computer were a **tangled** mess.

thicket

n. a dense group of trees, shrubs, or other plants, often forming an impenetrable barrier; a tangle or cluster of something that obstructs or impedes progress or movement

synonym : thorn patch, bramble, copse

(1) dense **thicket**, (2) **thicket** of bushes

The hikers had to cut through the **thicket** to descend the mountain.

gaunt

adj. thin and bony in appearance, often due to illness or malnutrition; desolate or barren in landscape or atmosphere

synonym: emaciated, thin, skinny

(1) **gaunt** face, (2) **gaunt** figure

The **gaunt** prisoner was a reflection of the harsh conditions in the jail.

crooked

adj. not straight or aligned; bent or curved to one side; not honest or fair; characterized by deception, fraud, or wrongdoing; irregular, uneven, or jagged in shape or form

synonym: bent, curved, twisted

(1) **crooked** smile, (2) **crooked** line

The table leg was **crooked**, causing all the cups to slide to one side.

skeletal

adj. of, relating to, or forming a skeleton (= frame of bones); very thin or emaciated

synonym: bony, emaciated, gaunt

(1) **skeletal** system, (2) **skeletal** muscles

The older man was skinny and **skeletal** and not in good health.

gnarled

adj. twisted and rough, especially because of age or exposure; having the texture of a rough and knotted surface

synonym: knotty, twisted, contorted

(1) **gnarled** fingers, (2) **gnarled** branches

The **gnarled** tree roots made the path difficult to walk on.

flask

n. a container with a narrow neck and wide, flat body used for holding and carrying liquids

synonym : bottle, container, vial

(1) lab **flask**, (2) vacuum **flask**

The chemist poured the solution from the beaker into the **flask**.

ailment

n. a slight but often persistent illness

synonym : illness, disorder, infection

(1) heart **ailment**, (2) age-related **ailment**

He got timely treatment for his physical **ailment** of severe back pain.

hover

v. to stay in one place in the air

synonym : hang, float over, drift

(1) **hover** between life and death, (2) **hover** around the table

Two birds were **hovering** overhead.

waft

v. to be carried along, as if by a current of air or water; to float or drift gently; (noun) a gentle movement or flow of air, usually carrying a scent, sound, or sensation with it

synonym : float, drift, glide

(1) **waft** in the breeze, (2) **waft** of steam

The smell of freshly baked bread began to **waft** through the house.

antidote

n. a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease

synonym : remedy, treatment, restorative

(1) the **antidote** to the poison, (2) the **antidote** for aging

Knowledge is the **antidote** to fear.

fume

v. to emit gas, smoke, vapor, or a strong, unpleasant odor; to show anger, irritation, or annoyance in a visible way; (noun) gas or vapor that is emitted from a substance, usually as a result of heating or combustion

synonym : smoke, vaporize, emit

(1) **fume** with anger, (2) acrid **fumes**

The angry customer began to **fume** when their order was delayed.

linger

v. to stay in a place or exist longer than expected

synonym: dawdle, tarry, loiter

(1) **linger** in the mind, (2) **linger** over your work

She **lingered** for a moment before leaving the room.

uncanny

adj. strange or mysterious, often in a way that is unsettling

synonym: arcane, astonishing, eerie

(1) in an **uncanny** manner, (2) **uncanny** resemblance

She has an **uncanny** sense of who is telling a lie.

instinct

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

synonym: intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**

When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

summon

v. to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally

synonym: call for, muster, assemble

(1) **summon** a lawyer, (2) **summon** a city council

The chairperson was responsible for **summoning** committees.

dismay

n. a feeling of discouragement, distress, or anxiety caused by something unexpected or unwelcome; a sudden loss of courage or confidence

synonym: distress, discouragement, consternation

(1) flop down in **dismay**, (2) feel **dismay**

The employees expressed their **dismay** at the sudden announcement of massive layoffs.

deceive

v. to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression

synonym: mislead, dupe, hoodwink

(1) **deceive** to lie, (2) **deceive** skillfully

The magician's illusions were designed to **deceive** the audience into believing they saw something impossible.

livid

adj. discolored or bruised, especially angrily or furiously; having a flushed or bluish-gray appearance

synonym: furious, enraged, black-and-blue

(1) **livid** face, (2) **livid** glare

She was **livid** with anger when she found out her coworker had stolen credit for her project.

arrogant

adj. having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities

synonym: haughty, supercilious, disdainful

(1) an **arrogant** attitude, (2) grow **arrogant**

He was so **arrogant** that he thought he was always right.

greedy

adj. having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food

synonym: avaricious, covetous, grasping

(1) **greedy** person, (2) **greedy** for money

His **greedy** behavior led him to steal from the company.

lurk

v. to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal

synonym: hide, creep, stalk

(1) **lurked** behind the words, (2) **lurk** in the darkness

In the city, the risk of traffic accidents **lurks** at every corner.

lovesick

adj. feeling sad, lonely, or depressed because one is not in a romantic relationship or because one's significant other is not with them

synonym: heartbroken, infatuated

(1) **lovesick** poet, (2) a **lovesick** maiden

She was **lovesick** and couldn't stop thinking about him.

dissolve

v. to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss

synonym: disband, disappear, liquefy

(1) **dissolve** the sugar, (2) officially **dissolved** the marriage
The political party **dissolved** after much internal fighting.

quiver

v. to shake or tremble with a slight, rapid motion

synonym: shake, tremble, shiver

(1) **quiver** in the breeze, (2) **quiver** with excitement
The archer's hands **quivered** as he aimed the arrow at the target.

whittle

v. to carve or cut away small pieces of wood, stone, or other materials with a knife or other sharp tool; to gradually reduce or diminish something

synonym: carve, pare, trim

(1) **whittle** wooden toys, (2) **whittle** down expenses
The skilled craftsman used a pocket knife to **whittle** a small figurine from a wood block.

wick

n. a narrow strip of material, such as cotton or fiberglass, that is used to draw up oil, wax, or other fluid that is burned in a lamp, candle, or other flame-producing devices; (verb) to absorb or draw up liquid by capillary action

synonym: cord, string, taper

(1) cotton **wick**, (2) **wick** moisture
The candle's **wick** burned, signaling it was time to extinguish it.

dwindle

v. to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller

synonym: shrink, decrease, fade

(1) **dwindle** in importance, (2) **dwindle** to almost nothing
The crowds at the festival **dwindled** as the night went on.

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.

loosen

v. to make something less tight, firm, or fixed; to free from restraint or constraint; to relax

synonym : relax, slacken, untie

(1) **loosen** grip, (2) **loosen** knot

Please **loosen** the screws on the back panel so we can access the inside of the machine.

bony

adj. characterized by a prominent, visible bone structure; lacking flesh or muscle; thin, scrawny

synonym : emaciated, gaunt, skeletal

(1) **bony** fingers, (2) **bony** structure

She complained of a **bony** lump on her ankle that made walking difficult.

motionless

adj. without movement or motion; completely still

synonym : still, immobile, static

(1) **motionless** figure, (2) **motionless** body

The wounded soldier lay **motionless** on the battlefield waiting for medical attention.

inscrutable

adj. difficult to understand or interpret; mysterious or enigmatic; not easily read or deciphered

synonym : mysterious, enigmatic, impenetrable

(1) **inscrutable** expression, (2) **inscrutable** smile

The mystery surrounding the lost city's **inscrutable** ruins has intrigued archaeologists for decades.

sputter

v. to emit or make a series of explosive popping or spitting sounds; to speak quickly or in a confused or agitated manner; to work or operate in an erratic or uneven

manner

synonym : cough, spit, splutter

(1) **sputter** into silence, (2) **sputter** due to lack of fuel

The car's engine began to **sputter** as it ran out of gas.

wisp

n. a thin, delicate strand or vestige of something, such as smoke, vapor, or a piece of hair; a faint, barely perceptible indication or hint of something; a small creature or fairy, often depicted as a hovering, translucent figure

synonym : strand, thread, filament

(1) a **wisp** of mist, (2) a **wisp** of conversation

The **wisp** of smoke from the candle added to the room's cozy ambiance.

Session 2: Spelling

1. dense th____t
n. a dense group of trees, shrubs, or other plants, often forming an impenetrable barrier; a tangle or cluster of something that obstructs or impedes progress or movement
2. the sil_____te of a garment
n. an outline of a solid object that you see against a light background; a drawing of the outline of an object filled in with some uniform color
3. b__y fingers
adj. characterized by a prominent, visible bone structure; lacking flesh or muscle; thin, scrawny
4. b__y structure
adj. characterized by a prominent, visible bone structure; lacking flesh or muscle; thin, scrawny
5. in a ta___e
n. a confused mass of something twisted together
6. de_____e skillfully
v. to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression
7. ins_____le smile
adj. difficult to understand or interpret; mysterious or enigmatic; not easily read or deciphered
8. cr_____d smile
adj. not straight or aligned; bent or curved to one side; not honest or fair; characterized by deception, fraud, or wrongdoing; irregular, uneven, or jagged in shape or form

ANSWERS: 1. thicket, 2. silhouette, 3. bony, 4. bony, 5. tangle, 6. deceive, 7. inscrutable, 8. crooked

9. sh____y doorway *adj.* dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain
10. di____ve the sugar *v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
11. li__d face *adj.* discolored or bruised, especially angrily or furiously; having a flushed or bluish-gray appearance
12. grow ar____nt *adj.* having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities
13. su____n a lawyer *v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
14. a person's sil____te *n.* an outline of a solid object that you see against a light background; a drawing of the outline of an object filled in with some uniform color
15. feel di____y *n.* a feeling of discouragement, distress, or anxiety caused by something unexpected or unwelcome; a sudden loss of courage or confidence
16. de____e to lie *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression
17. the an____te to the poison *n.* a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease
18. the an____te for aging *n.* a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease

ANSWERS: 9. shadowy, 10. dissolve, 11. livid, 12. arrogant, 13. summon, 14. silhouette, 15. dismay, 16. deceive, 17. antidote, 18. antidote

19. ram_____le bridge *adj.* in a state of severe disrepair; poorly constructed or hastily put together; rickety or unstable in structure
20. lo____n knot *v.* to make something less tight, firm, or fixed; to free from restraint or constraint; to relax
21. ram_____le building *adj.* in a state of severe disrepair; poorly constructed or hastily put together; rickety or unstable in structure
22. heart ai_____t *n.* a slight but often persistent illness
23. wh_____e down expenses *v.* to carve or cut away small pieces of wood, stone, or other materials with a knife or other sharp tool; to gradually reduce or diminish something
24. lo_____ck poet *adj.* feeling sad, lonely, or depressed because one is not in a romantic relationship or because one's significant other is not with them
25. wh_____e wooden toys *v.* to carve or cut away small pieces of wood, stone, or other materials with a knife or other sharp tool; to gradually reduce or diminish something
26. gr____y for money *adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
27. be____y a friend *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
28. ta____e wires *n.* a confused mass of something twisted together

ANSWERS: 19. ramshackle, 20. loosen, 21. ramshackle, 22. ailment, 23. whittle, 24. lovesick, 25. whittle, 26. greedy, 27. betray, 28. tangle

38. flop down in di___y *n.* a feeling of discouragement, distress, or anxiety caused by something unexpected or unwelcome; a sudden loss of courage or confidence
39. li___r over your work *v.* to stay in a place or exist longer than expected
40. su___n a city council *v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
41. th_____t of bushes *n.* a dense group of trees, shrubs, or other plants, often forming an impenetrable barrier; a tangle or cluster of something that obstructs or impedes progress or movement
42. be___y confidence *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
43. gn_____d branches *adj.* twisted and rough, especially because of age or exposure; having the texture of a rough and knotted surface
44. sk_____al muscles *adj.* of, relating to, or forming a skeleton (= frame of bones); very thin or emaciated
45. dw_____e in importance *v.* to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller
46. sp_____r due to lack of fuel *v.* to emit or make a series of explosive popping or spitting sounds; to speak quickly or in a confused or agitated manner; to work or operate in an erratic or uneven manner

ANSWERS: 38. dismay, 39. linger, 40. summon, 41. thicket, 42. betray, 43. gnarled, 44. skeletal, 45. dwindle, 46. sputter

47. an ar____nt attitude *adj.* having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities
48. mot_____ss figure *adj.* without movement or motion; completely still
49. cotton w__k *n.* a narrow strip of material, such as cotton or fiberglass, that is used to draw up oil, wax, or other fluid that is burned in a lamp, candle, or other flame-producing devices; (verb) to absorb or draw up liquid by capillary action
50. qu___r in the breeze *v.* to shake or tremble with a slight, rapid motion
51. l__ked behind the words *v.* to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal
52. gr___y person *adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
53. mot_____ss body *adj.* without movement or motion; completely still
54. w__t in the breeze *v.* to be carried along, as if by a current of air or water; to float or drift gently; (noun) a gentle movement or flow of air, usually carrying a scent, sound, or sensation with it
55. qu___r with excitement *v.* to shake or tremble with a slight, rapid motion
56. sp_____r into silence *v.* to emit or make a series of explosive popping or spitting sounds; to speak quickly or in a confused or agitated manner; to work or operate in an erratic or uneven manner

ANSWERS: 47. arrogant, 48. motionless, 49. wick, 50. quiver, 51. lurk, 52. greedy, 53. motionless, 54. waft, 55. quiver, 56. sputter

57. l__k in the darkness *v.* to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal
58. vacuum fl__k *n.* a container with a narrow neck and wide, flat body used for holding and carrying liquids
59. f__e with anger *v.* to emit gas, smoke, vapor, or a strong, unpleasant odor; to show anger, irritation, or annoyance in a visible way; (noun) gas or vapor that is emitted from a substance, usually as a result of heating or combustion
60. ho__r between life and death *v.* to stay in one place in the air
61. a w__p of mist *n.* a thin, delicate strand or vestige of something, such as smoke, vapor, or a piece of hair; a faint, barely perceptible indication or hint of something; a small creature or fairy, often depicted as a hovering, translucent figure
62. w__k moisture *n.* a narrow strip of material, such as cotton or fiberglass, that is used to draw up oil, wax, or other fluid that is burned in a lamp, candle, or other flame-producing devices; (verb) to absorb or draw up liquid by capillary action
63. po___r divine matters *v.* to think deeply or carefully about something
64. age-related ai____t *n.* a slight but often persistent illness

ANSWERS: 57. lurk, 58. flask, 59. fume, 60. hover, 61. wisp, 62. wick, 63. ponder, 64. ailment

65. gn____d fingers *adj.* twisted and rough, especially because of age or exposure; having the texture of a rough and knotted surface
66. w__t of steam *v.* to be carried along, as if by a current of air or water; to float or drift gently; (noun) a gentle movement or flow of air, usually carrying a scent, sound, or sensation with it
67. in____ct for self-preservation *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
68. fishing h_t *n.* a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud
69. ga__t figure *adj.* thin and bony in appearance, often due to illness or malnutrition; desolate or barren in landscape or atmosphere
70. aggressive in____ct *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
71. un____y resemblance *adj.* strange or mysterious, often in a way that is unsettling
72. ga__t face *adj.* thin and bony in appearance, often due to illness or malnutrition; desolate or barren in landscape or atmosphere
73. ho__r around the table *v.* to stay in one place in the air
74. lab fl__k *n.* a container with a narrow neck and wide, flat body used for holding and carrying liquids

ANSWERS: 65. gnarled, 66. waft, 67. instinct, 68. hut, 69. gaunt, 70. instinct, 71. uncanny, 72. gaunt, 73. hover, 74. flask

75. be my go_____er at my christening *n.* a male godparent who witnesses a child's baptism and accepts a spiritual responsibility for their upbringing; a trusted mentor or advisor who has significant influence and offers support and guidance in personal or professional matters
76. in an un_____y manner *adj.* strange or mysterious, often in a way that is unsettling
77. en_____t money to him *v.* to delegate or assign responsibility or authority to someone else; to put trust or confidence in someone's abilities or judgment
78. sk_____al system *adj.* of, relating to, or forming a skeleton (= frame of bones); very thin or emaciated
79. li__d glare *adj.* discolored or bruised, especially angrily or furiously; having a flushed or bluish-gray appearance
80. officially di_____ved the marriage *v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
81. shepherd's h_t *n.* a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud
82. en_____t with responsibility *v.* to delegate or assign responsibility or authority to someone else; to put trust or confidence in someone's abilities or judgment
83. political go_____er *n.* a male godparent who witnesses a child's baptism and accepts a spiritual responsibility for their upbringing; a trusted mentor or advisor who has significant influence and offers support and guidance in personal or professional matters

ANSWERS: 75. godfather, 76. uncanny, 77. entrust, 78. skeletal, 79. livid, 80. dissolve, 81. hut, 82. entrust, 83. godfather

84. a lo____ck maiden

adj. feeling sad, lonely, or depressed because one is not in a romantic relationship or because one's significant other is not with them

ANSWERS: 84. lovesick

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The political party _____ after much internal fighting.
v. to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
2. The skilled craftsman used a pocket knife to _____ a small figurine from a wood block.
v. to carve or cut away small pieces of wood, stone, or other materials with a knife or other sharp tool; to gradually reduce or diminish something
3. The _____ old house had been abandoned for years and desperately needed repair.
adj. in a state of severe disrepair; poorly constructed or hastily put together; rickety or unstable in structure
4. After the war, the _____ of the country appears.
n. an outline of a solid object that you see against a light background; a drawing of the outline of an object filled in with some uniform color
5. The _____ tree roots made the path difficult to walk on.
adj. twisted and rough, especially because of age or exposure; having the texture of a rough and knotted surface
6. The mystery surrounding the lost city's _____ ruins has intrigued archaeologists for decades.
adj. difficult to understand or interpret; mysterious or enigmatic; not easily read or deciphered
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. dissolved, 2. whittle, 3. ramshackle, 4. silhouette, 5. gnarled, 6. inscrutable, 7. betrayed

8. She was _____ and couldn't stop thinking about him.

adj. feeling sad, lonely, or depressed because one is not in a romantic relationship or because one's significant other is not with them

9. The magician's illusions were designed to _____ the audience into believing they saw something impossible.

v. to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression

10. The little girl lived in a small ____ in the woods with her family.

n. a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud

11. Knowledge is the _____ to fear.

n. a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease

12. The older man was skinny and _____ and not in good health.

adj. of, relating to, or forming a skeleton (= frame of bones); very thin or emaciated

13. The cords behind my computer were a _____ mess.

n. a confused mass of something twisted together

14. When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial _____ was to flee.

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

15. The hikers had to cut through the _____ to descend the mountain.

n. a dense group of trees, shrubs, or other plants, often forming an impenetrable barrier; a tangle or cluster of something that obstructs or impedes progress or movement

ANSWERS: 8. lovesick, 9. deceive, 10. hut, 11. antidote, 12. skeletal, 13. tangled, 14. instinct, 15. thicket

16. The _____ figure in the corner of the room made me uneasy.

adj. dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain

17. She has an _____ sense of who is telling a lie.

adj. strange or mysterious, often in a way that is unsettling

18. Please _____ the screws on the back panel so we can access the inside of the machine.

v. to make something less tight, firm, or fixed; to free from restraint or constraint; to relax

19. The wounded soldier lay _____ on the battlefield waiting for medical attention.

adj. without movement or motion; completely still

20. Two birds were _____ overhead.

v. to stay in one place in the air

21. She was _____ with anger when she found out her coworker had stolen credit for her project.

adj. discolored or bruised, especially angrily or furiously; having a flushed or bluish-gray appearance

22. The crowds at the festival _____ as the night went on.

v. to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller

23. She complained of a _____ lump on her ankle that made walking difficult.

adj. characterized by a prominent, visible bone structure; lacking flesh or muscle; thin, scrawny

ANSWERS: 16. shadowy, 17. uncanny, 18. loosen, 19. motionless, 20. hovering, 21. livid, 22. dwindled, 23. bony

24. The smell of freshly baked bread began to _____ through the house.
- v. to be carried along, as if by a current of air or water; to float or drift gently; (noun) a gentle movement or flow of air, usually carrying a scent, sound, or sensation with it
25. The candle's _____ burned, signaling it was time to extinguish it.
- n. a narrow strip of material, such as cotton or fiberglass, that is used to draw up oil, wax, or other fluid that is burned in a lamp, candle, or other flame-producing devices; (verb) to absorb or draw up liquid by capillary action
26. In the city, the risk of traffic accidents _____ at every corner.
- v. to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal
27. I _____ my keys to my neighbor while I was on vacation.
- v. to delegate or assign responsibility or authority to someone else; to put trust or confidence in someone's abilities or judgment
28. The chemist poured the solution from the beaker into the _____.
- n. a container with a narrow neck and wide, flat body used for holding and carrying liquids
29. The angry customer began to _____ when their order was delayed.
- v. to emit gas, smoke, vapor, or a strong, unpleasant odor; to show anger, irritation, or annoyance in a visible way; (noun) gas or vapor that is emitted from a substance, usually as a result of heating or combustion
30. The employees expressed their _____ at the sudden announcement of massive layoffs.
- n. a feeling of discouragement, distress, or anxiety caused by something unexpected or unwelcome; a sudden loss of courage or confidence

ANSWERS: 24. waft, 25. wick, 26. lurks, 27. entrusted, 28. flask, 29. fume, 30. dismay

31. The _____ prisoner was a reflection of the harsh conditions in the jail.
adj. thin and bony in appearance, often due to illness or malnutrition; desolate or barren in landscape or atmosphere
32. The _____ of smoke from the candle added to the room's cozy ambiance.
n. a thin, delicate strand or vestige of something, such as smoke, vapor, or a piece of hair; a faint, barely perceptible indication or hint of something; a small creature or fairy, often depicted as a hovering, translucent figure
33. She sat quietly, _____ the difficult decision.
v. to think deeply or carefully about something
34. The wealthy businessman acted as a _____ to his protege, helping him to succeed in his career.
n. a male godparent who witnesses a child's baptism and accepts a spiritual responsibility for their upbringing; a trusted mentor or advisor who has significant influence and offers support and guidance in personal or professional matters
35. The chairperson was responsible for _____ committees.
v. to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
36. His _____ behavior led him to steal from the company.
adj. having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
37. He got timely treatment for his physical _____ of severe back pain.
n. a slight but often persistent illness

ANSWERS: 31. gaunt, 32. wisp, 33. pondering, 34. godfather, 35. summoning, 36. greedy, 37. ailment

38. The archer's hands _____ as he aimed the arrow at the target.

v. to shake or tremble with a slight, rapid motion

39. She _____ for a moment before leaving the room.

v. to stay in a place or exist longer than expected

40. He was so _____ that he thought he was always right.

adj. having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities

41. The car's engine began to _____ as it ran out of gas.

v. to emit or make a series of explosive popping or spitting sounds; to speak quickly or in a confused or agitated manner; to work or operate in an erratic or uneven manner

42. The table leg was _____ causing all the cups to slide to one side.

adj. not straight or aligned; bent or curved to one side; not honest or fair; characterized by deception, fraud, or wrongdoing; irregular, uneven, or jagged in shape or form

ANSWERS: 38. quivered, 39. lingered, 40. arrogant, 41. sputter, 42. crooked,