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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### shark

*n.* a long-bodied, mostly predatory marine fish that has sharp teeth and a pointed fin on its back; a person who is ruthless, greedy, and dishonest

*synonym*: swindler, con artist, crook

(1) a man-eating **shark**, (2) card **shark**

He borrowed money from a loan **shark**.

### soda

*n.* a carbonated soft drink containing a sweetened syrup or flavoring, often used interchangeably with "pop" or "soda pop" in different regions of the world

*synonym*: pop, cola, soft drink

(1) **soda** pop, (2) lemon-lime **soda**

I'm craving a cold **soda** to quench my thirst.

### develop

*v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

*synonym*: evolve, progress, advance

(1) **develop** a strategy, (2) **develop** a skill

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

## cancer

*n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells

*synonym*: tumor, carcinoma, malignancy

(1) **cancer** diagnosis, (2) **cancer** research

Breast **cancer** is the most common type of cancer in women.

## relative

*adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

*synonym*: comparative, proximate, congeneric

(1) a remote **relative**, (2) **relative** factors

Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close **relatives**.

## evaluate

*v.* to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something

*synonym*: assess, estimate, consider

(1) **evaluate** the grant proposal, (2) **evaluate** a situation

The meeting aims to **evaluate** possible choices.

## complicated

*adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

*synonym*: complex, convoluted, intricate

(1) a **complicated** process, (2) become increasingly **complicated**

He did **complicated** pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

## 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.

## statistics

*n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment

are genuine problems.

## preference

*n.* a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person

*synonym*: taste, choice, affection

(1) his meal **preferences**, (2) a particular **preference** for Chinese art

Her **preference** is comfortable clothing over fashionable ones.

## stumble

*v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

*synonym*: bumble, struggle, misstep

(1) **stumble** financially, (2) **stumble** through life

She **stumbled** over the tree root.

## absolute

*adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible

*synonym*: complete, infrangible, indisputable

(1) **absolute** loyalty, (2) an **absolute** must

Gandhi had an **absolute** zeal for nonviolence.

## likelihood

*n.* the probability or chance that something will happen or be the case

*synonym*: probability, chance, possibility

(1) **likelihood** of the success, (2) improve the **likelihood** of a cure

The **likelihood** of the project being completed on time is uncertain.

## percentage

*n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred

*synonym*: rate, ratio, portion

(1) the **percentage** of the gold content, (2) a high **percentage**

What is the **percentage** of the consumption tax in the United States?

## diver

*n.* a person who dives, especially one who does so professionally or as a sport; a bird that dives into the water to catch fish or other prey

*synonym* : plunger, frogman, loon

(1) professional **diver**, (2) deep-sea **diver**

The search and rescue team sent a team of **divers** to search for the missing plane wreckage.

## suffer

*v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

*synonym* : endure, undergo, tolerate

(1) **suffer** a setback, (2) **suffer** bad grades

The older man **suffers** from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

## mammography

*n.* the process of using X-rays to examine the breast for the early detection of breast cancer

*synonym* : breast imaging, mammogram, breast X-ray

(1) diagnostic **mammography**, (2) digital **mammography**

Women should get regular **mammography** screenings as a preventative measure for breast cancer.

## breast

*n.* either of the two round soft parts of a woman's chest which secrete milk after childbirth

*synonym* : bosom, chest, bust

(1) **breast** cancer, (2) the mountain's **breast**

He grilled the **breast** meat of a chicken.

## reduction

*n.* a decrease in size, amount, or degree

*synonym* : diminution, decrease, cutback

(1) **reduction** strategy, (2) a gradual **reduction**

The **reduction** in carbon emissions has been significant since the implementation of the new policy.

## mortality

*n.* the quality or state of being subject to death

*synonym* : fatality

(1) **mortality** due to cancer, (2) lower infant **mortality**  
This disease has a high **mortality**.

### overestimate

*v.* to estimate something to be greater in amount or importance than it really is

*synonym*: overrate, overvalue, embellish

(1) **overestimate** the value, (2) **overestimate** the amount of time spent

He tends to **overestimate** his abilities.

### hypothesis

*n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate

*synonym*: assumption, conjecture, theory

(1) test my **hypothesis**, (2) a bold **hypothesis**

This evidence supports the big-bang **hypothesis**.

### negative

*adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

*synonym*: minus, adverse, pessimistic

(1) have a **negative** effect, (2) a **negative** number

The movie has received almost universally **negative** criticism.

### outcome

*n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

*synonym*: result, consequence, effect

(1) improved student **outcomes**, (2) a desirable **outcome**

They awaited news of the **outcome** of the election.

### worthwhile

*adj.* having value or benefit; sufficiently important or beneficial to be worthy of time or effort; deserving of attention or consideration

*synonym*: valuable, rewarding, significant

(1) **worthwhile** investment, (2) **worthwhile** endeavor

Volunteering for a **worthwhile** cause is important for building a sense of community.

## necessarily

*adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

*synonym* : inevitable, certainly, automatically

(1) not **necessarily** a problem, (2) **necessarily** true

This accident was something that happened **necessarily**.

## suppose

*v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

*synonym* : guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand

What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

## patient

*n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic

*synonym* : client, recipient, subject

(1) **patient** in the hospital, (2) **patient** with weight loss

The doctor carefully examined the **patient's** medical history.

## substantial

*adj.* fairly large in size, value, or importance

*synonym* : significant, notable, actual

(1) a **substantial** amount of capital, (2) have a **substantial** meal

The pandemic was a **substantial** business opportunity for certain companies.

## individual

*n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

*synonym* : person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

## vary

*v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.

*synonym* : alter, contrast, differ

(1) **vary** according to the age, (2) **vary** directly with the price

Maximum heart rates **vary** a lot for each individual.

## circumstance

*n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

*synonym* : condition, context, environment

(1) **circumstance** of birth, (2) **circumstance** of injury

She explained the **circumstances** surrounding the accident.

## disease

*n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

*synonym* : illness, ailment, affliction

(1) **disease** prevention, (2) **disease** control

The doctor diagnosed him with a rare **disease** that had no known cure.

## motivate

*v.* to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort

*synonym* : boost, encourage, inspire

(1) **motivate** the students, (2) all ability to **motivate**

The ability to **motivate** people is a priceless asset.

## medication

*n.* a drug or other form of medicine that treats, prevents, or alleviates the symptoms of the disease

*synonym* : cure, drug, medicine

(1) antibiotic **medication**, (2) **medication** by mouth

The pharmacist not only prescribes the **medication** but also guides its proper use.

## decide

*v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

*synonym* : choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

## expose

*v.* to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence

*synonym* : disclose, reveal, uncover

(1) **expose** a crime, (2) **expose** a person to risks  
That newspaper **exposed** a political scandal in a big way.

## comparable

*adj.* able to link the similarities or differences with others;  
similar or equivalent to someone or something

*synonym*: equal, commensurate, similar

(1) **comparable** sales, (2) a **comparable** amount of energy  
Humans and apes have **comparable** anatomical structures.

## debilitating

*adj.* weakening or damaging; causing a loss of strength,  
energy, or success

*synonym*: weakening, exhausting

(1) **debilitating** virus, (2) **debilitating** effect  
His **debilitating** illness made it difficult for him to leave the house.

## threaten

*v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against  
someone

*synonym*: endanger, terrorize, intimidate

(1) **threaten** a healthy relationship, (2) **threaten** national  
security

Various artificially induced causes are **threatening** our  
ecosystem.

## migraine

*n.* a severe headache typically felt as a throbbing pain on  
one side of the head

*synonym*: headache, cephalalgia, hemicrania

(1) suffer from **migraine**, (2) **migraine** attack  
She gets **migraines** whenever she's under a lot of stress.

## minuscule

*adj.* extremely small; tiny

*synonym*: tiny, insignificant, microscopic

(1) **minuscule** amount, (2) **minuscule** letters  
This ore emits **minuscule** quantities of radiation



## skip

*v.* to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do

*synonym*: bounce, spring, neglect

(1) **skip** across the country, (2) **skip** breakfast

We **skipped** the topic because it was too complicated.

## tricky

*adj.* requiring care and skill because challenging to do or deal with

*synonym*: thorny, problematic, crafty

(1) **tricky** problem, (2) a **tricky** recipe to follow

We have discussed the entirety of this **tricky** problem.

## baseline

*n.* a starting point or minimum for comparing facts; the back line bounding each end of a tennis or handball court

*synonym*: standard, criterion

(1) **baseline** budget, (2) establish a **baseline**

The products they sell are the **baseline** for performance in the industry.

## mislead

*v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true

*synonym*: misinform, delude, belie

(1) **mislead** him into trusting her, (2) **mislead** the enemy

Our troops pulled back to **mislead** the enemy.

## confusion

*n.* the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty

*synonym*: disorder, disarray, chaos

(1) administrative **confusion**, (2) in great **confusion**

The sudden policy change has caused **confusion** among employees.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|------------------------------|--|
| 1. test my hyp_____is        | <i>n.</i> a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate |
| 2. a tr___y recipe to follow | <i>adj.</i> requiring care and skill because challenging to do or deal with  |
| 3. his meal pre_____ces      | <i>n.</i> a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person                                  |
| 4. ab_____te loyalty         | <i>adj.</i> perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible  |
| 5. not nec_____ly a problem  | <i>adv.</i> in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise  |
| 6. deb_____ing virus         | <i>adj.</i> weakening or damaging; causing a loss of strength, energy, or success  |
| 7. st_____e financially      | <i>v.</i> to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily   |
| 8. st_____e through life     | <i>v.</i> to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily   |
| 9. su_____e you're right     | <i>v.</i> to think that something is likely to be actual or possible   |
| 10. su_____e beforehand      | <i>v.</i> to think that something is likely to be actual or possible   |
| 11. mi_____le letters        | <i>adj.</i> extremely small; tiny  |
| 12. br___t cancer            | <i>n.</i> either of the two round soft parts of a woman's chest which secrete milk after childbirth                            |

ANSWERS: 1. hypothesis, 2. tricky, 3. preference, 4. absolute, 5. necessarily, 6. debilitating, 7. stumble, 8. stumble, 9. suppose, 10. suppose, 11. minuscule, 12. breast

13. a com\_\_\_\_\_ed process *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
14. lower infant mo\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the quality or state of being subject to death
15. a bold hyp\_\_\_\_\_is *n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
16. mi\_\_\_\_\_le amount *adj.* extremely small; tiny
17. a ne\_\_\_\_\_ve number *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
18. a private ind\_\_\_\_\_al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
19. card sh\_\_k *n.* a long-bodied, mostly predatory marine fish that has sharp teeth and a pointed fin on its back; a person who is ruthless, greedy, and dishonest
20. mi\_\_\_\_\_d him into trusting her *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true
21. pa\_\_\_\_\_t in the hospital *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
22. de\_\_\_\_\_p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 13. complicated, 14. mortality, 15. hypothesis, 16. minuscule, 17. negative, 18. individual, 19. shark, 20. mislead, 21. patient, 22. develop

23. ta\_\_\_e wires *n.* a confused mass of something twisted together
24. ba\_\_\_\_\_ne budget *n.* a starting point or minimum for comparing facts; the back line bounding each end of a tennis or handball court
25. ind\_\_\_\_\_al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
26. an ab\_\_\_\_\_te must *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
27. antibiotic med\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a drug or other form of medicine that treats, prevents, or alleviates the symptoms of the disease
28. a gradual re\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a decrease in size, amount, or degree
29. pa\_\_\_\_\_t with weight loss *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
30. wor\_\_\_\_\_le investment *adj.* having value or benefit; sufficiently important or beneficial to be worthy of time or effort; deserving of attention or consideration
31. a desirable ou\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
32. the mountain's br\_\_\_\_t *n.* either of the two round soft parts of a woman's chest which secrete milk after childbirth
33. the per\_\_\_\_\_ge of the gold content *n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred

ANSWERS: 23. tangle, 24. baseline, 25. individual, 26. absolute, 27. medication, 28. reduction, 29. patient, 30. worthwhile, 31. outcome, 32. breast, 33. percentage

34. ove\_\_\_\_\_ate the value *v.* to estimate something to be greater in amount or importance than it really is
35. suffer from mi\_\_\_\_\_ne *n.* a severe headache typically felt as a throbbing pain on one side of the head
36. have a ne\_\_\_\_\_ve effect *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
37. re\_\_\_\_\_on strategy *n.* a decrease in size, amount, or degree
38. cir\_\_\_\_\_nce of injury *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
39. ove\_\_\_\_\_ate the amount of time spent *v.* to estimate something to be greater in amount or importance than it really is
40. digital mam\_\_\_\_\_hy *n.* the process of using X-rays to examine the breast for the early detection of breast cancer
41. med\_\_\_\_\_on by mouth *n.* a drug or other form of medicine that treats, prevents, or alleviates the symptoms of the disease
42. have a sub\_\_\_\_\_al meal *adj.* fairly large in size, value, or importance
43. official sta\_\_\_\_\_cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
44. deb\_\_\_\_\_ing effect *adj.* weakening or damaging; causing a loss of strength, energy, or success
45. s\_\_a pop *n.* a carbonated soft drink containing a sweetened syrup or flavoring, often used interchangeably with "pop" or "soda pop" in different regions of the world

ANSWERS: 34. overestimate, 35. migraine, 36. negative, 37. reduction, 38. circumstance, 39. overestimate, 40. mammography, 41. medication, 42. substantial, 43. statistics, 44. debilitating, 45. soda

46. ev\_\_\_\_te the grant proposal      *v.* to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something
47. su\_\_\_\_r a setback      *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
48. a particular pre\_\_\_\_ce for Chinese art      *n.* a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person
49. a man-eating sh\_\_k      *n.* a long-bodied, mostly predatory marine fish that has sharp teeth and a pointed fin on its back; a person who is ruthless, greedy, and dishonest
50. ca\_\_\_\_r diagnosis      *n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
51. in a ta\_\_\_\_e      *n.* a confused mass of something twisted together
52. di\_\_\_\_e control      *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
53. improved student ou\_\_\_\_es      *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
54. nec\_\_\_\_ly true      *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
55. tr\_\_\_\_y problem      *adj.* requiring care and skill because challenging to do or deal with

ANSWERS: 46. evaluate, 47. suffer, 48. preference, 49. shark, 50. cancer, 51. tangle, 52. disease, 53. outcome, 54. necessarily, 55. tricky

56. sta\_\_\_\_\_cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
57. a remote re\_\_\_\_\_ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
58. administrative co\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty
59. re\_\_\_\_\_ve factors *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
60. th\_\_\_\_\_en national security *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
61. professional di\_\_r *n.* a person who dives, especially one who does so professionally or as a sport; a bird that dives into the water to catch fish or other prey
62. ev\_\_\_\_\_te a situation *v.* to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something
63. a com\_\_\_\_\_le amount of energy *adj.* able to link the similarities or differences with others; similar or equivalent to someone or something
64. ex\_\_\_\_\_e a person to risks *v.* to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence
65. deep-sea di\_\_r *n.* a person who dives, especially one who does so professionally or as a sport; a bird that dives into the water to catch fish or other prey
66. mo\_\_\_\_\_te the students *v.* to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort

ANSWERS: 56. statistics, 57. relative, 58. confusion, 59. relative, 60. threaten, 61. diver, 62. evaluate, 63. comparable, 64. expose, 65. diver, 66. motivate

67. a sub\_\_\_\_\_al amount of capital      *adj.* fairly large in size, value, or importance
68. all ability to mo\_\_\_\_\_te      *v.* to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort
69. establish a ba\_\_\_\_\_ne      *n.* a starting point or minimum for comparing facts; the back line bounding each end of a tennis or handball court
70. de\_\_\_\_\_e a question      *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
71. mo\_\_\_\_\_ty due to cancer      *n.* the quality or state of being subject to death
72. v\_\_y directly with the price      *v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
73. v\_\_y according to the age      *v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
74. in great co\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty
75. lemon-lime s\_\_a      *n.* a carbonated soft drink containing a sweetened syrup or flavoring, often used interchangeably with "pop" or "soda pop" in different regions of the world
76. ca\_\_\_\_\_r research      *n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
77. become increasingly com\_\_\_\_\_ed      *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

ANSWERS: 67. substantial, 68. motivate, 69. baseline, 70. decide, 71. mortality, 72. vary, 73. vary, 74. confusion, 75. soda, 76. cancer, 77. complicated



78. diagnostic mam\_\_\_\_\_hy *n.* the process of using X-rays to examine the breast for the early detection of breast cancer
79. cir\_\_\_\_\_nce of birth *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
80. a high per\_\_\_\_\_ge *n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
81. com\_\_\_\_\_le sales *adj.* able to link the similarities or differences with others; similar or equivalent to someone or something
82. lik\_\_\_\_\_od of the success *n.* the probability or chance that something will happen or be the case
83. improve the lik\_\_\_\_\_od of a cure *n.* the probability or chance that something will happen or be the case
84. mi\_\_\_\_\_ne attack *n.* a severe headache typically felt as a throbbing pain on one side of the head
85. su\_\_\_\_r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
86. s\_\_p across the country *v.* to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do
87. mi\_\_\_\_\_d the enemy *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true
88. di\_\_\_\_\_e prevention *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

ANSWERS: 78. mammography, 79. circumstance, 80. percentage, 81. comparable, 82. likelihood, 83. likelihood, 84. migraine, 85. suffer, 86. skip, 87. mislead, 88. disease



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.  
*v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
  
2. He grilled the \_\_\_\_\_ meat of a chicken.  
*n.* either of the two round soft parts of a woman's chest which secrete milk after childbirth
  
3. His \_\_\_\_\_ illness made it difficult for him to leave the house.  
*adj.* weakening or damaging; causing a loss of strength, energy, or success
  
4. She \_\_\_\_\_ over the tree root.  
*v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
  
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.  
*n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
  
6. The products they sell are the \_\_\_\_\_ for performance in the industry.  
*n.* a starting point or minimum for comparing facts; the back line bounding each end of a tennis or handball court
  
7. Volunteering for a \_\_\_\_\_ cause is important for building a sense of community.  
*adj.* having value or benefit; sufficiently important or beneficial to be worthy of time or effort; deserving of attention or consideration

ANSWERS: 1. decide, 2. breast, 3. debilitating, 4. stumbled, 5. statistics, 6. baseline, 7. worthwhile

8. Breast \_\_\_\_\_ is the most common type of cancer in women.  
*n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the project being completed on time is uncertain.  
*n.* the probability or chance that something will happen or be the case
10. Our troops pulled back to \_\_\_\_\_ the enemy.  
*v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true
11. What is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the consumption tax in the United States?  
*n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
12. Women should get regular \_\_\_\_\_ screenings as a preventative measure for breast cancer.  
*n.* the process of using X-rays to examine the breast for the early detection of breast cancer
13. This disease has a high \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the quality or state of being subject to death
14. What do you \_\_\_\_\_ the culprit's motive was?  
*v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
15. He did \_\_\_\_\_ pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.  
*adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

ANSWERS: 8. cancer, 9. likelihood, 10. mislead, 11. percentage, 12. mammography, 13. mortality, 14. suppose, 15. complicated

16. The sudden policy change has caused \_\_\_\_\_ among employees.  
*n.* the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty
17. She explained the \_\_\_\_\_ surrounding the accident.  
*n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
18. We have discussed the entirety of this \_\_\_\_\_ problem.  
*adj.* requiring care and skill because challenging to do or deal with
19. The doctor diagnosed him with a rare \_\_\_\_\_ that had no known cure.  
*n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
20. We must \_\_\_\_\_ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.  
*v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
21. The meeting aims to \_\_\_\_\_ possible choices.  
*v.* to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something
22. The pandemic was a \_\_\_\_\_ business opportunity for certain companies.  
*adj.* fairly large in size, value, or importance
23. The doctor carefully examined the \_\_\_\_\_ medical history.  
*n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic

ANSWERS: 16. confusion, 17. circumstances, 18. tricky, 19. disease, 20. develop, 21. evaluate, 22. substantial, 23. patient's

24. This ore emits \_\_\_\_\_ quantities of radiation  
*adj.* extremely small; tiny
25. The \_\_\_\_\_ in carbon emissions has been significant since the implementation of the new policy.  
*n.* a decrease in size, amount, or degree
26. This evidence supports the big-bang \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
27. He borrowed money from a loan \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a long-bodied, mostly predatory marine fish that has sharp teeth and a pointed fin on its back; a person who is ruthless, greedy, and dishonest
28. The older man \_\_\_\_\_ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.  
*v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
29. As an \_\_\_\_\_ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.  
*n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
30. We \_\_\_\_\_ the topic because it was too complicated.  
*v.* to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do
31. The search and rescue team sent a team of \_\_\_\_\_ to search for the missing plane wreckage.  
*n.* a person who dives, especially one who does so professionally or as a sport; a bird that dives into the water to catch fish or other prey

ANSWERS: 24. minuscule, 25. reduction, 26. hypothesis, 27. shark, 28. suffers, 29. individual, 30. skipped, 31. divers

32. Her \_\_\_\_\_ is comfortable clothing over fashionable ones.  
*n.* a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person
33. This accident was something that happened \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
34. The movie has received almost universally \_\_\_\_\_ criticism.  
*adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
35. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
36. That newspaper \_\_\_\_\_ a political scandal in a big way.  
*v.* to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence
37. Various artificially induced causes are \_\_\_\_\_ our ecosystem.  
*v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
38. I'm craving a cold \_\_\_\_\_ to quench my thirst.  
*n.* a carbonated soft drink containing a sweetened syrup or flavoring, often used interchangeably with "pop" or "soda pop" in different regions of the world
39. Gandhi had an \_\_\_\_\_ zeal for nonviolence.  
*adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
40. The cords behind my computer were a \_\_\_\_\_ mess.  
*n.* a confused mass of something twisted together

ANSWERS: 32. preference, 33. necessarily, 34. negative, 35. relatives, 36. exposed, 37. threatening, 38. soda, 39. absolute, 40. tangled

41. Humans and apes have \_\_\_\_\_ anatomical structures.

*adj.* able to link the similarities or differences with others; similar or equivalent to someone or something

42. Maximum heart rates \_\_\_\_\_ a lot for each individual.

*v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.

43. He tends to \_\_\_\_\_ his abilities.

*v.* to estimate something to be greater in amount or importance than it really is

44. She gets \_\_\_\_\_ whenever she's under a lot of stress.

*n.* a severe headache typically felt as a throbbing pain on one side of the head

45. The ability to \_\_\_\_\_ people is a priceless asset.

*v.* to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort

46. The pharmacist not only prescribes the \_\_\_\_\_ but also guides its proper use.

*n.* a drug or other form of medicine that treats, prevents, or alleviates the symptoms of the disease

47. They awaited news of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the election.

*n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

ANSWERS: 41. comparable, 42. vary, 43. overestimate, 44. migraines, 45. motivate, 46. medication, 47. outcome