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Session 1: Word List

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

frail

adj. weak, delicate, and easily broken or worn out; lacking physical, mental, or emotional strength

synonym: weak, delicate, fragile

(1) **frail** body, (2) **frail** condition

My grandfather's health has declined, and he is now quite **frail**.

patron

n. a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.

synonym: contributor, sponsor, supporter

(1) the **patron** saint of a place, (2) political **patron**

They have been a **patron** of this restaurant for many years.

oppress

v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights,

etc. as other people

synonym: antagonize, distress, burden

(1) **oppress** the minority, (2) **oppress** the people with force

Historically, many countries have often **oppressed** certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.

nonviolence

n. the use of peaceful means, such as civil disobedience or passive resistance, rather than violence to achieve a goal, especially in the context of political or social change

synonym: pacifism, nonresistance, peacekeeping

(1) **nonviolence** movement, (2) **nonviolence** protest

Martin Luther King Jr. was a champion of **nonviolence** in the fight for civil rights.

seamstress

n. a woman who sews, especially one who earns her living by sewing

synonym: sewer, needleworker, dressmaker

(1) **seamstress** shop, (2) skilled **seamstress**

My grandmother is a talented **seamstress** and can sew anything from curtains to dresses.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

autobiography

n. a written account of someone's own life, written by that person

synonym: bio, life story, biography

(1) **autobiography** of his early life, (2) fictionalized **autobiography**

She wrote an **autobiography** detailing her journey from poverty to success.

stride

v. to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress

synonym: step, walk, march

(1) **stride** across a room, (2) **stride** down a slope

She **strides** confidently across the stage to accept her award.

holster

n. a case or pouch designed to hold a handgun securely and provide quick access when needed

synonym: case, sheath, scabbard

(1) **holster** weapon, (2) ankle **holster**

He reached for his gun in its leather **holster** as the intruder approached.

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym: offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

proverb

n. a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience

synonym: adage, saying, maxim

(1) a hackneyed **proverb**, (2) ancient **proverb**

The famous **proverb** "actions speak louder than words" reminds us to focus on deeds instead of words.

tote

v. to carry or transport something, especially by hand or with some effort; to haul or convey something from one place to another

synonym: carry, haul, transport

(1) **tote** a cell-phone, (2) **tote** her books in a colorful backpack

Can you help me **tote** these groceries to the car?

mesmerize

v. to captivate or fascinate; to hold the complete attention of

synonym: captivate, trance, enchant

(1) **mesmerize** a subject, (2) **mesmerize** with magic

The magician's performance **mesmerized** the audience.

agon

n. a contest or competition, typically one in which participants exert themselves physically or mentally to achieve victory or surpass others

synonym: struggle, conflict, fight

(1) emotional **agon**, (2) an **agon** of creativity

The weightlifting competition brought together athletes from different countries for an international **agon**.

sociologist

n. a person who studies the institutions and development of human society

(1) religious **sociologist**, (2) French **sociologist**

Sociologist studies the changes in family structure due to modernization.

robin

n. a small bird from the thrush family, typically having a red breast and found across Europe, Asia, and North America

synonym: thrush, red-breast, redbird

(1) **robin** eggs, (2) **robin's** nest

I love listening to the cheerful song of the **robin** in my garden.

fragility

n. the quality of being easily broken, damaged, or destroyed; the state of being delicate or vulnerable

synonym: delicacy, weakness, frailty

(1) **fragility** of life, (2) emotional **fragility**

The **fragility** of the glass required careful handling during shipping.

contemplate

v. to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully

synonym: think over, ponder, consider

(1) **contemplate** a marriage, (2) **contemplated** leaving school

I recently **contemplated** dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.

actualize

v. to make real or concrete; to bring into existence or implementation; to fulfill or realize a potential or intention
synonym: realize, accomplish, effectuate

(1) **actualize** your ideas, (2) **actualize** the company's vision
I need to **actualize** my plan to make it a reality.

debunk

v. to expose or dismiss as false, exaggerated, or worthless
synonym: expose, discredit, demystify

(1) **debunk** an urban legend, (2) **debunk** theory
The myth was **debunked** by scientists, who provided evidence to the contrary.

misinformation

n. information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
synonym: falsity, misreport, misstatement

(1) **misinformation** about a vaccine, (2) combat **misinformation** on social media
The government called for caution against pseudoscientific **misinformation** about vaccines.

miraculous

adj. very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected
synonym: amazing, astonishing, awesome

(1) a **miraculous** encounter, (2) go through a **miraculous** change
He made a **miraculous** recovery.

boycott

v. to refuse to buy, use, or patronize a particular product or service as a form of protest or to bring about change;
(noun) a deliberate and organized refusal to buy or use a product, service, or organization as a form of protest or to apply pressure for change
synonym: protest, abstain, avoid

(1) **boycott** campaign, (2) **boycott** the discussion

Many people have decided to **boycott** the company due to their unethical practices.

shotgun

n. a firearm that is designed to be fired from the shoulder and that typically fires several small metal balls or pellets called shot

synonym: scattergun, blunderbuss

(1) a **shotgun** marriage, (2) a 12-gauge **shotgun**

The robbers used a **shotgun** to threaten the store clerk.

whitewash

n. a substance made of lime and water used to cover walls or fences; a deliberate attempt to conceal or gloss over unpleasant or controversial facts or events

synonym: cover-up, mask, camouflage

(1) **whitewash** paint, (2) academic **whitewash**

The politician was accused of attempting to **whitewash** his involvement in the controversial project.

convict

v. to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime;
(noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison

synonym: condemn, sentence, judge

(1) **convict** him of manslaughter, (2) **convict** in a jail

He was **convicted** on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

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.

- sob** v. to cry or weep with short, sudden sounds
synonym : cry, weep, wail
(1) **sob** out a story, (2) **sob** quietly
She **sobbed** uncontrollably after hearing the news.
- inconsolably** *adv.* without being able to be comforted or relieved; in a way that cannot be consoled or comforted
synonym : unhappily, disconsolately
(1) **inconsolably** sad, (2) **inconsolably** crying
After losing his beloved pet, he was **inconsolably** depressed for weeks.
- preach** v. to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
synonym : expound, advocate, sermonize
(1) **preach** the gospel, (2) **preach** to the masses
The pastor **preached** about the importance of forgiveness.
- sibling** *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
synonym : brother, sister, relative
(1) have a **sibling** quarrel, (2) play with my **siblings**
Children often copy their parents or elder **siblings**.
- harrowing** *adj.* causing distress or suffering; extremely distressing
synonym : traumatic, torturous, distressing
(1) **harrowing** battle, (2) **harrowing** journey
Her **harrowing** experience in the war had left her with deep emotional scars.
- disrespect** *n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
synonym : impoliteness, rudeness, insult
(1) mean no **disrespect**, (2) **disrespect** for a customer
His **disrespectful** behavior towards his elders earned him a

stern warning from his parents.

yell

v. to shout in a sudden and loud way

synonym : shout, scream, cry

(1) **yell** for help, (2) **yell** as loud as we can

When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and **yelled** at me.

temper

n. a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object

synonym : mood, disposition, nature

(1) a hasty **temper**, (2) bridle my **temper**

The **temper** of the steel needs to be just right to ensure the product's durability.

mourning

n. the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving

synonym : grieving, sorrow, lamentation

(1) **mourning** period, (2) **mourning** ritual

She wore black clothing as a symbol of **mourning** for her grandmother.

stun

v. to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly

synonym : shock, amaze, astound

(1) **stun** fish, (2) **stun** an audience

This sprinter **stunned** the world with his speed.

Jewish

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

synonym : Judaic

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

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

Session 2: Spelling

1. a hasty te___r
n. a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object
2. enrich my in_____ct
n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
3. st___e across a room
v. to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress
4. a sh_____n marriage
n. a firearm that is designed to be fired from the shoulder and that typically fires several small metal balls or pellets called shot
5. political pa___n
n. a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.
6. ac_____ze the company's vision
v. to make real or concrete; to bring into existence or implementation; to fulfill or realize a potential or intention
7. religious soc_____st
n. a person who studies the institutions and development of human society
8. fr_____ty of life
n. the quality of being easily broken, damaged, or destroyed; the state of being delicate or vulnerable
9. wh_____sh paint
n. a substance made of lime and water used to cover walls or fences; a deliberate attempt to conceal or gloss over unpleasant or controversial facts or events

ANSWERS: 1. temper, 2. intellect, 3. stride, 4. shotgun, 5. patron, 6. actualize, 7. sociologist, 8. fragility, 9. whitewash

10. ac_____ze your ideas *v.* to make real or concrete; to bring into existence or implementation; to fulfill or realize a potential or intention
11. op_____s the people with force *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
12. skilled sea_____ss *n.* a woman who sews, especially one who earns her living by sewing
13. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
14. t__e her books in a colorful backpack *v.* to carry or transport something, especially by hand or with some effort; to haul or convey something from one place to another
15. co_____t him of manslaughter *v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
16. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
17. inc_____bly crying *adv.* without being able to be comforted or relieved; in a way that cannot be consoled or comforted
18. an a__n of creativity *n.* a contest or competition, typically one in which participants exert themselves physically or mentally to achieve victory or surpass others
19. ha_____ng journey *adj.* causing distress or suffering; extremely distressing
20. play with my si_____gs *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

ANSWERS: 10. actualize, 11. oppress, 12. seamstress, 13. confuse, 14. tote, 15. convict, 16. grandchild, 17. inconsolably, 18. agon, 19. harrowing, 20. sibling

21. ro__n eggs *n.* a small bird from the thrush family, typically having a red breast and found across Europe, Asia, and North America
22. emotional fr_____ty *n.* the quality of being easily broken, damaged, or destroyed; the state of being delicate or vulnerable
23. mean no dis_____ct *n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
24. de___k an urban legend *v.* to expose or dismiss as false, exaggerated, or worthless
25. bo_____t campaign *v.* to refuse to buy, use, or patronize a particular product or service as a form of protest or to bring about change; (noun) a deliberate and organized refusal to buy or use a product, service, or organization as a form of protest or to apply pressure for change
26. ancient pr_____b *n.* a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience
27. s_b out a story *v.* to cry or weep with short, sudden sounds
28. co_____t in a jail *v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
29. academic wh_____sh *n.* a substance made of lime and water used to cover walls or fences; a deliberate attempt to conceal or gloss over unpleasant or controversial facts or events

ANSWERS: 21. robin, 22. fragility, 23. disrespect, 24. debunk, 25. boycott, 26. proverb, 27. sob, 28. convict, 29. whitewash

30. y__l as loud as we can	<i>v.</i>	to shout in a sudden and loud way
31. de___k theory	<i>v.</i>	to expose or dismiss as false, exaggerated, or worthless
32. French soc_____st	<i>n.</i>	a person who studies the institutions and development of human society
33. fr__l body	<i>adj.</i>	weak, delicate, and easily broken or worn out; lacking physical, mental, or emotional strength
34. y__l for help	<i>v.</i>	to shout in a sudden and loud way
35. the pa___n saint of a place	<i>n.</i>	a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.
36. would-be as_____in	<i>n.</i>	a person who murders a prominent or well-known person for political reasons or in exchange for money
37. have a si_____g quarrel	<i>n.</i>	a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
38. emotional a__n	<i>n.</i>	a contest or competition, typically one in which participants exert themselves physically or mentally to achieve victory or surpass others
39. Je___h history	<i>adj.</i>	of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
40. fictionalized aut_____phy	<i>n.</i>	a written account of someone's own life, written by that person
41. combat mis_____ion on social media	<i>n.</i>	information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately

ANSWERS: 30. yell, 31. debunk, 32. sociologist, 33. frail, 34. yell, 35. patron, 36. assassin, 37. sibling, 38. agon, 39. Jewish, 40. autobiography, 41. misinformation

42. ro__n's nest *n.* a small bird from the thrush family, typically having a red breast and found across Europe, Asia, and North America
43. bo_____t the discussion *v.* to refuse to buy, use, or patronize a particular product or service as a form of protest or to bring about change; (noun) a deliberate and organized refusal to buy or use a product, service, or organization as a form of protest or to apply pressure for change
44. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
45. st___e down a slope *v.* to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress
46. aut_____phy of his early life *n.* a written account of someone's own life, written by that person
47. a hackneyed pr____b *n.* a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience
48. s_b quietly *v.* to cry or weep with short, sudden sounds
49. non_____ce protest *n.* the use of peaceful means, such as civil disobedience or passive resistance, rather than violence to achieve a goal, especially in the context of political or social change
50. mis_____ion about a vaccine *n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately

ANSWERS: 42. robin, 43. boycott, 44. excite, 45. stride, 46. autobiography, 47. proverb, 48. sob, 49. nonviolence, 50. misinformation

51. s__n fish *v.* to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly
52. go through a mir_____us change *adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected
53. Je___h culture *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
54. t__e a cell-phone *v.* to carry or transport something, especially by hand or with some effort; to haul or convey something from one place to another
55. 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
56. me_____ze with magic *v.* to captivate or fascinate; to hold the complete attention of
57. op_____s the minority *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
58. a 12-gauge sh_____n *n.* a firearm that is designed to be fired from the shoulder and that typically fires several small metal balls or pellets called shot
59. con_____te a marriage *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
60. fr__l condition *adj.* weak, delicate, and easily broken or worn out; lacking physical, mental, or emotional strength

ANSWERS: 51. stun, 52. miraculous, 53. Jewish, 54. tote, 55. assassin, 56. mesmerize, 57. oppress, 58. shotgun, 59. contemplate, 60. frail

61. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
62. me_____ze a subject *v.* to captivate or fascinate; to hold the complete attention of
63. pr____h the gospel *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
64. ankle ho_____r *n.* a case or pouch designed to hold a handgun securely and provide quick access when needed
65. bridle my te____r *n.* a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object
66. ex____e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
67. pr____h to the masses *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
68. mo_____ng ritual *n.* the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving
69. non_____ce movement *n.* the use of peaceful means, such as civil disobedience or passive resistance, rather than violence to achieve a goal, especially in the context of political or social change
70. mo_____ng period *n.* the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving
71. sea_____ss shop *n.* a woman who sews, especially one who earns her living by sewing

ANSWERS: 61. confuse, 62. mesmerize, 63. preach, 64. holster, 65. temper, 66. excite, 67. preach, 68. mourning, 69. nonviolence, 70. mourning, 71. seamstress

72. gra_____ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
73. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
74. dis_____ct for a customer *n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
75. s__n an audience *v.* to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly
76. con_____ted leaving school *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
77. ho_____r weapon *n.* a case or pouch designed to hold a handgun securely and provide quick access when needed
78. ha_____ng battle *adj.* causing distress or suffering; extremely distressing
79. inc_____bly sad *adv.* without being able to be comforted or relieved; in a way that cannot be consoled or comforted
80. a mir_____us encounter *adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected

ANSWERS: 72. grandchild, 73. intellect, 74. disrespect, 75. stun, 76. contemplate, 77. holster, 78. harrowing, 79. inconsolably, 80. miraculous

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The robbers used a _____ to threaten the store clerk.
n. a firearm that is designed to be fired from the shoulder and that typically fires several small metal balls or pellets called shot
2. The magician's performance _____ the audience.
v. to captivate or fascinate; to hold the complete attention of
3. She wore black clothing as a symbol of _____ for her grandmother.
n. the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving
4. The _____ of the glass required careful handling during shipping.
n. the quality of being easily broken, damaged, or destroyed; the state of being delicate or vulnerable
5. When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and _____ at me.
v. to shout in a sudden and loud way
6. My friend is a _____ woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.
adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
7. She _____ confidently across the stage to accept her award.
v. to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress
8. The weightlifting competition brought together athletes from different countries for an international _____.
n. a contest or competition, typically one in which participants exert themselves physically or mentally to achieve victory or surpass others

ANSWERS: 1. shotgun, 2. mesmerized, 3. mourning, 4. fragility, 5. yelled, 6. Jewish, 7. strides, 8. agon

9. His _____ behavior towards his elders earned him a stern warning from his parents.

n. an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something

10. After losing his beloved pet, he was _____ depressed for weeks.

adv. without being able to be comforted or relieved; in a way that cannot be consoled or comforted

11. She _____ uncontrollably after hearing the news.

v. to cry or weep with short, sudden sounds

12. He made a _____ recovery.

adj. very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected

13. Historically, many countries have often _____ certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.

v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

14. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

15. My grandmother is a talented _____ and can sew anything from curtains to dresses.

n. a woman who sews, especially one who earns her living by sewing

16. He reached for his gun in its leather _____ as the intruder approached.

n. a case or pouch designed to hold a handgun securely and provide quick access when needed

ANSWERS: 9. disrespectful, 10. inconsolably, 11. sobbed, 12. miraculous, 13. oppressed, 14. intellect, 15. seamstress, 16. holster

17. The news of her promotion _____ her.
v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
18. 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
19. Her remarks _____ the debate.
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
20. I love listening to the cheerful song of the _____ in my garden.
n. a small bird from the thrush family, typically having a red breast and found across Europe, Asia, and North America
21. The famous _____ "actions speak louder than words" reminds us to focus on deeds instead of words.
n. a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience
22. Her _____ experience in the war had left her with deep emotional scars.
adj. causing distress or suffering; extremely distressing
23. The government called for caution against pseudoscientific _____ about vaccines.
n. information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
24. This sprinter _____ the world with his speed.
v. to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly

ANSWERS: 17. excited, 18. assassin, 19. confused, 20. robin, 21. proverb, 22. harrowing, 23. misinformation, 24. stunned

25. Children often copy their parents or elder _____.
- n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
26. My grandfather's health has declined, and he is now quite _____.
- adj.* weak, delicate, and easily broken or worn out; lacking physical, mental, or emotional strength
27. _____ studies the changes in family structure due to modernization.
- n.* a person who studies the institutions and development of human society
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- n.* a substance made of lime and water used to cover walls or fences; a deliberate attempt to conceal or gloss over unpleasant or controversial facts or events
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- n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
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- n.* a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.
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- v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison

ANSWERS: 25. siblings, 26. frail, 27. Sociologist, 28. whitewash, 29. grandchild, 30. patron, 31. nonviolence, 32. convicted

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- v. to expose or dismiss as false, exaggerated, or worthless
34. The _____ of the steel needs to be just right to ensure the product's durability.
- n. a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object
35. Can you help me _____ these groceries to the car?
- v. to carry or transport something, especially by hand or with some effort; to haul or convey something from one place to another
36. Many people have decided to _____ the company due to their unethical practices.
- v. to refuse to buy, use, or patronize a particular product or service as a form of protest or to bring about change; (noun) a deliberate and organized refusal to buy or use a product, service, or organization as a form of protest or to apply pressure for change
37. She wrote an _____ detailing her journey from poverty to success.
- n. a written account of someone's own life, written by that person
38. I need to _____ my plan to make it a reality.
- v. to make real or concrete; to bring into existence or implementation; to fulfill or realize a potential or intention
39. The pastor _____ about the importance of forgiveness.
- v. to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
40. I recently _____ dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.
- v. to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully

ANSWERS: 33. debunked, 34. temper, 35. tote, 36. boycott, 37. autobiography, 38. actualize, 39. preached, 40. contemplated

ANSWERS: