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Session 1: Word List

kingdom

n. the country ruled by a king or queen

synonym: empire, realm, land

(1) establish his **kingdom**, (2) a subordinate **kingdom**

By remaining neutral, this **kingdom** continued to exist.

represent

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

synonym: depict, express, describe

(1) **represent** by a diagram, (2) the characters that **represent** numbers

We elected him to **represent** us at the international conference.

elf

n. a mythical creature typically depicted as a small, mischievous being with pointed ears and magical powers

synonym: sprite, pixie, faerie

(1) mischievous **elf**, (2) helpful **elf**

I dressed up as an **elf** for the Christmas party.

goblin

n. a creature in folklore, typically depicted as small and mischievous, characterized by its pointed ears, small size, and supernatural abilities

synonym: hobgoblin, imp

(1) **goblin** folklore, (2) wicked **goblin**

The **goblin** in the story is mischievous and causes trouble for the main character.

folk

n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

synonym: community, family, person

(1) **folk** art, (2) the **folk** songs of a particular district

Some seaweed was used as **folk** medicine in ancient times.

compete

v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something

synonym: contend, contest, vie

(1) **compete** against a friend, (2) **compete** fiercely

You must **compete** with others to obtain this position.

grand

adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent

synonym: impressive, great, ambitious

(1) a **grand** meal, (2) **grand** bargain

This year's **grand** gathering will be held in Canada.

tournament

n. a competition or series of contests involving several players or teams, leading to a final winner or winners

synonym: competition, championship, contest

(1) **tournament** for professionals, (2) national **tournament**

The basketball **tournament** was fiercely competitive, with the top teams all vying for first place.

dragon

n. a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous

synonym: wyvern, serpent, drake

(1) **dragon** fruit, (2) **dragon** wing

In Chinese mythology, **dragons** are considered powerful and benevolent creatures.

joust

- n.* a medieval sport in which two knights on horseback charge at each other with lances, trying to knock each other off their horses; a heated competition or argument

synonym: contest, tournament, competition

(1) **joust** tournament, (2) saber **joust**

The medieval **joust** was a popular form of entertainment and spectacle during the Middle Ages.

meddle

- v.* to interfere in someone else's affairs without permission or invitation; to become involved in an activity that is not one's own

synonym: interfere, intrude, tamper

(1) **meddle** in relationships, (2) **meddle** with the evidence

She always tries to **meddle** in other people's affairs, and it's starting to get annoying.

conduct

- v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity

synonym: behave, lead, carry on

(1) **conduct** a background check, (2) **conduct** research

Police will **conduct** random breath testing for drunk driving.

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.

wizard

- n.* a person who is skilled in magic or a particular technical field

synonym: sorcerer, magician, alchemist

(1) a **wizard** at chess, (2) financial **wizard**

He was a **wizard** at solving complex mathematical equations.

enchantment

- n.* a feeling of great pleasure or delight; a magical spell or charm

synonym: charm, magic, spell

(1) sense of **enchantment**, (2) poetic **enchantment**

The **enchantment** of the forest made it feel like a fairy tale.

hex *n.* a spell or curse that is believed to bring bad luck or harm to someone; (adjective) of or relating to a number system having 16 as its base
synonym: jinx, curse, hexadecimal
(1) **hex** sign, (2) a **hex** format
Some people believe that the **hex** placed on their house is causing strange and unexplained occurrences.

cheat *v.* to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws
synonym: deceive, swindle, defraud
(1) **cheat** on my taxes, (2) **cheat** in a game
Even though he knew it was wrong, he **cheated** on the exam.

inaugurate *v.* to formally begin or initiate something, particularly a new project, organization, government, or system, often through an official ceremony
synonym: initiate, launch, commence
(1) **inaugurate** an enterprise, (2) **inaugurate** a new policy
The president will **inaugurate** the new embassy building next week.

celebrate *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
synonym: praise, glorify, honor
(1) **celebrate** his election, (2) **celebrate** Christmas
He **celebrated** the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

underway *adj.* having started and currently in progress
synonym: afoot, ongoing, in motion
(1) just getting **underway**, (2) campaign now **underway**
This project has been **underway** for several years.

fortunate *adj.* having good luck or lucky
synonym: fortuitous, lucky, blessed

(1) **fortunate** situation, (2) less **fortunate** person
He was pretty **fortunate** to pass the exam.

absence

n. the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be

synonym: dearth, scarcity, lack

(1) **absence** from work, (2) a leave of **absence**

Another critical factor of child poverty is the father's **absence**.

weigh

v. to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion

synonym: consider, cogitate, count

(1) **weigh** heavily on stock prices, (2) **weigh** a cargo

The baby **weighs** 1 pound 3 oz.

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.

regulation

n. an official rule made and maintained by a government or some other authority; the act of controlling or directing something according to a rule

synonym: constraint, restriction, rule

(1) a company **regulation**, (2) **regulation** by the government

The **regulation** approved by Congress was perfunctorily implemented.

blank

adj. without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information

synonym: empty, void, barren

(1) **blank** expression, (2) **blank** paper

The computer screen displayed nothing but a **blank** white screen

excuse

n. a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

synonym: apology, justification, reason

(1) **excuse** for inaction, (2) perfect **excuse**

He quickly fabricated an **excuse** for not attending the meeting.

chuckle

n. a soft, partly suppressed laugh; an act of laughing quietly; (verb) to laugh quietly or softly, often in a suppressed or restrained way

synonym: laugh, giggle, snicker

(1) **chuckle** at my cat's silly antics, (2) stifled **chuckle**

I couldn't help but let out a little **chuckle** when I saw the silly photo my friend had sent me.

hop

v. to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.

synonym: jump, bounce, skip

(1) **hop** on one foot, (2) **hop** from one place to another

The rabbit **hopped** over the fence.

curse

n. a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry

synonym: condemnation, cuss, hex

(1) under a **curse**, (2) few **curse** words

Many autocratic policies became a **curse** for that country's economy.

combine

v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group

synonym: coalesce, cohere, blend

(1) **combine** chemically with another substance,

(2) **combine** augmented reality

Hydrogen and oxygen **combine** to form water.

anyhow

adv. anyway; regardless of what has happened or been said

synonym: anyway, nonetheless

(1) **anyhow** possible, (2) **anyhow** it turns out

Anyhow, let's change the subject because I don't want to talk about this anymore.

pause

v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

synonym: halt, break, intermit

(1) **pause** a moment, (2) **pause** for a reaction

The man **paused** before opening the door.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym: unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

riddle

n. a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game

synonym: mystery, puzzle, enigma

(1) **riddle** me a riddle, (2) solve the **riddle**

The **riddle** remains mysterious to us.

bout

n. a short period of intense activity or experience; a match or contest, especially in boxing or wrestling; a period of illness or disease

synonym: match, round, contest

(1) **bout** of coughing, (2) boxing **bout**

He had a **bout** of anxiety before his big presentation.

tally

n. a record or count of a particular thing often used to keep track of scores, votes, or numbers

synonym: count, record, score

(1) keep a **tally**, (2) **tally** sheet

Let's keep a **tally** of the votes to see who won the election.

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

synonym: chance, prospect, likelihood

(1) **possibility** for growth, (2) **possibility** of a major earthquake

The **possibility** of getting the disease will drastically increase.

eliminate

v. to remove or get rid of someone or something

synonym: wipe out, destroy, eradicate

(1) **eliminate** contestants, (2) **eliminate** sexual barriers

We can **eliminate** this possibility from those consumptions.

deduce

v. to arrive at an answer, a conclusion, or a decision by reasoning

synonym: conclude, infer, suppose

(1) **deduce** facts from the evidence, (2) **deduce** the meaning of a word

The researcher **deduced** the momentum of the particles from meteoritic velocities.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. inc_____le amount | <i>adj.</i> unbelievable; enormous |
| 2. a h_x format | <i>n.</i> a spell or curse that is believed to bring bad luck or harm to someone; (adjective) of or relating to a number system having 16 as its base |
| 3. ce_____te Christmas | <i>v.</i> to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity |
| 4. pa__e a moment | <i>v.</i> to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing |
| 5. poetic enc_____nt | <i>n.</i> a feeling of great pleasure or delight; a magical spell or charm |
| 6. co_____t research | <i>v.</i> to organize and carry out a particular activity |
| 7. h_p from one place to another | <i>v.</i> to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc. |
| 8. dr___n fruit | <i>n.</i> a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous |
| 9. under a cu__e | <i>n.</i> a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry |
| 10. solve the ri___e | <i>n.</i> a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game |

ANSWERS: 1. incredible, 2. hex, 3. celebrate, 4. pause, 5. enchantment, 6. conduct, 7. hop, 8. dragon, 9. curse, 10. riddle

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| 11. pos_____ty of a major earthquake | <i>n.</i> a chance that something may happen or be true |
| 12. gr__d bargain | <i>adj.</i> important and large in size, scope, or extent |
| 13. we__h heavily on stock prices | <i>v.</i> to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion |
| 14. de___e a question | <i>v.</i> to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options |
| 15. at inc_____le speed | <i>adj.</i> unbelievable; enormous |
| 16. co_____e chemically with another substance | <i>v.</i> to join or merge to form a single thing or group |
| 17. boxing b__t | <i>n.</i> a short period of intense activity or experience; a match or contest, especially in boxing or wrestling; a period of illness or disease |
| 18. ce_____te his election | <i>v.</i> to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity |
| 19. bl__k expression | <i>adj.</i> without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information |
| 20. b__t of coughing | <i>n.</i> a short period of intense activity or experience; a match or contest, especially in boxing or wrestling; a period of illness or disease |

ANSWERS: 11. possibility, 12. grand, 13. weigh, 14. decide, 15. incredible, 16. combine, 17. bout, 18. celebrate, 19. blank, 20. bout

21. a wi___d at chess	<i>n.</i> a person who is skilled in magic or a particular technical field
22. a leave of ab____e	<i>n.</i> the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be
23. mischievous e_f	<i>n.</i> a mythical creature typically depicted as a small, mischievous being with pointed ears and magical powers
24. h_x sign	<i>n.</i> a spell or curse that is believed to bring bad luck or harm to someone; (adjective) of or relating to a number system having 16 as its base
25. helpful e_f	<i>n.</i> a mythical creature typically depicted as a small, mischievous being with pointed ears and magical powers
26. national tou_____nt	<i>n.</i> a competition or series of contests involving several players or teams, leading to a final winner or winners
27. co_____e against a friend	<i>v.</i> to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
28. me___e in relationships	<i>v.</i> to interfere in someone else's affairs without permission or invitation; to become involved in an activity that is not one's own
29. ab____e from work	<i>n.</i> the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be
30. de___e the meaning of a word	<i>v.</i> to arrive at an answer, a conclusion, or a decision by reasoning

ANSWERS: 21. wizard, 22. absence, 23. elf, 24. hex, 25. elf, 26. tournament, 27. compete, 28. meddle, 29. absence, 30. deduce

31. ab____te loyalty	<i>adj.</i> perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
32. less fo_____te person	<i>adj.</i> having good luck or lucky
33. reg_____on by the government	<i>n.</i> an official rule made and maintained by a government or some other authority; the act of controlling or directing something according to a rule
34. we__h a cargo	<i>v.</i> to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
35. a gr__d meal	<i>adj.</i> important and large in size, scope, or extent
36. financial wi____d	<i>n.</i> a person who is skilled in magic or a particular technical field
37. an ab____te must	<i>adj.</i> perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
38. co____t a background check	<i>v.</i> to organize and carry out a particular activity
39. a company reg_____on	<i>n.</i> an official rule made and maintained by a government or some other authority; the act of controlling or directing something according to a rule
40. ex____e for inaction	<i>n.</i> a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
41. stifled ch____e	<i>n.</i> a soft, partly suppressed laugh; an act of laughing quietly; (verb) to laugh quietly or softly, often in a suppressed or restrained way

ANSWERS: 31. absolute, 32. fortunate, 33. regulation, 34. weigh, 35. grand, 36. wizard, 37. absolute, 38. conduct, 39. regulation, 40. excuse, 41. chuckle

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| 42. perfect ex___e | <i>n.</i> a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt |
| 43. few cu___e words | <i>n.</i> a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry |
| 44. ch___t in a game | <i>v.</i> to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws |
| 45. the f___k songs of a particular district | <i>n.</i> people in general, especially those of a particular group or type |
| 46. an___w possible | <i>adv.</i> anyway; regardless of what has happened or been said |
| 47. go___n folklore | <i>n.</i> a creature in folklore, typically depicted as small and mischievous, characterized by its pointed ears, small size, and supernatural abilities |
| 48. me___e with the evidence | <i>v.</i> to interfere in someone else's affairs without permission or invitation; to become involved in an activity that is not one's own |
| 49. ina_____te an enterprise | <i>v.</i> to formally begin or initiate something, particularly a new project, organization, government, or system, often through an official ceremony |
| 50. pa___e for a reaction | <i>v.</i> to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing |

ANSWERS: 42. excuse, 43. curse, 44. cheat, 45. folk, 46. anyhow, 47. goblin, 48. meddle, 49. inaugurate, 50. pause

51. bl__k paper	<i>adj.</i> without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information
52. keep a ta__y	<i>n.</i> a record or count of a particular thing often used to keep track of scores, votes, or numbers
53. co_____e augmented reality	<i>v.</i> to join or merge to form a single thing or group
54. tou_____nt for professionals	<i>n.</i> a competition or series of contests involving several players or teams, leading to a final winner or winners
55. ta__y sheet	<i>n.</i> a record or count of a particular thing often used to keep track of scores, votes, or numbers
56. ina_____te a new policy	<i>v.</i> to formally begin or initiate something, particularly a new project, organization, government, or system, often through an official ceremony
57. campaign now un_____ay	<i>adj.</i> having started and currently in progress
58. wicked go___n	<i>n.</i> a creature in folklore, typically depicted as small and mischievous, characterized by its pointed ears, small size, and supernatural abilities
59. de___e facts from the evidence	<i>v.</i> to arrive at an answer, a conclusion, or a decision by reasoning
60. ch__t on my taxes	<i>v.</i> to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws

ANSWERS: 51. blank, 52. tally, 53. combine, 54. tournament, 55. tally, 56. inaugurate, 57. underway, 58. goblin, 59. deduce, 60. cheat

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| 61. jo__t tournament | <i>n.</i> a medieval sport in which two knights on horseback charge at each other with lances, trying to knock each other off their horses; a heated competition or argument |
| 62. just getting un____ay | <i>adj.</i> having started and currently in progress |
| 63. saber jo__t | <i>n.</i> a medieval sport in which two knights on horseback charge at each other with lances, trying to knock each other off their horses; a heated competition or argument |
| 64. establish his ki____m | <i>n.</i> the country ruled by a king or queen |
| 65. el_____te sexual barriers | <i>v.</i> to remove or get rid of someone or something |
| 66. dr___n wing | <i>n.</i> a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous |
| 67. h_p on one foot | <i>v.</i> to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc. |
| 68. co____e fiercely | <i>v.</i> to strive to achieve more success than someone or something |
| 69. an___w it turns out | <i>adv.</i> anyway; regardless of what has happened or been said |
| 70. sense of enc_____nt | <i>n.</i> a feeling of great pleasure or delight; a magical spell or charm |

ANSWERS: 61. joust, 62. underway, 63. joust, 64. kingdom, 65. eliminate, 66. dragon, 67. hop, 68. compete, 69. anyhow, 70. enchantment

71. ri___e me a riddle	<i>n.</i> a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game
72. the characters that re_____nt numbers	<i>v.</i> to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
73. el_____te contestants	<i>v.</i> to remove or get rid of someone or something
74. ch_____e at my cat's silly antics	<i>n.</i> a soft, partly suppressed laugh; an act of laughing quietly; (verb) to laugh quietly or softly, often in a suppressed or restrained way
75. a subordinate ki_____m	<i>n.</i> the country ruled by a king or queen
76. re_____nt by a diagram	<i>v.</i> to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
77. pos_____ty for growth	<i>n.</i> a chance that something may happen or be true
78. de___e on a course of action	<i>v.</i> to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
79. f__k art	<i>n.</i> people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
80. fo_____te situation	<i>adj.</i> having good luck or lucky

ANSWERS: 71. riddle, 72. represent, 73. eliminate, 74. chuckle, 75. kingdom, 76. represent, 77. possibility, 78. decide, 79. folk, 80. fortunate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ remains mysterious to us.
n. a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game
2. The medieval _____ was a popular form of entertainment and spectacle during the Middle Ages.
n. a medieval sport in which two knights on horseback charge at each other with lances, trying to knock each other off their horses; a heated competition or argument
3. This year's _____ gathering will be held in Canada.
adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent
4. The _____ in the story is mischievous and causes trouble for the main character.
n. a creature in folklore, typically depicted as small and mischievous, characterized by its pointed ears, small size, and supernatural abilities
5. Another critical factor of child poverty is the father's _____.
n. the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be
6. Some people believe that the _____ placed on their house is causing strange and unexplained occurrences.
n. a spell or curse that is believed to bring bad luck or harm to someone;
(adjective) of or relating to a number system having 16 as its base
7. 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

ANSWERS: 1. riddle, 2. joust, 3. grand, 4. goblin, 5. absence, 6. hex, 7. decide

8. _____ let's change the subject because I don't want to talk about this anymore.

adv. anyway; regardless of what has happened or been said

9. We can _____ this possibility from those consumptions.

v. to remove or get rid of someone or something

10. He was a _____ at solving complex mathematical equations.

n. a person who is skilled in magic or a particular technical field

11. Hydrogen and oxygen _____ to form water.

v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group

12. By remaining neutral, this _____ continued to exist.

n. the country ruled by a king or queen

13. The rabbit _____ over the fence.

v. to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.

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v. to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion

15. Police will _____ random breath testing for drunk driving.

v. to organize and carry out a particular activity

16. Even though he knew it was wrong, he _____ on the exam.

v. to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws

ANSWERS: 8. Anyhow, 9. eliminate, 10. wizard, 11. combine, 12. kingdom, 13. hopped, 14. weighs, 15. conduct, 16. cheated

17. The man _____ before opening the door.

- v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

18. I dressed up as an ____ for the Christmas party.

- n.* a mythical creature typically depicted as a small, mischievous being with pointed ears and magical powers

19. Many autocratic policies became a _____ for that country's economy.

- n.* a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry

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22. Some seaweed was used as ____ medicine in ancient times.

- n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

23. He had a ____ of anxiety before his big presentation.

- n.* a short period of intense activity or experience; a match or contest, especially in boxing or wrestling; a period of illness or disease

24. The basketball _____ was fiercely competitive, with the top teams all vying for first place.

- n.* a competition or series of contests involving several players or teams, leading to a final winner or winners

ANSWERS: 17. paused, 18. elf, 19. curse, 20. meddle, 21. inaugurate, 22. folk, 23. bout, 24. tournament

25. In Chinese mythology, _____ are considered powerful and benevolent creatures.

- n.* a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous

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- adj.* having good luck or lucky

27. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.

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28. The researcher _____ the momentum of the particles from meteoritic velocities.

- v.* to arrive at an answer, a conclusion, or a decision by reasoning

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- adj.* unbelievable; enormous

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- adj.* without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information

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- v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

32. This project has been _____ for several years.

- adj.* having started and currently in progress

ANSWERS: 25. dragons, 26. fortunate, 27. possibility, 28. deduced, 29. incredible, 30. blank, 31. celebrated, 32. underway

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40. We elected him to _____ us at the international conference.

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

ANSWERS: 33. absolute, 34. excuse, 35. enchantment, 36. regulation, 37. tally, 38. compete, 39. chuckle, 40. represent

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