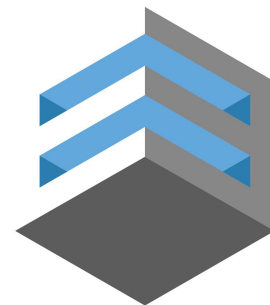


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Session 1: Word List

maze

- n.* a complex network of winding passages or pathways designed as a puzzle or challenge for people to navigate through

synonym: labyrinth, puzzle, network

(1) puzzle **maze**, (2) labyrinth **maze**

We got lost in the **maze** of streets while exploring the city.

checkpoint

- n.* a designated location or point along a route or journey where travelers are required to stop and undergo a security or documentation check

(1) **checkpoint** security, (2) military **checkpoint**

The airport security **checkpoint** was crowded with passengers waiting to board their flights.

slam

- v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily

synonym: bang, crash, shut

(1) **slam** the door, (2) **slam** the book against a wall

She **slammed** the door shut, angry at the person on the other side.

credential

- v.* to provide someone with certification or verification of their qualifications, usually in a particular field or

profession; (noun) a document attesting to the truth of certain stated facts

synonym: certify, verify, (noun) certificate

- (1) **credential** themselves by showing their registration,
(2) teaching **credential**

To get the job, I need to **credential** my experience and education.

almond

- n.* a type of nut that comes from the almond tree widely cultivated for its edible seeds, which is enclosed in a hard, ridged outer casing called a shell, that can be eaten raw or roasted and is often used in baking and as an ingredient in various dishes

synonym: nut, kernel, seed

- (1) **almond** milk, (2) **almond** butter

I love snacking on **almonds** for a healthy and delicious snack.

outnumber

- v.* to be more numerous or greater in number than another group or entity; to exceed in quantity or number

synonym: surpass, exceed

- (1) **outnumber** our opponents, (2) **outnumber** males

The number of tourists in the city now **outnumbers** the locals.

terrify

- v.* to frighten someone very much

synonym: unnerve, scare, horrify

- (1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing complex tasks.

boardroom

- n.* a room where the board of directors of a company or organization meets

synonym: meeting room, conference room, executive room

- (1) **boardroom** meeting, (2) **boardroom** decision

The corporate **boardroom** was filled with tense silence as

the CEO presented the new plan.

unaddressed

adj. not dealt with, resolved, or attended to; lacking attention or consideration

synonym: unanswered, ignored, neglected

(1) **unaddressed** risks, (2) **unaddressed** letter

The community is frustrated with the **unaddressed** issue of crime in the area.

constrict

v. to make something narrow or tight, often restricting movement or flow; to become narrow or tighter

synonym: squeeze, compress, tighten

(1) **constrict** blood vessels, (2) **constrict** freedom

The snake's muscles began to **constrict** around its prey.

evaporate

v. to turn a liquid into a gas; to become less intense and disappear gradually

synonym: vaporize, disappear, vanish

(1) **evaporate** the water, (2) **evaporate** almost overnight

The sun will **evaporate** the mist.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

synonym: presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

jumpy

adj. nervous, jittery, or prone to sudden movements or reactions; characterized by irregular or uneven

movement or motion

synonym: anxious, nervous, edgy

(1) **jumpy** cat, (2) **jumpy** behavior

The **jumpy** student was anxious during the exam and made several careless mistakes.

inmate

n. a person who is confined to an institution such as a prison, hospital, or mental health facility

synonym: prisoner, convict, detainee

(1) **inmate** population, (2) **inmate** rights

The prison implemented a new educational program for **inmates** to learn skills and prepare for life after release.

swell

v. to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important

synonym: expand, increase, inflate

(1) **swell** at room temperature, (2) **swell** a population

His arm was **swelling** from the insect bite.

convene

v. to come or bring together a group of people for a meeting or activity

synonym: assemble, gather, summon

(1) **convene** a press conference, (2) **convene** the council

The parliament will **convene** at 1 p.m. tomorrow.

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.

squish

v. to crush or press something so that it becomes flat or distorted

synonym: crush, smash, squeeze

(1) **squish** the ellipse, (2) **squish** a tomato

He **squished** the insect between his fingers to get rid of it.

disastrous

adj. extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful

synonym: catastrophic, destructive, fatal

(1) have **disastrous** consequences, (2) absolutely **disastrous** effect

The emission of hazardous substances has **disastrous** effects on the ecology of a region.

misunderstand

v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

synonym: misinterpret, misperceive, misapprehend

(1) **misunderstand** each other, (2) **misunderstand** entirely about her

You should not **misunderstand** the meaning of freedom.

tempting

adj. likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe

synonym: alluring, attractive, inviting

(1) **tempting** offer, (2) sound very **tempting**

The chocolate cake was too **tempting** for me to resist.

incarcerate

v. to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape

synonym: confine, detain, imprison

(1) **incarcerate** the murderer, (2) **incarcerate** her for life

He was **incarcerated** for the duration of the war.

abduction

n. the act of taking someone away by force or deception; kidnapping

synonym: kidnapping, snatching, capture

(1) **abduction** case, (2) attempted **abduction**

The police launched an investigation into the **abduction** of the wealthy businessman.

epicenter

n. the point on the earth's surface directly above the focus of an earthquake

synonym: ground zero, focus, center

(1) the **epicenter** of the sports world, (2) **epicenter**

magnitude

The **epicenter** of the earthquake was located deep beneath the earth's surface.

mural

adj. a large painting or other artwork that is applied directly to a wall or other surface

synonym: wall painting, fresco, wall art

(1) **mural** painting, (2) a **mural** decoration

The **mural** on the wall depicted the history of the city.

protestant

adj. a member of a Western Christian church that is separate from the Roman Catholic Church and that is based on the teachings of Martin Luther and other Reformers

synonym: reformed, evangelical, nonconformist

(1) hard-line **Protestant**, (2) **protestant** theology

The **Protestant** church was the dominant religion in the area.

Catholic

adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

(1) **catholic** in his tastes, (2) the **Catholic** Church

Sociologists are now interested in **catholic** world peace.

republican

n. a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States

synonym: conservative, right-winger, rightist

(1) **republican** ideology, (2) **Republican** party

Many **republican** lawmakers are advocating for stricter immigration policies.

afterward

adv. after the time mentioned

synonym: later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

whisper

- v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

synonym: murmur, rumor, mutter

(1) answer in a **whisper**, (2) the **whisper** of the leaves
He took me aside and **whispered** in my ear.

railing

- n.* a horizontal barrier or fence supported by posts or columns, often used for safety or decorative purposes, particularly on balconies, staircases, or along the edge of a building or platform

synonym: banister, handrail, balustrade

(1) **railing** on the balcony, (2) wooden **railing**
The children held onto the **railing** tightly as they walked up the steep staircase.

immigrate

- v.* to come to live permanently in a foreign country

synonym: migrate, relocate, settle

(1) **immigrate** to the country, (2) **immigrate** through available legal processes
He **immigrated** to the United States in search of a better life.

devastate

- v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage

synonym: demolish, destroy, crush

(1) **devastate** an area, (2) **devastate** the economy
Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which **devastate** coastal areas.

grandkid

- n.* the grandchildren of a particular person

synonym: grandchildren, grandnieces, grandnephews

(1) spend the weekend with their **grandkids**, (2) cute **grandkids**
She was so proud of her **grandkids**, who were all doing well in school and had great personalities.

terrifying

- adj.* very frightening or intimidating

synonym: frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

presume

v. to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance

synonym: assume, suppose, guess

(1) **presume** innocence, (2) **presume** on his tolerance

I **presume** you've already made plans for the weekend since you didn't respond to my invitation.

innovate

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

synonym: bring in, introduce, found

(1) **innovate** a new method, (2) **innovate** the quality of his life

Companies developing self-driving cars consistently **innovate** the emerging technologies.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. labyrinth m__e | <i>n.</i> a complex network of winding passages or pathways designed as a puzzle or challenge for people to navigate through |
| 2. pro_____nt theology | <i>adj.</i> a member of a Western Christian church that is separate from the Roman Catholic Church and that is based on the teachings of Martin Luther and other Reformers |
| 3. al___d milk | <i>n.</i> a type of nut that comes from the almond tree widely cultivated for its edible seeds, which is enclosed in a hard, ridged outer casing called a shell, that can be eaten raw or roasted and is often used in baking and as an ingredient in various dishes |
| 4. in_____te the quality of his life | <i>v.</i> to introduce new methods, ideas, or products |
| 5. mu__l painting | <i>adj.</i> a large painting or other artwork that is applied directly to a wall or other surface |
| 6. una_____ed letter | <i>adj.</i> not dealt with, resolved, or attended to; lacking attention or consideration |
| 7. che_____nt security | <i>n.</i> a designated location or point along a route or journey where travelers are required to stop and undergo a security or documentation check |

ANSWERS: 1. maze, 2. protestant, 3. almond, 4. innovate, 5. mural, 6. unaddressed, 7. checkpoint

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| 8. pre_____on to authority | <i>n.</i> the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition |
| 9. bo_____om meeting | <i>n.</i> a room where the board of directors of a company or organization meets |
| 10. te_____ng offer | <i>adj.</i> likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe |
| 11. ep_____er magnitude | <i>n.</i> the point on the earth's surface directly above the focus of an earthquake |
| 12. the Ca_____ic Church | <i>adj.</i> universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader |
| 13. go there af_____rd | <i>adv.</i> after the time mentioned |
| 14. the wh_____r of the leaves | <i>v.</i> to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you |
| 15. sw___l a population | <i>v.</i> to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important |
| 16. have dis_____us consequences | <i>adj.</i> extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful |
| 17. sq___h a tomato | <i>v.</i> to crush or press something so that it becomes flat or distorted |
| 18. puzzle m___e | <i>n.</i> a complex network of winding passages or pathways designed as a puzzle or challenge for people to navigate through |

ANSWERS: 8. pretension, 9. boardroom, 10. tempting, 11. epicenter, 12. Catholic, 13. afterward, 14. whisper, 15. swell, 16. disastrous, 17. squish, 18. maze

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| 19. sw__l at room temperature | <i>v.</i> to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important |
| 20. te____y people | <i>v.</i> to frighten someone very much |
| 21. a few years af____rd | <i>adv.</i> after the time mentioned |
| 22. de____te the economy | <i>v.</i> to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage |
| 23. ra____g on the balcony | <i>n.</i> a horizontal barrier or fence supported by posts or columns, often used for safety or decorative purposes, particularly on balconies, staircases, or along the edge of a building or platform |
| 24. ou____er our opponents | <i>v.</i> to be more numerous or greater in number than another group or entity; to exceed in quantity or number |
| 25. an op____ne remark | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 26. al____d butter | <i>n.</i> a type of nut that comes from the almond tree widely cultivated for its edible seeds, which is enclosed in a hard, ridged outer casing called a shell, that can be eaten raw or roasted and is often used in baking and as an ingredient in various dishes |
| 27. teaching cre____al | <i>v.</i> to provide someone with certification or verification of their qualifications, usually in a particular field or profession; (noun) a document attesting to the truth of certain stated facts |

ANSWERS: 19. swell, 20. terrify, 21. afterward, 22. devastate, 23. railing, 24. outnumber, 25. opportune, 26. almond, 27. credential

28. ev_____te almost overnight	<i>v.</i> to turn a liquid into a gas; to become less intense and disappear gradually
29. im_____te to the country	<i>v.</i> to come to live permanently in a foreign country
30. ju__y cat	<i>adj.</i> nervous, jittery, or prone to sudden movements or reactions; characterized by irregular or uneven movement or motion
31. attempted ab_____on	<i>n.</i> the act of taking someone away by force or deception; kidnapping
32. op_____ne occasion	<i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
33. una_____ed risks	<i>adj.</i> not dealt with, resolved, or attended to; lacking attention or consideration
34. Rep_____an party	<i>n.</i> a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States
35. a mir_____us encounter	<i>adj.</i> very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected
36. in___e rights	<i>n.</i> a person who is confined to an institution such as a prison, hospital, or mental health facility
37. s__m the book against a wall	<i>v.</i> to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily
38. co_____ct blood vessels	<i>v.</i> to make something narrow or tight, often restricting movement or flow; to become narrow or tighter

ANSWERS: 28. evaporate, 29. immigrate, 30. jumpy, 31. abduction, 32. opportune, 33. unaddressed, 34. republican, 35. miraculous, 36. inmate, 37. slam, 38. constrict

39. ter_____ng events	<i>adj.</i> very frightening or intimidating
40. ev_____te the water	<i>v.</i> to turn a liquid into a gas; to become less intense and disappear gradually
41. ab_____on case	<i>n.</i> the act of taking someone away by force or deception; kidnapping
42. the threats te_____y him	<i>v.</i> to frighten someone very much
43. a mu__l decoration	<i>adj.</i> a large painting or other artwork that is applied directly to a wall or other surface
44. sq___h the ellipse	<i>v.</i> to crush or press something so that it becomes flat or distorted
45. military che_____nt	<i>n.</i> a designated location or point along a route or journey where travelers are required to stop and undergo a security or documentation check
46. inc_____te her for life	<i>v.</i> to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
47. inc_____te the murderer	<i>v.</i> to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
48. absolutely dis_____us effect	<i>adj.</i> extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful
49. co_____e the council	<i>v.</i> to come or bring together a group of people for a meeting or activity
50. sound very te_____ng	<i>adj.</i> likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe
51. hard-line Pro_____nt	<i>adj.</i> a member of a Western Christian church that is separate from the Roman Catholic Church and that is based on the teachings of Martin Luther and other Reformers

ANSWERS: 39. terrifying, 40. evaporate, 41. abduction, 42. terrify, 43. mural, 44. squish, 45. checkpoint, 46. incarcerate, 47. incarcerate, 48. disastrous, 49. convene, 50. tempting, 51. protestant

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| 52. go through a mir_____us change | <i>adj.</i> very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected |
| 53. baseless pre_____on | <i>n.</i> the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition |
| 54. in_____te a new method | <i>v.</i> to introduce new methods, ideas, or products |
| 55. spend the weekend with their gr_____ids | <i>n.</i> the grandchildren of a particular person |
| 56. bo_____om decision | <i>n.</i> a room where the board of directors of a company or organization meets |
| 57. pr_____e innocence | <i>v.</i> to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance |
| 58. co_____e a press conference | <i>v.</i> to come or bring together a group of people for a meeting or activity |
| 59. pr_____e on his tolerance | <i>v.</i> to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance |
| 60. co_____ct freedom | <i>v.</i> to make something narrow or tight, often restricting movement or flow; to become narrow or tighter |
| 61. ca_____ic in his tastes | <i>adj.</i> universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader |

ANSWERS: 52. miraculous, 53. pretension, 54. innovate, 55. grandkid, 56. boardroom, 57. presume, 58. convene, 59. presume, 60. constrict, 61. Catholic

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| 62. cre_____al themselves by showing their registration | <i>v.</i> | to provide someone with certification or verification of their qualifications, usually in a particular field or profession; (noun) a document attesting to the truth of certain stated facts |
| 63. in___e population | <i>n.</i> | a person who is confined to an institution such as a prison, hospital, or mental health facility |
| 64. mis_____and entirely about her | <i>v.</i> | to interpret or understand something in the wrong way |
| 65. s__m the door | <i>v.</i> | to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily |
| 66. ou_____er males | <i>v.</i> | to be more numerous or greater in number than another group or entity; to exceed in quantity or number |
| 67. de_____te an area | <i>v.</i> | to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage |
| 68. cute gr_____ids | <i>n.</i> | the grandchildren of a particular person |
| 69. answer in a wh_____r | <i>v.</i> | to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you |
| 70. rep_____an ideology | <i>n.</i> | a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States |
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ANSWERS: 62. credential, 63. inmate, 64. misunderstand, 65. slam, 66. outnumber, 67. devastate, 68. grandkid, 69. whisper, 70. republican, 71. jumpy

72. im_____te through available legal processes	<i>v.</i>	to come to live permanently in a foreign country
73. mis_____and each other	<i>v.</i>	to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
74. ter_____ng experience	<i>adj.</i>	very frightening or intimidating
75. the ep_____er of the sports world	<i>n.</i>	the point on the earth's surface directly above the focus of an earthquake
76. wooden ra_____g	<i>n.</i>	a horizontal barrier or fence supported by posts or columns, often used for safety or decorative purposes, particularly on balconies, staircases, or along the edge of a building or platform

ANSWERS: 72. immigrate, 73. misunderstand, 74. terrifying, 75. epicenter, 76. railing

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The community is frustrated with the _____ issue of crime in the area.
adj. not dealt with, resolved, or attended to; lacking attention or consideration
2. The corporate _____ was filled with tense silence as the CEO presented the new plan.
n. a room where the board of directors of a company or organization meets
3. The airport security _____ was crowded with passengers waiting to board their flights.
n. a designated location or point along a route or journey where travelers are required to stop and undergo a security or documentation check
4. The sun will _____ the mist.
v. to turn a liquid into a gas; to become less intense and disappear gradually
5. The emission of hazardous substances has _____ effects on the ecology of a region.
adj. extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful
6. He _____ to the United States in search of a better life.
v. to come to live permanently in a foreign country
7. I _____ you've already made plans for the weekend since you didn't respond to my invitation.
v. to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance

ANSWERS: 1. unaddressed, 2. boardroom, 3. checkpoint, 4. evaporate, 5. disastrous, 6. immigrated, 7. presume

8. Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which _____ coastal areas.

v. to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage

9. The _____ student was anxious during the exam and made several careless mistakes.

adj. nervous, jittery, or prone to sudden movements or reactions; characterized by irregular or uneven movement or motion

10. He made a _____ recovery.

adj. very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected

11. She was so proud of her _____ who were all doing well in school and had great personalities.

n. the grandchildren of a particular person

12. The number of tourists in the city now _____ the locals.

v. to be more numerous or greater in number than another group or entity; to exceed in quantity or number

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v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

14. The snake's muscles began to _____ around its prey.

v. to make something narrow or tight, often restricting movement or flow; to become narrow or tighter

15. The parliament will _____ at 1 p.m. tomorrow.

v. to come or bring together a group of people for a meeting or activity

ANSWERS: 8. devastate, 9. jumpy, 10. miraculous, 11. grandkids, 12. outnumber, 13. innovate, 14. constrict, 15. convene

16. It would be best not to _____ your associates into doing complex tasks.

v. to frighten someone very much

17. I love snacking on _____ for a healthy and delicious snack.

n. a type of nut that comes from the almond tree widely cultivated for its edible seeds, which is enclosed in a hard, ridged outer casing called a shell, that can be eaten raw or roasted and is often used in baking and as an ingredient in various dishes

18. The police launched an investigation into the _____ of the wealthy businessman.

n. the act of taking someone away by force or deception; kidnapping

19. He took me aside and _____ in my ear.

v. to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

20. The _____ church was the dominant religion in the area.

adj. a member of a Western Christian church that is separate from the Roman Catholic Church and that is based on the teachings of Martin Luther and other Reformers

21. The _____ on the wall depicted the history of the city.

adj. a large painting or other artwork that is applied directly to a wall or other surface

22. We got lost in the _____ of streets while exploring the city.

n. a complex network of winding passages or pathways designed as a puzzle or challenge for people to navigate through

ANSWERS: 16. terrify, 17. almonds, 18. abduction, 19. whispered, 20. Protestant, 21. mural, 22. maze

23. She _____ the door shut, angry at the person on the other side.

v. to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily

24. To get the job, I need to _____ my experience and education.

v. to provide someone with certification or verification of their qualifications, usually in a particular field or profession; (noun) a document attesting to the truth of certain stated facts

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27. Large earthquakes often generate _____ tsunamis.

adj. very frightening or intimidating

28. He _____ the insect between his fingers to get rid of it.

v. to crush or press something so that it becomes flat or distorted

29. He was _____ for the duration of the war.

v. to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape

30. We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem _____.

adv. after the time mentioned

ANSWERS: 23. slammed, 24. credential, 25. tempting, 26. republican, 27. terrifying, 28. squished, 29. incarcerated, 30. afterward

31. The children held onto the _____ tightly as they walked up the steep staircase.
- n.* a horizontal barrier or fence supported by posts or columns, often used for safety or decorative purposes, particularly on balconies, staircases, or along the edge of a building or platform
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- n.* a person who is confined to an institution such as a prison, hospital, or mental health facility
33. The _____ of the earthquake was located deep beneath the earth's surface.
- n.* the point on the earth's surface directly above the focus of an earthquake
34. His arm was _____ from the insect bite.
- v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
35. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
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38. Sociologists are now interested in _____ world peace.
- adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

ANSWERS: 31. railing, 32. inmates, 33. epicenter, 34. swelling, 35. opportune, 36. misunderstand, 37. pretensions, 38. catholic

ANSWERS: