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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### industrious

*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

*synonym* : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

### disguise

*v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others

*synonym* : mask, misinterpret, cloak

(1) **disguise** my feelings, (2) **disguise** his voice

Later it turned out that the politician **disguised** the fact from the public.

### undercover

*adj.* carried out or conducted in secret, with one's true identity or purpose concealed; disguised, incognito

*synonym* : covert, hidden, stealthy

(1) **undercover** operation, (2) **undercover** journalist

The **undercover** police officer was able to gather crucial evidence without being detected.

## **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.

## **blacklist**

*n.* a list of names or entities that are seen as undesirables or perceived as a threat, often compiled by a government or organization and used to restrict access or opportunities

*synonym*: ban, exclusion, proscription

(1) banking **blacklist**, (2) personal **blacklist**

The software uses a robust **blacklist** to prevent access to malicious websites and protect users from online threats.

## **screenplay**

*n.* a script for a film or television program; the written script for a movie or other visual production

*synonym*: script, scenario, manuscript

(1) **screenplay** writer, (2) best adapted **screenplay** prize

The **screenplay** for the new movie is currently in development.

## **screenwriter**

*n.* a writer who writes or creates scripts, screenplays, or stories for movies, television shows, or other visual media

*synonym*: scriptwriter, playwright

(1) aspiring **screenwriter**, (2) experienced **screenwriter**

The movie's success was largely attributed to the **screenwriter's** cleverly written script.

## **triage**

*n.* the process of sorting or categorizing patients or other items by severity or priority to determine the order in which they should be treated or handled

*synonym*: sorting, prioritizing, categorizing

(1) **triage** system, (2) **triage** nurse

In the aftermath of the hurricane, the military set up a **triage** center to assist with medical emergencies.

## oversea

*adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries

*synonym* : foreign, abroad, international

(1) **oversea** shipments, (2) for **oversea** use

The company enhanced **oversea** operations to tap into new markets.

## contend

*v.* to struggle to win or surmount something

*synonym* : compete, oppose, argue

(1) **contend** that tobacco is nonaddictive, (2) **contend** for a championship

Tobacco companies have long **contended** that their product is not addictive.

## remake

*v.* to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work

*synonym* : revamp, redo, reproduce

(1) video game **remake**, (2) **remake** song

The director plans to **remake** the classic movie with a modern twist.

## imaginative

*adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas

*synonym* : creative, innovative, inventive

(1) capable of **imaginative** creation, (2) **imaginative** as a child

She is a hard worker but not very **imaginative**.

## innocuous

*adj.* not harmful or dangerous; unlikely to cause injury or damage

*synonym* : harmless, innocent, benign

(1) **innocuous** joke, (2) **innocuous** substance

The spider in the corner of the room seemed **innocuous**, but it made her uneasy.

**doe** *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit  
*synonym*: rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

**apocalyptic** *adj.* describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world  
*synonym*: fateful, prophetic, ominous

(1) **apocalyptic** event, (2) have **apocalyptic** overtones

The **apocalyptic** landscape of burnt-out villages and bombed-out ruins spread out before them.

**meritocratic** *adj.* based on the principle that the talented should be chosen and moved ahead based on their achievements  
*synonym*: merit-based, fair, unbiased

(1) **meritocratic** society, (2) **meritocratic** evaluation

The company prides itself on being **meritocratic** in its hiring and promotion practices.

**gratify** *v.* to give pleasure or satisfaction to; to provide someone with what they want or need; to indulge or satisfy a desire or appetite  
*synonym*: please, satisfy, fulfill

(1) **gratify** desires, (2) **gratify** curiosity

I always try to **gratify** my boss by achieving the sales target every month.

**instinctively** *adv.* as a matter of nature or intuition rather than thought or training  
*synonym*: inherently, intuitively, naturally

(1) **instinctively** grabbed the knife, (2) **instinctively** bad with children

Some researchers claim that even humans can **instinctively** sense earthquakes.

## neologism

*n.* a newly created word, phrase, or expression that has not been widely accepted into the language; a word or term that has been recently coined

*synonym*: new word, coinage

(1) **neologism** creation, (2) **neologism** in marketing

Selfie is a relatively recent **neologism** widely used in popular culture.

## rustic

*adj.* relating to the countryside or rural life; lacking in refinement or sophistication; characterized by a simple and natural charm

*synonym*: rural, pastoral, bucolic

(1) **rustic** cuisine, (2) **rustic** farmhouse

The bed and breakfast had a **rustic** charm that appealed to visitors.

## interrogate

*v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner

*synonym*: question, examine, probe

(1) **interrogate** an enemy soldier, (2) **interrogated** by police

The lawyer spent considerable time to adequately **interrogate** the witness.

## deconstruct

*v.* to break something down into its separate parts to interpret or analyze it; to interpret or analyze a text, an artwork, etc. to show that there is no fixed meaning

*synonym*: break down, interpret, assay

(1) **deconstruct** the existing system, (2) **deconstruct** his method

She employed a rigorous intellectual framework to **deconstruct** various categories of literature.

## intern

v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

*synonym*: apprentice, trainee, student

(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**

The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

## laurel

n. an evergreen shrub or tree with dark green leaves that is often used symbolically to represent victory, honor, or accomplishment

*synonym*: wreath, crown, garland

(1) **laurel** wreath, (2) noble **laurel**

The athlete wore a **laurel** wreath to symbolize victory in the competition.

## hashtag

n. a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic

(1) marked with a **hashtag**, (2) trending **hashtag**

Our brand's campaign uses a unique **hashtag** to track engagement and reach.

## diversify

v. to make something include more different types or things; to spread out activities or investments

*synonym*: branch out, expand, broaden

(1) **diversify** my portfolio, (2) **diversify** energy sources

This inclusive environment has allowed the plant species to **diversify**.

## 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.

## cliche

*n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement

*synonym* : truism, platitude, stereotype

(1) **cliche** plot, (2) age-old **cliche**

Using the same **cliche** phrase in every conversation can take time and effort.

## aspiring

*adj.* desiring or striving for recognition or advancement; wanting to be successful in life

*synonym* : hopeful, ambitious, eager

(1) **aspiring** prime minister, (2) have **aspiring** eyes

He was extremely generous to the **aspiring** young artist.

## saccharin

*n.* a white, crystalline powder with a sweet taste that is used as a zero-calorie artificial sweetener in various food and beverage products

*synonym* : artificial sweetener

(1) **saccharin** sodium, (2) **saccharin** tablets

The chemical structure of **saccharin** is similar to that of sugar, but it is much sweeter.

## rot

*v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

*synonym* : perish, decay, corrode

(1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age

Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.

## pretentious

*adj.* attempting to impress others by pretending to be more important, innovative, or significant than is actually the case; showy or ostentatious

*synonym* : ostentatious, showy, pompous

(1) **pretentious** behavior, (2) **pretentious** language

The **pretentious** guest at the party talked endlessly about his expensive taste in wine.

## intrigue

*v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

*synonym* : attract, captivate, charm

(1) **intrigue** him, (2) **intrigue** against his rival

The artist's innovative style of work **intrigues** me.

## superhero

*n.* a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public

(1) **superhero** movies, (2) **superhero** comics

Superman is a classic **superhero** known for his superhuman strength and flying ability.

## panther

*n.* a large and powerful wildcat with a distinctive sleek black coat found primarily in the Americas, Africa, and Asia

*synonym* : panthera, big cat, feline

(1) black **panther**, (2) **panther** habitat

The **panther's** sleek black coat and piercing yellow eyes make for a striking vision in the forest.

## climactic

*adj.* relating to the highest point of a story or event, typically the most intense or exciting moment; bringing something to a high point or conclusion

*synonym* : pivotal, critical, decisive

(1) **climactic** chapter, (2) **climactic** moment

The **climactic** battle scene was the most intense moment of the movie.

## diminution

*n.* a reduction or decrease in size, extent, or importance; a lessening or weakening; the act of diminishing or reducing

*synonym* : reduction, decrease, decline

(1) **diminution** of interest, (2) **diminution** of quality

The loss of an important client caused a **diminution** in the company's reputation.



## 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.

## exhilarate

*v.* to make someone feel very happy, animated, or excited; to fill with energy or a sense of euphoria

*synonym* : excite, stimulate, invigorate

(1) **exhilarate** the crowd, (2) **exhilarate** the audience

The sense of accomplishment from completing a challenging hike can **exhilarate** those who love the great outdoors

## marquee

*n.* a large tent or canopy used as a shelter or exhibition area at a fair, festival, or outdoor event; a sign or canopy over the entrance of a building or theater

*synonym* : tent, pavilion, canopy

(1) **marquee** lighting, (2) outdoor **marquee**

The **marquee** at the festival had a lineup of popular music artists.

## mosque

*n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)

(1) domed **mosque**, (2) the sacred **mosque**

Jumeirah **Mosque** is one of the most beautiful buildings in the United Arab Emirates.

## multiplex

*n.* a cinema complex with several screens or theaters showing different films at the same time; an electronic device that allows several signals to be transmitted or processed simultaneously through a single channel; (adjective) relating to or consisting of multiple interconnected parts or elements

*synonym* : multiplexer, complex, cinema

(1) **multiplex** telegraphy, (2) **multiplex** DNA analysis

The new **multiplex** cinema has 12 screens showing the latest movies.

## pandemic

*n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

*synonym* : outbreak

(1) flu **pandemic**, (2) global **pandemic**

They fear a **pandemic** of a new type of virus.

## wherein

*adv.* in or during which; in the place, time, or situation that

(1) progress to a level **wherein**, (2) **wherein** he is mistaken

The court ruled in favor of the plaintiff, **wherein** they were awarded damages for the defendant's negligence.

## storytelling

*n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories

*synonym* : narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

## communion

*n.* the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist

*synonym* : affinity, intimacy, camaraderie

(1) **communion** with God, (2) spiritual **communion** with nature

We use this tableware in a **communion** service.

## byword

*n.* a word or phrase that has become widely known and recognized as a symbol of a particular quality or characteristic; a person who is widely known for a particular trait or characteristic

*synonym* : proverb, epitome, representation

(1) the **byword** in the industry, (2) **byword** for luxury

The company's exceptional customer service has become a **byword** for excellence.

## appreciative

*adj.* expressing or feeling gratitude or admiration; showing recognition or understanding of the value or significance of something; receptive or responsive to something with

pleasure or enjoyment

*synonym* : grateful, thankful, pleased

(1) **appreciative** audience, (2) **appreciative** nod

The teacher was **appreciative** of the student's dedication and hard work.

## reckon

*v.* to think or believe something

*synonym* : regard, imagine, suppose

(1) hard to **reckon**, (2) **reckon** the company as a rival

He **reckons** that corruption was rampant in the regime.

## blockbuster

*n.* a movie, book, or other product that is extremely successful and popular, especially one that makes much money

*synonym* : hit, success, smash

(1) **blockbuster** movie, (2) international **blockbuster**

The new action movie is expected to be a **blockbuster** hit.

## artifact

*n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest

*synonym* : antique, relic, heirloom

(1) paleolithic **artifacts**, (2) Peruvian **artifacts**

The museum has a vast collection of Greek **artifacts**.

## 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**.

## aspire

*v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great

*synonym* : aim, desire, strive

(1) **aspire** to greatness, (2) **aspire** after perfection

She **aspired** to become a successful businesswoman.

## figurative

*adj.* using figures of speech, especially metaphors, to create a special effect; not literal

*synonym*: metaphorical, symbolic, allegorical

(1) in a **figurative** sense, (2) **figurative** painting

When he said he was starving to death, it was a **figurative** way of saying he was very hungry.

## disapproval

*n.* the act of not liking or agreeing with something; an inclination to withhold approval from some person or group

*synonym*: condemnation, reproach, censure

(1) showing **disapproval**, (2) **disapproval** rate

Her **disapproval** of his actions was evident in her cold demeanor.

## dotcom

*n.* a company or business that primarily operates on the Internet or has a web-based presence, particularly during the late 1990s and early 2000s when the Internet was a new and rapidly growing industry

*synonym*: website, online business, e-commerce

(1) successful **dotcom**, (2) **dotcom** millionaire

The **dotcom** boom of the late 1990s changed the landscape of the tech industry forever.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. combat mis\_\_\_\_\_ion on social media  
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*n.* a script for a film or television program; the written script for a movie or other visual production
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9. Peruvian ar\_\_\_\_\_cts  
*n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
10. have a si\_\_\_\_\_g quarrel  
*n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

ANSWERS: 1. misinformation, 2. figurative, 3. screenplay, 4. superhero, 5. oversea, 6. doe, 7. artifact, 8. diversify, 9. artifact, 10. sibling

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14. sto\_\_\_\_\_ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
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33. courtroom sto\_\_\_\_\_ing  
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*adj.* expressing or feeling gratitude or admiration; showing recognition or understanding of the value or significance of something; receptive or responsive to something with pleasure or enjoyment
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ANSWERS: 42. diminution, 43. screenplay, 44. gratify, 45. saccharin, 46. rot, 47. mosque, 48. blacklist, 49. intern

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ANSWERS: 66. exhilarate, 67. doe, 68. rustic, 69. wherein, 70. disapproval, 71. mosque, 72. panther, 73. undercover, 74. industrious, 75. imaginative

76. video game re\_\_\_e
- v. to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work
77. cl\_\_\_\_\_ic moment
- adj. relating to the highest point of a story or event, typically the most intense or exciting moment; bringing something to a high point or conclusion
78. as\_\_\_e to greatness
- v. to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
79. the by\_\_\_d in the industry
- n. a word or phrase that has become widely known and recognized as a symbol of a particular quality or characteristic; a person who is widely known for a particular trait or characteristic
80. black pa\_\_\_\_\_r
- n. a large and powerful wildcat with a distinctive sleek black coat found primarily in the Americas, Africa, and Asia
81. blo\_\_\_\_\_er movie
- n. a movie, book, or other product that is extremely successful and popular, especially one that makes much money
82. ne\_\_\_\_\_sm in marketing
- n. a newly created word, phrase, or expression that has not been widely accepted into the language; a word or term that has been recently coined

ANSWERS: 76. remake, 77. climactic, 78. aspire, 79. byword, 80. panther, 81. blockbuster, 82. neologism

83. hard to re\_\_\_n *v.* to think or believe something
84. ne\_\_\_\_\_sm creation *n.* a newly created word, phrase, or expression that has not been widely accepted into the language; a word or term that has been recently coined
85. experienced scr\_\_\_\_\_ter *n.* a writer who writes or creates scripts, screenplays, or stories for movies, television shows, or other visual media
86. mer\_\_\_\_\_tic evaluation *adj.* based on the principle that the talented should be chosen and moved ahead based on their achievements
87. have apo\_\_\_\_\_ic overtones *adj.* describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world
88. int\_\_\_\_\_ted by police *v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner
89. age-old cl\_\_\_e *n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
90. begin to r\_t *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
91. outdoor ma\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a large tent or canopy used as a shelter or exhibition area at a fair, festival, or outdoor event; a sign or canopy over the entrance of a building or theater
92. int\_\_\_\_\_te an enemy soldier *v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner

ANSWERS: 83. reckon, 84. neologism, 85. screenwriter, 86. meritocratic, 87. apocalyptic, 88. interrogate, 89. cliché, 90. rot, 91. marquee, 92. interrogate

93. in\_\_\_\_\_us substance *adj.* not harmful or dangerous; unlikely to cause injury or damage
94. und\_\_\_\_\_er journalist *adj.* carried out or conducted in secret, with one's true identity or purpose concealed; disguised, incognito
95. cl\_\_\_\_\_ic chapter *adj.* relating to the highest point of a story or event, typically the most intense or exciting moment; bringing something to a high point or conclusion
96. ins\_\_\_\_\_ely bad with children *adv.* as a matter of nature or intuition rather than thought or training
97. in\_\_\_\_\_us joke *adj.* not harmful or dangerous; unlikely to cause injury or damage
98. pre\_\_\_\_\_us behavior *adj.* attempting to impress others by pretending to be more important, innovative, or significant than is actually the case; showy or ostentatious
99. cl\_\_\_e plot *n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
100. do\_\_\_m millionaire *n.* a company or business that primarily operates on the Internet or has a web-based presence, particularly during the late 1990s and early 2000s when the Internet was a new and rapidly growing industry
101. for ov\_\_\_\_\_a use *adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries

ANSWERS: 93. innocuous, 94. undercover, 95. climactic, 96. instinctively, 97. innocuous, 98. pretentious, 99. cliché, 100. dotcom, 101. oversea



102. co\_\_\_\_\_on with God *n.* the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist
103. di\_\_\_\_\_fy energy sources *v.* to make something include more different types or things; to spread out activities or investments
104. mis\_\_\_\_\_ion about a vaccine *n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
105. dec\_\_\_\_\_ct the existing system *v.* to break something down into its separate parts to interpret or analyze it; to interpret or analyze a text, an artwork, etc. to show that there is no fixed meaning
106. wh\_\_\_\_\_n he is mistaken *adv.* in or during which; in the place, time, or situation that
107. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
108. apo\_\_\_\_\_ic event *adj.* describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world
109. dis\_\_\_\_\_al rate *n.* the act of not liking or agreeing with something; an inclination to withhold approval from some person or group
110. re\_\_\_\_e song *v.* to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work

ANSWERS: 102. communion, 103. diversify, 104. misinformation, 105. deconstruct, 106. wherein, 107. opportune, 108. apocalyptic, 109. disapproval, 110. remake

111. mu\_\_\_\_\_ex DNA analysis

*n.* a cinema complex with several screens or theaters showing different films at the same time; an electronic device that allows several signals to be transmitted or processed simultaneously through a single channel; (adjective) relating to or consisting of multiple interconnected parts or elements

112. in\_\_\_n civilians

*v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

ANSWERS: 111. multiplex, 112. intern

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He \_\_\_\_\_ that corruption was rampant in the regime.  
*v.* to think or believe something
2. Children often copy their parents or elder \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
3. Tobacco companies have long \_\_\_\_\_ that their product is not addictive.  
*v.* to struggle to win or surmount something
4. When he said he was starving to death, it was a \_\_\_\_\_ way of saying he was very hungry.  
*adj.* using figures of speech, especially metaphors, to create a special effect; not literal
5. The navy \_\_\_\_\_ ships of defeated nations.  
*v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
6. The company's exceptional customer service has become a \_\_\_\_\_ for excellence.  
*n.* a word or phrase that has become widely known and recognized as a symbol of a particular quality or characteristic; a person who is widely known for a particular trait or characteristic
7. She employed a rigorous intellectual framework to \_\_\_\_\_ various categories of literature.  
*v.* to break something down into its separate parts to interpret or analyze it; to interpret or analyze a text, an artwork, etc. to show that there is no fixed meaning

ANSWERS: 1. reckons, 2. siblings, 3. contended, 4. figurative, 5. interned, 6. byword, 7. deconstruct

8. The new action movie is expected to be a \_\_\_\_\_ hit.  
*n.* a movie, book, or other product that is extremely successful and popular, especially one that makes much money
9. The athlete wore a \_\_\_\_\_ wreath to symbolize victory in the competition.  
*n.* an evergreen shrub or tree with dark green leaves that is often used symbolically to represent victory, honor, or accomplishment
10. Some researchers claim that even humans can \_\_\_\_\_ sense earthquakes.  
*adv.* as a matter of nature or intuition rather than thought or training
11. She \_\_\_\_\_ to become a successful businesswoman.  
*v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
12. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.  
*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
13. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.  
*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
14. The \_\_\_\_\_ landscape of burnt-out villages and bombed-out ruins spread out before them.  
*adj.* describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world
15. The museum has a vast collection of Greek \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest

ANSWERS: 8. blockbuster, 9. laurel, 10. instinctively, 11. aspired, 12. industrious, 13. opportune, 14. apocalyptic, 15. artifacts

16. The company enhanced \_\_\_\_\_ operations to tap into new markets.

*adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries

17. Jumeirah \_\_\_\_\_ is one of the most beautiful buildings in the United Arab Emirates.

*n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)

18. Hunters use a whistle that makes the \_\_\_\_ sound to lure stags.

*n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

19. The \_\_\_\_\_ guest at the party talked endlessly about his expensive taste in wine.

*adj.* attempting to impress others by pretending to be more important, innovative, or significant than is actually the case; showy or ostentatious

20. Please refrigerate the meat, or it will \_\_\_\_\_.

*v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

21. They fear a \_\_\_\_\_ of a new type of virus.

*n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

22. The court ruled in favor of the plaintiff, \_\_\_\_\_ they were awarded damages for the defendant's negligence.

*adv.* in or during which; in the place, time, or situation that

23. She was skilled in \_\_\_\_\_ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

*n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories

ANSWERS: 16. oversea, 17. Mosque, 18. doe, 19. pretentious, 20. rot, 21. pandemic, 22. wherein, 23. storytelling

24. This inclusive environment has allowed the plant species to \_\_\_\_\_.
- v.* to make something include more different types or things; to spread out activities or investments
25. She is a hard worker but not very \_\_\_\_\_.
- adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas
26. We use this tableware in a \_\_\_\_\_ service.
- n.* the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist
27. I always try to \_\_\_\_\_ my boss by achieving the sales target every month.
- v.* to give pleasure or satisfaction to; to provide someone with what they want or need; to indulge or satisfy a desire or appetite
28. The artist's innovative style of work \_\_\_\_\_ me.
- v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
29. Selfie is a relatively recent \_\_\_\_\_ widely used in popular culture.
- n.* a newly created word, phrase, or expression that has not been widely accepted into the language; a word or term that has been recently coined
30. The bed and breakfast had a \_\_\_\_\_ charm that appealed to visitors.
- adj.* relating to the countryside or rural life; lacking in refinement or sophistication; characterized by a simple and natural charm
31. The company prides itself on being \_\_\_\_\_ in its hiring and promotion practices.
- adj.* based on the principle that the talented should be chosen and moved ahead based on their achievements

ANSWERS: 24. diversify, 25. imaginative, 26. communion, 27. gratify, 28. intrigues, 29. neologism, 30. rustic, 31. meritocratic

32. Our brand's campaign uses a unique \_\_\_\_\_ to track engagement and reach.
- n.* a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic
33. 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
34. The chemical structure of \_\_\_\_\_ is similar to that of sugar, but it is much sweeter.
- n.* a white, crystalline powder with a sweet taste that is used as a zero-calorie artificial sweetener in various food and beverage products
35. 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
36. The lawyer spent considerable time to adequately \_\_\_\_\_ the witness.
- v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner
37. The movie's success was largely attributed to the \_\_\_\_\_ cleverly written script.
- n.* a writer who writes or creates scripts, screenplays, or stories for movies, television shows, or other visual media
38. The \_\_\_\_\_ at the festival had a lineup of popular music artists.
- n.* a large tent or canopy used as a shelter or exhibition area at a fair, festival, or outdoor event; a sign or canopy over the entrance of a building or theater

ANSWERS: 32. hashtag, 33. disrespectful, 34. saccharin, 35. misinformation, 36. interrogate, 37. screenwriter's, 38. marquee

39. The new \_\_\_\_\_ cinema has 12 screens showing the latest movies.
- n.* a cinema complex with several screens or theaters showing different films at the same time; an electronic device that allows several signals to be transmitted or processed simultaneously through a single channel; (adjective) relating to or consisting of multiple interconnected parts or elements
40. Her \_\_\_\_\_ of his actions was evident in her cold demeanor.
- n.* the act of not liking or agreeing with something; an inclination to withhold approval from some person or group
41. In the aftermath of the hurricane, the military set up a \_\_\_\_\_ center to assist with medical emergencies.
- n.* the process of sorting or categorizing patients or other items by severity or priority to determine the order in which they should be treated or handled
42. The \_\_\_\_\_ for the new movie is currently in development.
- n.* a script for a film or television program; the written script for a movie or other visual production
43. The \_\_\_\_\_ boom of the late 1990s changed the landscape of the tech industry forever.
- n.* a company or business that primarily operates on the Internet or has a web-based presence, particularly during the late 1990s and early 2000s when the Internet was a new and rapidly growing industry
44. The \_\_\_\_\_ sleek black coat and piercing yellow eyes make for a striking vision in the forest.
- n.* a large and powerful wildcat with a distinctive sleek black coat found primarily in the Americas, Africa, and Asia

ANSWERS: 39. multiplex, 40. disapproval, 41. triage, 42. screenplay, 43. dotcom, 44. panther's



45. He was extremely generous to the \_\_\_\_\_ young artist.

*adj.* desiring or striving for recognition or advancement; wanting to be successful in life

46. The \_\_\_\_\_ battle scene was the most intense moment of the movie.

*adj.* relating to the highest point of a story or event, typically the most intense or exciting moment; bringing something to a high point or conclusion

47. The spider in the corner of the room seemed \_\_\_\_\_ but it made her uneasy.

*adj.* not harmful or dangerous; unlikely to cause injury or damage

48. The sense of accomplishment from completing a challenging hike can \_\_\_\_\_ those who love the great outdoors

*v.* to make someone feel very happy, animated, or excited; to fill with energy or a sense of euphoria

49. Using the same \_\_\_\_\_ phrase in every conversation can take time and effort.

*n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement

50. The \_\_\_\_\_ police officer was able to gather crucial evidence without being detected.

*adj.* carried out or conducted in secret, with one's true identity or purpose concealed; disguised, incognito

51. The teacher was \_\_\_\_\_ of the student's dedication and hard work.

*adj.* expressing or feeling gratitude or admiration; showing recognition or understanding of the value or significance of something; receptive or responsive to something with pleasure or enjoyment

ANSWERS: 45. aspiring, 46. climactic, 47. innocuous, 48. exhilarate, 49. cliché, 50. undercover, 51. appreciative

52. The director plans to \_\_\_\_\_ the classic movie with a modern twist.
- v. to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work
53. Superman is a classic \_\_\_\_\_ known for his superhuman strength and flying ability.
- n. a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public
54. Later it turned out that the politician \_\_\_\_\_ the fact from the public.
- v. to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
55. The software uses a robust \_\_\_\_\_ to prevent access to malicious websites and protect users from online threats.
- n. a list of names or entities that are seen as undesirables or perceived as a threat, often compiled by a government or organization and used to restrict access or opportunities
56. The loss of an important client caused a \_\_\_\_\_ in the company's reputation.
- n. a reduction or decrease in size, extent, or importance; a lessening or weakening; the act of diminishing or reducing

ANSWERS: 52. remake, 53. superhero, 54. disguised, 55. blacklist, 56. diminution