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Session 1: Word List

medical

adj. relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

synonym: health, disease, treatment

(1) a **medical** opinion, (2) temporary **medical** treatment

The **medical** team worked quickly to save the patient's life.

finance

n. the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets

synonym: banking, investment, fund

(1) **finance** act, (2) manage my **finances**

Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in **finance**.

drama

n. a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage

synonym: acting, play, theater

(1) secular **drama**, (2) upcoming crime **drama**

She had an audition for **drama** school.

disclose

v. to make something, such as secret or new information, known publicly

synonym : declare, reveal, uncover

(1) **disclose** a secret, (2) **disclose** a vulnerability

The curtain rose to **disclose** a fantastic set.

influence

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

synonym : power, leverage, effect

(1) **influence** a child's future, (2) **influence** the daily life

The former emperor had a particular **influence** even after he abdicated.

handle

v. to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion

synonym : control, manage, deal with

(1) **handle** a precious object, (2) **handled** the incident

We all should learn how to **handle** stress.

strife

n. conflict or disagreement, especially between people or groups

synonym : conflict, disagreement, dissension

(1) at **strife** over the land, (2) civil **strife**

The country has been wracked by political **strife** for many years.

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.

disagree

v. to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.

synonym : discord, oppose, dissent

(1) **disagree** about a particular issue, (2) **disagree** with a plan

I **disagree** for reasons already stated above.

rank

n. a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others

synonym : position, status, standing

(1) **rank** amateur, (2) high **rank**

He was promoted to the **rank** of captain in the military.

predict

v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

synonym : forecast, anticipate, foresee

(1) **predict** the future, (2) **predict** when she will arrive

It's notoriously challenging to **predict** birth rates.

divorce

n. the legal dissolution of a marriage

synonym : separation, dissolution, breakup

(1) **divorce** settlement, (2) a consensual **divorce**

The couple decided to get a **divorce** after many years of marriage.

tip

n. the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

synonym : edge, advice, gratuity

(1) the **tip** of a paintbrush, (2) give the waiter a **tip** .

I will introduce some **tips** on learning English in this class.

strengthen

v. to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective

synonym : reinforce, harden, boost

(1) **strengthen** the immune system, (2) **strengthen** a border patrol

Difficulties **strengthen** the mind, as labor does the body.

relation

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

synonym : association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of

inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

chant

n. a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation

synonym: hymn, mantra, (verb) recite

(1) **chant** melodies, (2) **chant** in the chapel

The soccer game crowd broke into a **chant** of "Go, team, go!"

vice

n. wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person

synonym: corruption, depravity, evil

(1) virtue and **vice**, (2) **vice-chair** of the committee

Cats hate dogs and **vice** versa.

heterosexual

adj. attracted to individuals of the opposite sex

synonym: straight, conventional

(1) **heterosexual** relationship, (2) **heterosexual** marriage

He identified as **heterosexual** and had never considered being with someone of the same gender.

responsible

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

synonym: accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

proficient

adj. having a high level of skill or knowledge in a particular area

synonym: expert, skilled, adept

(1) **proficient** speaker, (2) **proficient** skill

She is **proficient** in Spanish and can communicate fluently.

decline

v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

synonym: descend, drop, deny

(1) **decline** a job offer, (2) **decline** in quality

As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually **declines**.

forbid

v. to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising

synonym: prohibit, ban, outlaw

(1) **forbid** smoking in public areas, (2) **forbid** the use of chemical weapons

God **forbid** you should regret your marriage.

spouse

n. a person's husband, wife, or partner in marriage

synonym: partner, mate, wife

(1) **spouse** tax deduction, (2) **spouse** visa

The **spouse** of the politician was a constant presence at campaign events.

struggle

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

synonym: toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

regain

v. to get something back or recover something after it has been lost or taken away

synonym: recover, reclaim, retrieve

(1) **regain** our reputation, (2) **regain** my health

After years of hard work, he finally **regained** his financial stability.

navigate

v. to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map

synonym: guide, helm, voyage

(1) **navigate** the Pacific, (2) **navigate** through a document

Our knowledge helps **navigate** our clients successfully.

outlive

v. to live longer than another person

synonym: continue, outlast, survive

(1) **outlive** its usefulness, (2) **outlive** our child

She **outlived** her husband for many years.

communicate

v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

synonym: convey, share, transmit

(1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,

(2) **communicate** well with my advisor

Dolphins use sound to **communicate** with each other.

immersion

n. the act of putting someone or something into a liquid completely; the state of being completely involved in a subject or activity

synonym: submergence, involvement, engagement

(1) baptism by **immersion**, (2) **immersion** in acid

I felt like I was in a different world because of the **immersion** experience of virtual reality.

fluent

adj. able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily

synonym: eloquent, articulate, smooth-spoken

(1) **fluent** Chinese, (2) in a **fluent** tone

She learned five languages but is only **fluent** in two of them.

scary

adj. causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating

synonym: terrifying, frightening, alarming

(1) **scary** dream, (2) **scary** story

The horror movie was so **scary** that I couldn't watch it alone.

reward

n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

synonym: compensation, gratuity, bonus

(1) the **reward** for good works, (2) shopping **rewards** cards
Night fishing has a lot of **rewards**.

experiment

n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

synonym: experimentation, investigation

(1) **experiment** design, (2) series of **experiments**
His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym: susceptible, exposed, weak

(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body
Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

cooperation

n. the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.

synonym: collaboration, affiliation, alliance

(1) **cooperation** with strategic partners, (2) thoroughgoing **cooperation**

The **cooperation** between businesses and universities created this groundbreaking product.

intimacy

n. close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person

synonym: closeness, familiarity, nearness

(1) on terms of **intimacy**, (2) build **intimacy**

They were looking for **intimacy** in their relationship and wanted to be close to each other.

colleague

n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

synonym: coworker, associate, fellow

(1) collaborate with **colleagues**, (2) former **colleague**

I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my **colleague**.

develop

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

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

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

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

conversation

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

synonym: chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

accomplish

v. to finish or achieve something successfully

synonym: achieve, complete, execute

(1) **accomplish** a goal, (2) **accomplish** military operations

Humankind took centuries to **accomplish** true democracy.

picket

n. a pointed wooden or metal stake driven into the ground used as a support or for marking an area or boundary; a group of people, typically strikers or protestors, stationed or moving around in front of a workplace, government building, or other location, to demonstrate opposition or to pick up supporters

synonym: fence, stake, lookout

(1) **picket** sign, (2) cross the **picket** line

The farmer built a **picket** fence around his garden to keep the animals out.

fence

n. a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property

synonym: barrier, wall, hedge

(1) **fence** post, (2) a brushwood **fence**

She planted a hedge to serve as a natural **fence** around her garden.

globe

n. the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness

synonym: Earth, world, sphere

(1) terrestrial **globe**, (2) around the **globe**

His final goal is to sail around the **globe**.

fin

n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

synonym: flipper, appendage, stabilizer

(1) back **fin**, (2) a **fin** of a plane

The shark's powerful **fins** allowed it to swim at high speeds.

joint

adj. shared, held, or made between two or more people;
(*noun*) the point of connection between two bones or elements of a skeleton

synonym: collaborative, cooperative, combined

(1) a **joint** venture, (2) the bone of a **joint**

After the summit meeting, the prime ministers issued a **joint** statement.

decision-maker

n. a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization

(1) policy **decision-maker**, (2) act as a **decision-maker**

A wealth of information does not always have a positive impact on **decision-makers**.

decision

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

synonym : choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

intuitive

adj. obtained through feelings rather than facts or proof

synonym : involuntary, instinctive, innate

(1) **intuitive** eating, (2) **intuitive** judgment

I had an **intuitive** feeling that I might be pregnant.

beneficial

adj. helpful, useful, or sound; promoting or enhancing well-being

synonym : useful, advantageous, fruitful

(1) a **beneficial** result, (2) **beneficial** to all countries

Laughing is **beneficial** to our health.

invite

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

synonym : ask, request, summon

(1) **invite** guests, (2) **invite** criticism

We want to **invite** you to our annual charity event.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. act as a dec_____ker | <i>n.</i> a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization |
| 2. res_____le for a customer service | <i>adj.</i> answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management |
| 3. manage my fi_____es | <i>n.</i> the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets |
| 4. thoroughgoing coo_____on | <i>n.</i> the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc. |
| 5. ou_____e its usefulness | <i>v.</i> to live longer than another person |
| 6. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist | <i>v.</i> to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals |
| 7. fe__e post | <i>n.</i> a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property |
| 8. civil st___e | <i>n.</i> conflict or disagreement, especially between people or groups |

ANSWERS: 1. decision-maker, 2. responsible, 3. finance, 4. cooperation, 5. outlive, 6. communicate, 7. fence, 8. strife

9. in a fl___t tone *adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily
10. a f_n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
11. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
12. terrestrial gl__e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
13. str_____en a border patrol *v.* to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective
14. exp_____nt design *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
15. in_____ve judgment *adj.* obtained through feelings rather than facts or proof
16. ou_____e our child *v.* to live longer than another person
17. r__k amateur *n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
18. in_____ve eating *adj.* obtained through feelings rather than facts or proof
19. collaborate with co_____ues *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
20. fi_____e act *n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets

ANSWERS: 9. fluent, 10. fin, 11. communicate, 12. globe, 13. strengthen, 14. experiment, 15. intuitive, 16. outlive, 17. rank, 18. intuitive, 19. colleague, 20. finance

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| 21. pro_____nt skill | <i>adj.</i> having a high level of skill or knowledge in a particular area |
| 22. pro_____nt speaker | <i>adj.</i> having a high level of skill or knowledge in a particular area |
| 23. at st___e over the land | <i>n.</i> conflict or disagreement, especially between people or groups |
| 24. a jo__t venture | <i>adj.</i> shared, held, or made between two or more people; (noun) the point of connection between two bones or elements of a skeleton |
| 25. con_____ion in English | <i>n.</i> an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc. |
| 26. fo___d the use of chemical weapons | <i>v.</i> to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising |
| 27. former co_____ue | <i>n.</i> one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business |
| 28. pr_____t the future | <i>v.</i> to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience |
| 29. fo___d smoking in public areas | <i>v.</i> to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising |
| 30. di_____se a secret | <i>v.</i> to make something, such as secret or new information, known publicly |
| 31. fl___t Chinese | <i>adj.</i> able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily |

ANSWERS: 21. proficient, 22. proficient, 23. strife, 24. joint, 25. conversation, 26. forbid, 27. colleague, 28. predict, 29. forbid, 30. disclose, 31. fluent

32. high r__k *n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
33. ha___e a precious object *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
34. virtue and v__e *n.* wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person
35. around the gl__e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
36. a consensual di____e *n.* the legal dissolution of a marriage
37. build in____cy *n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person
38. mis_____and entirely about her *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
39. het_____ual marriage *adj.* attracted to individuals of the opposite sex
40. ha___ed the incident *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
41. back f_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
42. the re___d for good works *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

ANSWERS: 32. rank, 33. handle, 34. vice, 35. globe, 36. divorce, 37. intimacy, 38. misunderstand, 39. heterosexual, 40. handle, 41. fin, 42. reward

43. pi___t sign *n.* a pointed wooden or metal stake driven into the ground used as a support or for marking an area or boundary; a group of people, typically strikers or protestors, stationed or moving around in front of a workplace, government building, or other location, to demonstrate opposition or to pick up supporters
44. the bone of a jo__t *adj.* shared, held, or made between two or more people; (noun) the point of connection between two bones or elements of a skeleton
45. vul_____le parts of the body *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
46. re___n our reputation *v.* to get something back or recover something after it has been lost or taken away
47. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
48. shopping re___ds cards *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
49. the t_p of a paintbrush *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
50. na_____te through a document *v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map

ANSWERS: 43. picket, 44. joint, 45. vulnerable, 46. regain, 47. responsible, 48. reward, 49. tip, 50. navigate

51. a ben_____al result *adj.* helpful, useful, or sound; promoting or enhancing well-being
52. st_____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
53. re____n my health *v.* to get something back or recover something after it has been lost or taken away
54. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
55. policy dec_____ker *n.* a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization
56. na_____te the Pacific *v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
57. di_____se a vulnerability *v.* to make something, such as secret or new information, known publicly
58. in____e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
59. de_____e in quality *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
60. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
61. ben_____al to all countries *adj.* helpful, useful, or sound; promoting or enhancing well-being

ANSWERS: 51. beneficial, 52. struggle, 53. regain, 54. relation, 55. decision-maker, 56. navigate, 57. disclose, 58. invite, 59. decline, 60. decision, 61. beneficial

80. ch__t melodies *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
81. baptism by im_____on *n.* the act of putting someone or something into a liquid completely; the state of being completely involved in a subject or activity
82. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
83. series of exp_____nts *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
84. in_____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
85. de_____e a job offer *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
86. upcoming crime dr__a *n.* a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage
87. ch__t in the chapel *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
88. di_____ee with a plan *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
89. a brushwood fe__e *n.* a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property

ANSWERS: 80. chant, 81. immersion, 82. decision, 83. experiment, 84. influence, 85. decline, 86. drama, 87. chant, 88. disagree, 89. fence

90. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
91. acc_____sh military operations *v.* to finish or achieve something successfully
92. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
93. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
94. di_____e settlement *n.* the legal dissolution of a marriage
95. di_____ee about a particular issue *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
96. sp_____e visa *n.* a person's husband, wife, or partner in marriage
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98. str_____en the immune system *v.* to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective
99. pr_____t when she will arrive *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

ANSWERS: 90. conversation, 91. accomplish, 92. relation, 93. develop, 94. divorce, 95. disagree, 96. spouse, 97. tip, 98. strengthen, 99. predict

100. coo_____on with strategic
partners

n. the act or situation of working together
with someone towards a shared
purpose, benefit, etc.

ANSWERS: 100. cooperation

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I will introduce some _____ on learning English in this class.
n. the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
2. The shark's powerful _____ allowed it to swim at high speeds.
n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
3. Humankind took centuries to _____ true democracy.
v. to finish or achieve something successfully
4. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
5. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.
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6. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.
adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
7. We all should learn how to _____ stress.
v. to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
8. The horror movie was so _____ that I couldn't watch it alone.
adj. causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating

ANSWERS: 1. tips, 2. fins, 3. accomplish, 4. decision, 5. communicate, 6. vulnerable, 7. handle, 8. scary

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ANSWERS: 9. influence, 10. colleague, 11. chant, 12. cooperation, 13. forbid, 14. intimacy, 15. globe, 16. navigate

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n. the legal dissolution of a marriage
18. He could not _____ against temptation.
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19. Laughing is _____ to our health.
adj. helpful, useful, or sound; promoting or enhancing well-being
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n. wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person
21. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.
adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
22. It's notoriously challenging to _____ birth rates.
v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
23. I _____ for reasons already stated above.
v. to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
24. She is _____ in Spanish and can communicate fluently.
adj. having a high level of skill or knowledge in a particular area

ANSWERS: 17. divorce, 18. struggle, 19. beneficial, 20. vice, 21. responsible, 22. predict, 23. disagree, 24. proficient

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v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

30. Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in _____.

n. the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets

31. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

32. I felt like I was in a different world because of the _____ experience of virtual reality.

n. the act of putting someone or something into a liquid completely; the state of being completely involved in a subject or activity

ANSWERS: 25. intuitive, 26. experiments, 27. conversation, 28. develop, 29. misunderstand, 30. finance, 31. invite, 32. immersion

33. A wealth of information does not always have a positive impact on _____.
- n.* a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization
34. Difficulties _____ the mind, as labor does the body.
- v.* to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective
35. The _____ team worked quickly to save the patient's life.
- adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
36. The farmer built a _____ fence around his garden to keep the animals out.
- n.* a pointed wooden or metal stake driven into the ground used as a support or for marking an area or boundary; a group of people, typically strikers or protestors, stationed or moving around in front of a workplace, government building, or other location, to demonstrate opposition or to pick up supporters
37. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
- n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
38. She planted a hedge to serve as a natural _____ around her garden.
- n.* a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property
39. The country has been wracked by political _____ for many years.
- n.* conflict or disagreement, especially between people or groups
40. As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually _____.
- v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

ANSWERS: 33. decision-makers, 34. strengthen, 35. medical, 36. picket, 37. relations, 38. fence, 39. strife, 40. declines

41. The curtain rose to _____ a fantastic set.
v. to make something, such as secret or new information, known publicly
42. The _____ of the politician was a constant presence at campaign events.
n. a person's husband, wife, or partner in marriage
43. Night fishing has a lot of _____.
n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
44. He identified as _____ and had never considered being with someone of the same gender.
adj. attracted to individuals of the opposite sex
45. After years of hard work, he finally _____ his financial stability.
v. to get something back or recover something after it has been lost or taken away
46. She learned five languages but is only _____ in two of them.
adj. able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily
47. He was promoted to the _____ of captain in the military.
n. a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
48. She had an audition for _____ school.
n. a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage
49. She _____ her husband for many years.
v. to live longer than another person

ANSWERS: 41. disclose, 42. spouse, 43. rewards, 44. heterosexual, 45. regained, 46. fluent, 47. rank, 48. drama, 49. outlived

50. After the summit meeting, the prime ministers issued a _____ statement.

adj. shared, held, or made between two or more people; (noun) the point of connection between two bones or elements of a skeleton

ANSWERS: 50. joint