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Session 1: Word List

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

synonym: coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

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.

injustice

n. a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society

synonym: unfairness, bias, discrimination

(1) gross **injustice**, (2) **injustice** system

The **injustice** of the court's decision angered many people and led to protests.

protest

n. a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition

synonym: objection, disapproval, challenge

(1) hold a **protest**, (2) a silent **protest**

He left the party in **protest** at its radical political stance.

statistics

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

downtown

adv. in or towards the central area of a town or city

synonym: central, city-center, urban

(1) **downtown** building, (2) **downtown** traffic

He decided to take a walk **downtown** area to explore the city.

millennial

adj. relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y

synonym: thousand, (noun) Generation Y

(1) **millennial** record, (2) the **millennial** reign

Earth's ecosystems are greatly affected by **millennial-scale** changes in climate.

fashion

n. a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

synonym: style, manner, fad

(1) go out of **fashion**, (2) new **fashion** trends

That style is no longer in **fashion**.

upset

adj. causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry

synonym: disturbed, bothered, resentful

(1) get **upset**, (2) have an **upset** stomach

He was awfully **upset** by the news.

opt

v. to make a choice from a range of possibilities

synonym: choose, select, pick

(1) **opt** out of society, (2) **opt** for a traditional wedding
I decided to **opt** for premature retirement.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action
She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym: insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme
The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

leap

v. to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward

synonym: jump, bound, hop

(1) **leap** to a conclusion, (2) **leap** of faith
The athlete was able to **leap** over the hurdle with ease.

faith

n. complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.

synonym: belief, trust, confidence

(1) religious **faith**, (2) **faith** in government
He kept his robust **faith** in his company.

comfort

n. a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

synonym: ease, solace, coziness

(1) words of **comfort**, (2) **comfort** level
He found **comfort** in the warm embrace of his loved ones.

zone

n. a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way

synonym: area, region, territory

(1) time **zone**, (2) **zone** defense

He was reluctant to leave his comfort **zone** and try something new.

perspective

n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

synonym: viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle

His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

confidence

n. the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

synonym: self-trust, certainty, belief

(1) **confidence** as a teacher, (2) boost my **confidence**

Skill and **confidence** are an unconquered army.

commemorate

v. to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute

synonym: honor, remember, celebrate

(1) **commemorate** her long life, (2) **commemorate** a deed

The country **commemorated** the war heroes on Memorial Day.

slavery

n. the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work

synonym: bondage, servitude, enslavement

(1) **slavery** labor, (2) institution of **slavery**

The abolition of **slavery** in the United States was a major achievement in the fight for human rights.

dope

n. a slang term for drugs, typically illegal ones; any thick liquid or paste-like substance; information or news, especially if thought to be confidential

synonym: narcotics, drugs, stimulants

(1) **dope** scandal, (2) smoking **dope**

He was arrested for possessing illegal **dope**.

vent

n. a small opening to escape or release gas, air, liquid, etc.; activity or process that frees or expresses strong creative energy or emotion

synonym : duct, outlet, venthole

(1) volcanic **vent**, (2) **vent** tube

He gave **vent** to his anger by playing the guitar.

cousin

n. the child of your aunt or uncle

synonym : relative

(1) cross- **cousin** marriage, (2) **cousin's** family

I used to play with my younger male **cousins** when I was a little girl.

represent

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

synonym : depict, express, describe

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

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

committed

adj. willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

synonym : devoted, faithful, attached

(1) in a **committed** relationship, (2) strong and **committed** sales staff

Our company is strongly **committed** to meeting customers' needs.

racism

n. prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized

synonym : prejudice, discrimination, bias

(1) systemic **racism**, (2) research on anti- **racism**

The school's lack of diversity was a clear indication of the **racism** present in the community.

brutality

n. the quality or state of being cruel or savage

synonym: cruelty, ferocity, savagery

(1) military **brutality**, (2) **brutality** against civilians

The protesters were outraged by the police **brutality** they witnessed at the demonstration.

plague

n. any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body

synonym: epidemic, pandemic, pest

(1) catch the **plague**, (2) deadly **plague**

Our farm experienced a **plague** of locusts this year.

intention

n. something you want to do and are going to do

synonym: purpose, connotation, will

(1) **intention** behind his decision, (2) clear **intention**

Our CEO's **intentions** are always transparent and straightforward.

inevitable

adj. certain to happen and unavoidable

synonym: inescapable, unavoidable, sure

(1) **inevitable** changes of the seasons, (2) **inevitable** result

In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is **inevitable**.

negative

adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

synonym: minus, adverse, pessimistic

(1) have a **negative** effect, (2) a **negative** number

The movie has received almost universally **negative** criticism.

connote

v. to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning

synonym: imply, suggest, signify

(1) **connote** emotion, (2) **connote** symbolism

The word 'home' **connotes** a sense of warmth and comfort.

violent

adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

synonym : aggressive, intense, turbulent

(1) victim of a **violent** crime, (2) **violent** incident

The protesters became **violent** when the police tried to disperse them.

afford

v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

(1) **afford** to buy a new car, (2) **afford** a high travel cost

He cannot **afford** a holiday.

platform

n. the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

synonym : stage, podium, forum

(1) an arrival **platform**, (2) a digital **platform** for enterprise

The speaker mounted the **platform** and started to speak.

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.

regardless

adv. not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties

synonym : anyhow, nevertheless, still

(1) **regardless** of the difficulties, (2) **regardless** tread

People can pick out superior products **regardless** of the quality of the advertising.

exposure

n. the state of being in a particular situation or place where there is no protection from or guarantee to something harmful; the disclosure of something secret
synonym : vulnerability, disclosure, uncovering
(1) a southern **exposure**, (2) the **exposure** of a fraud
The long **exposure** to the air tarnished the antique tableware.

explosive

adj. easily able or likely to shatter violently or burst apart; sudden and loud
synonym : volatile, dangerous, fiery
(1) **explosive** device, (2) an **explosive** personality
This container stores an **explosive** substance.

technological

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress
synonym : specialized, technical
(1) **technological** advancement, (2) **technological** policy
Technological advances have disrupted many industries.

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.

seize

v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
synonym : grab, grasp, capture
(1) **seize** a person's property, (2) **seize** the day
He has the superpower to **seize** a business opportunity.

workshop

n. a place where people work, especially one where they do manual or practical work; a brief intensive course for

a small group

synonym: studio, laboratory, atelier

(1) **workshop** attendee, (2) carpentry **workshop**

The artist held a **workshop** to teach students how to paint with watercolors.

underestimate

v. to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is

synonym: underrate, misjudge, miscalculate

(1) **underestimate** an enemy, (2) **underestimate** the probability

They frequently **underestimated** their abilities and felt inferior.

embedded

adj. fixed firmly into the surface of something

synonym: ingrained, implanted, inserted

(1) **embedded** systems, (2) LED- **embedded** glass

The **embedded** chip in my credit card allows me to make contactless payments.

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.

fulfill

v. to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize

synonym: satisfy, complete, accomplish

(1) **fulfill** a contract, (2) **fulfill** a lifetime dream

It was the first time for her, but she **fulfilled** the role of Priest.

divide

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

synonym: separate, disconnect, split

(1) **divide** the cake into two pieces, (2) **divide** money
equally

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. com_____te a deed | <i>v.</i> to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute |
| 2. fu_____l a lifetime dream | <i>v.</i> to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize |
| 3. d__e scandal | <i>n.</i> a slang term for drugs, typically illegal ones; any thick liquid or paste-like substance; information or news, especially if thought to be confidential |
| 4. de_____on authority | <i>n.</i> the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options |
| 5. und_____ate an enemy | <i>v.</i> to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is |
| 6. ex_____ve device | <i>adj.</i> easily able or likely to shatter violently or burst apart; sudden and loud |
| 7. fa__h in government | <i>n.</i> complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc. |
| 8. the mil_____al reign | <i>adj.</i> relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y |
| 9. have an up__t stomach | <i>adj.</i> causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry |

ANSWERS: 1. commemorate, 2. fulfill, 3. dope, 4. decision, 5. underestimate, 6. explosive, 7. faith, 8. millennial, 9. upset

10. easy qu____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
11. global pa____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
12. com_____te her long life *v.* to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute
13. a southern ex____re *n.* the state of being in a particular situation or place where there is no protection from or guarantee to something harmful; the disclosure of something secret
14. di___e money equally *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
15. fu_____l a contract *v.* to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
16. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
17. time z__e *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
18. sl_____y labor *n.* the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work
19. strong and co_____ed sales staff *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
20. religious fa__h *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.

ANSWERS: 10. quitter, 11. pandemic, 12. commemorate, 13. exposure, 14. divide, 15. fulfill, 16. opportune, 17. zone, 18. slavery, 19. committed, 20. faith

21. carpentry wo____op *n.* a place where people work, especially one where they do manual or practical work; a brief intensive course for a small group
22. the ex____re of a fraud *n.* the state of being in a particular situation or place where there is no protection from or guarantee to something harmful; the disclosure of something secret
23. se__e a person's property *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
24. co____e emotion *v.* to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning
25. reg____ss tread *adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
26. v__t tube *n.* a small opening to escape or release gas, air, liquid, etc.; activity or process that frees or expresses strong creative energy or emotion
27. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
28. vi____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
29. de____e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

ANSWERS: 21. workshop, 22. exposure, 23. seize, 24. connote, 25. regardless, 26. vent, 27. crazy, 28. violent, 29. decide

30. a per_____ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
31. hold a pr_____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
32. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
33. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
34. in_____on behind his decision *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
35. in_____ce system *n.* a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society
36. a ne_____ve number *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
37. LED-em_____ed glass *adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something
38. a silent pr_____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
39. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
40. o_t out of society *v.* to make a choice from a range of possibilities
41. cross-co___n marriage *n.* the child of your aunt or uncle
42. ine_____le changes of the seasons *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
43. have a ne_____ve effect *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

ANSWERS: 30. perspective, 31. protest, 32. violent, 33. statistics, 34. intention, 35. injustice, 36. negative, 37. embedded, 38. protest, 39. crazy, 40. opt, 41. cousin, 42. inevitable, 43. negative

44. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
45. the per_____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
46. de_____p a skill *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
47. l__p to a conclusion *v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
48. co_____e symbolism *v.* to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning
49. co_____t level *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
50. get up__t *adj.* causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
51. af____d a high travel cost *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
52. volcanic v__t *n.* a small opening to escape or release gas, air, liquid, etc.; activity or process that frees or expresses strong creative energy or emotion

ANSWERS: 44. statistics, 45. perspective, 46. develop, 47. leap, 48. connote, 49. comfort, 50. upset, 51. afford, 52. vent

53. di___e the cake into two pieces *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
54. reg_____ss of the difficulties *adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
55. mil_____al record *adj.* relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y
56. wo_____op attendee *n.* a place where people work, especially one where they do manual or practical work; a brief intensive course for a small group
57. an ex_____ve personality *adj.* easily able or likely to shatter violently or burst apart; sudden and loud
58. ine_____le result *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
59. systemic ra___m *n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized
60. military br_____ty *n.* the quality or state of being cruel or savage
61. br_____ty against civilians *n.* the quality or state of being cruel or savage
62. em_____ed systems *adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something
63. co___n's family *n.* the child of your aunt or uncle

ANSWERS: 53. divide, 54. regardless, 55. millennial, 56. workshop, 57. explosive, 58. inevitable, 59. racism, 60. brutality, 61. brutality, 62. embedded, 63. cousin

64. the characters that re_____nt numbers
v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
65. tec_____cal advancement
adj. based on scientific and industrial progress
66. in a co_____ed relationship
adj. willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
67. 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
68. catch the pl____e
n. any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body
69. do_____wn building
adv. in or towards the central area of a town or city
70. gross in_____ce
n. a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society
71. se__e the day
v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
72. boost my con_____ce
n. the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
73. und_____ate the probability
v. to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is

ANSWERS: 64. represent, 65. technological, 66. committed, 67. decision, 68. plague, 69. downtown, 70. injustice, 71. seize, 72. confidence, 73. underestimate

74. do_____wn traffic *adv.* in or towards the central area of a town or city
75. institution of sl_____y *n.* the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work
76. o_t for a traditional wedding *v.* to make a choice from a range of possibilities
77. go out of fa_____n *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
78. deadly pl____e *n.* any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body
79. new fa_____n trends *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
80. af____d to buy a new car *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
81. a digital pl_____rm for enterprise *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
82. 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

ANSWERS: 74. downtown, 75. slavery, 76. opt, 77. fashion, 78. plague, 79. fashion, 80. afford, 81. platform, 82. develop

83. clear in_____on *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
84. smoking d__e *n.* a slang term for drugs, typically illegal ones; any thick liquid or paste-like substance; information or news, especially if thought to be confidential
85. tec_____cal policy *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
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89. re_____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
90. con_____ce as a teacher *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
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ANSWERS: 83. intention, 84. dope, 85. technological, 86. racism, 87. opportune, 88. platform, 89. represent, 90. confidence, 91. leap

92. z__e defense *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
93. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
94. serial qu____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
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96. words of co____t *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

ANSWERS: 92. zone, 93. decide, 94. quitter, 95. pandemic, 96. comfort

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ of the court's decision angered many people and led to protests.
n. a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society
2. Skill and _____ are an unconquered army.
n. the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
3. The movie has received almost universally _____ criticism.
adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
4. He cannot _____ a holiday.
v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
5. He was labeled as a _____ after he abandoned the project halfway.
n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
6. People can pick out superior products _____ of the quality of the advertising.
adv. not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
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ANSWERS: 9. intentions, 10. exposure, 11. represent, 12. faith, 13. develop, 14. inevitable, 15. slavery, 16. dope

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25. He was reluctant to leave his comfort _____ and try something new.
n. a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way

ANSWERS: 17. protest, 18. cousins, 19. explosive, 20. commemorated, 21. decide, 22. seize, 23. upset, 24. workshop, 25. zone

26. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
27. It was the first time for her, but she _____ the role of Priest.
- v.* to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
28. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
29. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.
- adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
30. They fear a _____ of a new type of virus.
- n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
31. He gave _____ to his anger by playing the guitar.
- n.* a small opening to escape or release gas, air, liquid, etc.; activity or process that frees or expresses strong creative energy or emotion
32. He decided to take a walk _____ area to explore the city.
- adv.* in or towards the central area of a town or city
33. The _____ chip in my credit card allows me to make contactless payments.
- adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something

ANSWERS: 26. statistics, 27. fulfilled, 28. opportune, 29. violent, 30. pandemic, 31. vent, 32. downtown, 33. embedded

34. Our farm experienced a _____ of locusts this year.
- n.* any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body
35. I decided to ____ for premature retirement.
- v.* to make a choice from a range of possibilities
36. The word 'home' _____ a sense of warmth and comfort.
- v.* to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning
37. Earth's ecosystems are greatly affected by _____ changes in climate.
- adj.* relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y
38. 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
39. The athlete was able to ____ over the hurdle with ease.
- v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
40. Our company is strongly _____ to meeting customers' needs.
- adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
41. The speaker mounted the _____ and started to speak.
- n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

ANSWERS: 34. plague, 35. opt, 36. connotes, 37. millennial-scale, 38. decision, 39. leap, 40. committed, 41. platform

42. The rain and thunder are _____ today.

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

43. Can you _____ 123321 by eleven?

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

44. He found _____ in the warm embrace of his loved ones.

n. a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

45. They frequently _____ their abilities and felt inferior.

v. to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is

46. The protesters were outraged by the police _____ they witnessed at the demonstration.

n. the quality or state of being cruel or savage

47. That style is no longer in _____.

n. a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

48. _____ advances have disrupted many industries.

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

ANSWERS: 42. crazy, 43. divide, 44. comfort, 45. underestimated, 46. brutality, 47. fashion, 48. Technological