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Session 1: Word List

glossy

adj. having a smooth, shiny surface or finish; characterized by an attractive, polished appearance; often used to describe photographs or printed materials with a high-quality finish

synonym : shiny, polished, gleaming

(1) **glossy** lipstick, (2) **glossy** photograph

The magazine cover had a **glossy** finish, making the images shine.

intercept

v. to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination

synonym : ambush, block, prevent

(1) **intercept** an enemy force, (2) **intercept** X rays

It is illegal to **intercept** police radio.

voiceprint

n. a visual representation of someone's unique vocal characteristics, including pitch, tone, and pronunciation, which can be used for identification or verification purposes

(1) **voiceprint** authentication, (2) analyze **voiceprint**

The security system at the office uses **voiceprint** recognition to grant access to authorized personnel.

backroom

n. a private or secret room or office, especially one used for carrying out secretive or illegal activities; the behind-the-scenes workings of a business, organization, or political system; (adjective) done or happening behind the scenes, out of public view, or in a private or secretive manner

synonym: secret, hidden, private

(1) the boys in the **backroom**, (2) **backroom** negotiations
The manager held a secret meeting in the **backroom** to discuss the new project.

unregulated

adj. not subject to official rules, procedures, or oversight; not controlled or supervised by a governing authority or system

synonym: uncontrolled, unmonitored, unbridled

(1) **unregulated** market, (2) **unregulated** off-shore fishing
Without regulations, the industry is **unregulated** and potentially dangerous.

spur

n. a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something

synonym: encouragement, motivation, stimulus

(1) **spur** of the moment, (2) **spur** a momentum of economic growth
The threat of losing his job was the **spur** he needed to work harder.

drone

n. a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control

synonym: hum, whirr, idler

(1) **drone** flight, (2) the speaker's **drone**
He heard a **drone** of sirens roar from the neighboring town.

oceanography

n. the scientific study of oceans and other bodies of saltwater, including their physical, chemical, and biological characteristics, as well as their interactions

with the atmosphere and land

synonym : marine science, oceanology, oceanic research

(1) **oceanography** data, (2) **oceanography** expedition

The **oceanography** research center is dedicated to studying the impacts of climate change on the ocean's ecosystem.

goggle

v. to look at someone or something with amazement; to look stupidly; (noun, plural) tight-fitting spectacles that are worn to prevent particulates, water, or chemicals from striking the eyes

synonym : gaze, gawk, gape

(1) **goggle** his eyes, (2) infrared **goggles**

The software company bought the VR **goggles** manufacturer.

authoritarian

adj. characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights

synonym : dictatorial, totalitarian, despotic

(1) **authoritarian** practice, (2) **authoritarian** government

The **authoritarian** leadership style left no room for dissent or alternative opinions.

dissident

n. a person who opposes the policies or actions of a government or other authority, often publicly and openly; a rebel or revolutionary

synonym : dissenter, rebel, protester

(1) **dissident** activities, (2) outspoken **dissident**

The government's security forces constantly monitored the **dissident** politician.

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.

genesis

n. the origin or beginning of something; the first book of the biblical scriptures of both Judaism and Christianity, describing the creation of the Earth and humankind

synonym : beginning, creation, provenance

(1) the **genesis** of civilization, (2) in the Book of **Genesis**

The politician's remarks became the **genesis** of the clash between the two countries.

bazaar

n. marketplace, especially one in the Middle East

synonym : market, fair, trading post

(1) a charity **bazaar**, (2) a church **bazaar**

The **bazaar** market was filled with colorful stalls selling goods from all over the world.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym : consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

unassuming

adj. not arrogant, bold, or forward

synonym : diffident, humble, modest

(1) **unassuming** appearance, (2) an **unassuming** fashion

His **unassuming** manner concealed his ambition.

patriot

n. a person who loves their nation and would fight for it if required

synonym : nationalist, loyalist

(1) blind **patriot**, (2) zealous **patriot**

He is more of a hypocrite than a **patriot**, to be honest.

landline

n. a telephone line that transmits and receives signals through a physical wire or cable network, as opposed to a cellular or satellite connection

synonym : fixed line, wired phone

(1) **landline** phone, (2) **landline** connection

We need to install a **landline** in our new office before we can start taking client calls.

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict
Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

spook

v. to frighten or scare, and often provoke into violent action; (noun) someone unpleasantly strange or eccentric; ghost

synonym: frighten, scare, discomfort

(1) **spook** the fish, (2) **spook** the children
The bankruptcy of that company **spooked** markets.

accuse

v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

synonym: charge, blame, criticize

(1) **accuse** his rudeness, (2) **accuse** each other
The witness **accused** the defendant of committing the robbery.

harass

v. to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention

synonym: pester, annoy, bother

(1) **harass** the enemy, (2) **harass** with constant criticism
She was constantly **harassed** by her ex-boyfriend and had to get a restraining order.

pentagon

n. a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military

synonym: five-sided shape, quinquangle

(1) equilateral **pentagon**, (2) **pentagon** building

The shape of the building is a distinctive five-sided **pentagon**.

scatter

v. to cause to separate and go in different directions

synonym: disperse, spread, bestrew

(1) **scatter** seeds, (2) **scatter** around the internet

The hunter's approach **scattered** the geese.

surreptitious

adj. kept secret or done in a way that avoids attention, often because it is seen as dishonest or inappropriate

synonym: clandestine, covert, sneaky

(1) **surreptitious** glance, (2) **surreptitious** meeting

The thief made a **surreptitious** escape from the scene of the crime.

swipe

v. to strike, hit, or slap with a sweeping motion; to pass a magnetic stripe or barcode through a scanner to read data; to steal or take something quickly and with little effort

synonym: flick, brush, pinch

(1) **swipe** a card, (2) **swipe** left on a dating app

He tried to **swipe** the phone from my hand, but I held on tight.

outstrip

v. to exceed or surpass a particular, measurable quality or attribute, such as speed, efficiency, or quality

synonym: outdo, surpass, exceed

(1) **outstrip** competitors, (2) **outstrip** population growth

The company's sales have **outstripped** expectations for the quarter.

paranoid

adj. unreasonably or obsessively believing that other people do not like you or want to harm you

(1) **paranoid** about issues, (2) **paranoid** disorder

A **paranoid** person may have delusions that people want to harm.

dystopia

n. an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work

of fiction describing those place

synonym : anti-utopia

(1) a crumbling **dystopia**, (2) the escape from **dystopia**

The loss of industry turned working-class neighborhoods into **dystopias**.

tin foil

n. metal made into very thin sheets that is used mainly for wrapping something such as food

synonym : aluminum foil

(1) **tin foil** hat, (2) a sheet of **tin foil**

To make roast beef, you need to wrap it in **tin foil** and roast the meat in the oven for several minutes.

explode

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

synonym : detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity

The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

infect

v. to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

synonym : pollute, contaminate, affect

(1) **infect** other animal species, (2) **infect** a computer with a virus

Children often **infect** parents with this head cold.

coronavirus

n. a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2

synonym : covid

(1) **coronavirus** antibody test kit, (2) **coronavirus** bankruptcy

Considering the situation of **coronavirus**, organized stopped this year's beer festival.

tantalize

v. to tease or torment by presenting something desirable but out of reach or unattainable; to tempt or lure with the promise of something desirable

synonym : tease, tempt, torment

(1) **tantalize** taste buds, (2) **tantalize** with promises

The smell of freshly baked cookies in the kitchen **tantalized** me.

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.

privatize

v. to transfer ownership or control of a business or industry from government or public control to private ownership or control; to make something into a private enterprise or organization

synonym : deregulate, denationalize

(1) **privatize** post offices, (2) **privatize** healthcare

The government wants to **privatize** specific industries to boost their efficiency.

offline

adj. not connected to the internet

synonym : disconnected, not connected, unplugged

(1) **offline** course, (2) **offline** mode

The computer is **offline** and cannot be accessed at the moment.

imperfectly

adv. in a faulty or incomplete way

synonym : amiss, insufficiently, clumsily

(1) **imperfectly** developed, (2) **imperfectly** known disease

He created an **imperfectly** shaped torso.

languish

v. (of a person, animal, or plant) to lose vigor, health, or flesh; to be forced to exist in an unpleasant or unwanted situation or place, often for a long time

synonym : flag, wane, wither

(1) **languish** for lack of funding, (2) **languish** under illness
He continues to **languish** in prison.

revive

v. to bring back to life, consciousness, or strength; to restore

synonym : reanimate, rejuvenate, renew

(1) **revive** my energy, (2) **revive** an old friendship

They **revived** the tradition of holding a parade on the main street every year.

weaponry

n. a collection of weapons (e.g., guns, knives, bombs, missiles, etc.) used or owned by a particular individual, group, military, or country

synonym : arms, munition, artillery

(1) **weaponry** development, (2) advanced **weaponry**

The army used various **weaponry** to defend the country from attack.

whim

n. a sudden idea or desire, especially one that cannot be reasonably explained

synonym : fancy, caprice, whimsy

(1) at the **whim** of circumstance, (2) **whim** of youth

He quit his job on a **whim** and moved to a new city.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ti____l hat *n.* metal made into very thin sheets that is used mainly for wrapping something such as food
2. pa____id about issues *adj.* unreasonably or obsessively believing that other people do not like you or want to harm you
3. ex____e in popularity *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
4. ac____e his rudeness *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
5. imp______ly developed *adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way
6. s__r a momentum of economic growth *n.* a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something
7. in______pt an enemy force *v.* to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination
8. la____sh for lack of funding *v.* (of a person, animal, or plant) to lose vigor, health, or flesh; to be forced to exist in an unpleasant or unwanted situation or place, often for a long time
9. a sheet of ti____l *n.* metal made into very thin sheets that is used mainly for wrapping something such as food

ANSWERS: 1. tinfoil, 2. paranoid, 3. explode, 4. accuse, 5. imperfectly, 6. spur, 7. intercept, 8. languish, 9. tinfoil

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|------------------------------------|------|---|
| 10. in___t a computer with a virus | v. | to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism |
| 11. pr_____ze post offices | v. | to transfer ownership or control of a business or industry from government or public control to private ownership or control; to make something into a private enterprise or organization |
| 12. global pa_____ic | n. | an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area |
| 13. a church ba___r | n. | marketplace, especially one in the Middle East |
| 14. unr_____ed off-shore fishing | adj. | not subject to official rules, procedures, or oversight; not controlled or supervised by a governing authority or system |
| 15. sc_____r around the internet | v. | to cause to separate and go in different directions |
| 16. a charity ba___r | n. | marketplace, especially one in the Middle East |
| 17. s__r of the moment | n. | a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something |
| 18. in___t other animal species | v. | to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism |
| 19. di_____nt activities | n. | a person who opposes the policies or actions of a government or other authority, often publicly and openly; a rebel or revolutionary |

ANSWERS: 10. infect, 11. privatize, 12. pandemic, 13. bazaar, 14. unregulated, 15. scatter, 16. bazaar, 17. spur, 18. infect, 19. dissident

20. the escape from dy_____ia *n.* an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place
21. in the Book of Ge_____s *n.* the origin or beginning of something; the first book of the biblical scriptures of both Judaism and Christianity, describing the creation of the Earth and humankind
22. ha____s with constant criticism *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
23. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
24. zealous pa_____t *n.* a person who loves their nation and would fight for it if required
25. pr_____ze healthcare *v.* to transfer ownership or control of a business or industry from government or public control to private ownership or control; to make something into a private enterprise or organization
26. ac____e each other *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
27. unr_____ed market *adj.* not subject to official rules, procedures, or oversight; not controlled or supervised by a governing authority or system
28. gl____y lipstick *adj.* having a smooth, shiny surface or finish; characterized by an attractive, polished appearance; often used to describe photographs or printed materials with a high-quality finish

ANSWERS: 20. dystopia, 21. genesis, 22. harass, 23. smartphone, 24. patriot, 25. privatize, 26. accuse, 27. unregulated, 28. glossy

29. gl___y photograph *adj.* having a smooth, shiny surface or finish; characterized by an attractive, polished appearance; often used to describe photographs or printed materials with a high-quality finish
30. flu pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
31. w__m of youth *n.* a sudden idea or desire, especially one that cannot be reasonably explained
32. sur_____ous meeting *adj.* kept secret or done in a way that avoids attention, often because it is seen as dishonest or inappropriate
33. go___e his eyes *v.* to look at someone or something with amazement; to look stupidly; (noun, plural) tight-fitting spectacles that are worn to prevent particulates, water, or chemicals from striking the eyes
34. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
35. analyze voi_____nt *n.* a visual representation of someone's unique vocal characteristics, including pitch, tone, and pronunciation, which can be used for identification or verification purposes
36. voi_____nt authentication *n.* a visual representation of someone's unique vocal characteristics, including pitch, tone, and pronunciation, which can be used for identification or verification purposes

ANSWERS: 29. glossy, 30. pandemic, 31. whim, 32. surreptitious, 33. goggle, 34. confer, 35. voiceprint, 36. voiceprint

37. la_____ne connection *n.* a telephone line that transmits and receives signals through a physical wire or cable network, as opposed to a cellular or satellite connection
38. sma_____ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
39. una_____ng appearance *adj.* not arrogant, bold, or forward
40. sw___e a card *v.* to strike, hit, or slap with a sweeping motion; to pass a magnetic stripe or barcode through a scanner to read data; to steal or take something quickly and with little effort
41. equilateral pe_____on *n.* a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military
42. re___e my energy *v.* to bring back to life, consciousness, or strength; to restore
43. pa_____id disorder *adj.* unreasonably or obsessively believing that other people do not like you or want to harm you
44. ou_____ip competitors *v.* to exceed or surpass a particular, measurable quality or attribute, such as speed, efficiency, or quality
45. la_____ne phone *n.* a telephone line that transmits and receives signals through a physical wire or cable network, as opposed to a cellular or satellite connection

ANSWERS: 37. landline, 38. smartphone, 39. unassuming, 40. swipe, 41. pentagon, 42. revive, 43. paranoid, 44. outstrip, 45. landline

46. aut_____ian government *adj.* characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
47. at the w__m of circumstance *n.* a sudden idea or desire, especially one that cannot be reasonably explained
48. a crumbling dy_____ia *n.* an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place
49. oce_____phy data *n.* the scientific study of oceans and other bodies of saltwater, including their physical, chemical, and biological characteristics, as well as their interactions with the atmosphere and land
50. blind pa_____t *n.* a person who loves their nation and would fight for it if required
51. the boys in the ba_____om *n.* a private or secret room or office, especially one used for carrying out secretive or illegal activities; the behind-the-scenes workings of a business, organization, or political system; (adjective) done or happening behind the scenes, out of public view, or in a private or secretive manner
52. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
53. ta_____ze taste buds *v.* to tease or torment by presenting something desirable but out of reach or unattainable; to tempt or lure with the promise of something desirable

ANSWERS: 46. authoritarian, 47. whim, 48. dystopia, 49. oceanography, 50. patriot, 51. backroom, 52. industrious, 53. tantalize

54. oce_____phy expedition *n.* the scientific study of oceans and other bodies of saltwater, including their physical, chemical, and biological characteristics, as well as their interactions with the atmosphere and land
55. aut_____ian practice *adj.* characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
56. an una_____ng fashion *adj.* not arrogant, bold, or forward
57. the speaker's dr__e *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
58. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
59. sp__k the children *v.* to frighten or scare, and often provoke into violent action; (noun) someone unpleasantly strange or eccentric; ghost
60. of_____e course *adj.* not connected to the internet
61. the ge_____s of civilization *n.* the origin or beginning of something; the first book of the biblical scriptures of both Judaism and Christianity, describing the creation of the Earth and humankind
62. sw__e left on a dating app *v.* to strike, hit, or slap with a sweeping motion; to pass a magnetic stripe or barcode through a scanner to read data; to steal or take something quickly and with little effort

ANSWERS: 54. oceanography, 55. authoritarian, 56. unassuming, 57. drone, 58. confer, 59. spook, 60. offline, 61. genesis, 62. swipe

63. sur_____ous glance *adj.* kept secret or done in a way that avoids attention, often because it is seen as dishonest or inappropriate
64. pe_____on building *n.* a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military
65. advanced we_____ry *n.* a collection of weapons (e.g., guns, knives, bombs, missiles, etc.) used or owned by a particular individual, group, military, or country
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68. ba_____om negotiations *n.* a private or secret room or office, especially one used for carrying out secretive or illegal activities; the behind-the-scenes workings of a business, organization, or political system; (adjective) done or happening behind the scenes, out of public view, or in a private or secretive manner
69. ta_____ze with promises *v.* to tease or torment by presenting something desirable but out of reach or unattainable; to tempt or lure with the promise of something desirable

ANSWERS: 63. surreptitious, 64. pentagon, 65. weaponry, 66. languish, 67. spook, 68. backroom, 69. tantalize

70. of____e mode *adj.* not connected to the internet
71. ha____s the enemy *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
72. we____ry development *n.* a collection of weapons (e.g., guns, knives, bombs, missiles, etc.) used or owned by a particular individual, group, military, or country
73. cor____us bankruptcy *n.* a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2
74. dr__e flight *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
75. imp____ly known disease *adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way
76. ou____ip population growth *v.* to exceed or surpass a particular, measurable quality or attribute, such as speed, efficiency, or quality
77. infrared go____es *v.* to look at someone or something with amazement; to look stupidly; (noun, plural) tight-fitting spectacles that are worn to prevent particulates, water, or chemicals from striking the eyes

ANSWERS: 70. offline, 71. harass, 72. weaponry, 73. coronavirus, 74. drone, 75. imperfectly, 76. outstrip, 77. goggle

78. outspoken di_____nt *n.* a person who opposes the policies or actions of a government or other authority, often publicly and openly; a rebel or revolutionary
79. sc_____r seeds *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
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81. ex_____e in anger *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
82. re____e an old friendship *v.* to bring back to life, consciousness, or strength; to restore
83. in_____pt X rays *v.* to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination
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ANSWERS: 78. dissident, 79. scatter, 80. industrious, 81. explode, 82. revive, 83. intercept, 84. coronavirus

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The politician's remarks became the _____ of the clash between the two countries.
n. the origin or beginning of something; the first book of the biblical scriptures of both Judaism and Christianity, describing the creation of the Earth and humankind
2. He created an _____ shaped torso.
adv. in a faulty or incomplete way
3. They fear a _____ of a new type of virus.
n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
4. He quit his job on a _____ and moved to a new city.
n. a sudden idea or desire, especially one that cannot be reasonably explained
5. The army used various _____ to defend the country from attack.
n. a collection of weapons (e.g., guns, knives, bombs, missiles, etc.) used or owned by a particular individual, group, military, or country
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22. The loss of industry turned working-class neighborhoods into _____.
- n.* an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place

ANSWERS: 17. exploded, 18. backroom, 19. voiceprint, 20. oceanography, 21. landline, 22. dystopias

23. The government wants to _____ specific industries to boost their efficiency.

- v.* to transfer ownership or control of a business or industry from government or public control to private ownership or control; to make something into a private enterprise or organization

24. The software company bought the VR _____ manufacturer.

- v.* to look at someone or something with amazement; to look stupidly; (noun, plural) tight-fitting spectacles that are worn to prevent particulates, water, or chemicals from striking the eyes

25. Considering the situation of _____ organized stopped this year's beer festival.

- n.* a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2

26. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.

- v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

27. A _____ person may have delusions that people want to harm.

- adj.* unreasonably or obsessively believing that other people do not like you or want to harm you

28. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.

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

29. The bankruptcy of that company _____ markets.

- v.* to frighten or scare, and often provoke into violent action; (noun) someone unpleasantly strange or eccentric; ghost

ANSWERS: 23. privatize, 24. goggles, 25. coronavirus, 26. confer, 27. paranoid, 28. industrious, 29. spooked

30. The hunter's approach _____ the geese.

v. to cause to separate and go in different directions

31. The computer is _____ and cannot be accessed at the moment.

adj. not connected to the internet

32. The government's security forces constantly monitored the _____ politician.

n. a person who opposes the policies or actions of a government or other authority, often publicly and openly; a rebel or revolutionary

33. It is illegal to _____ police radio.

v. to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination

34. The _____ leadership style left no room for dissent or alternative opinions.

adj. characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights

35. To make roast beef, you need to wrap it in _____ and roast the meat in the oven for several minutes.

n. metal made into very thin sheets that is used mainly for wrapping something such as food

36. The company's sales have _____ expectations for the quarter.

v. to exceed or surpass a particular, measurable quality or attribute, such as speed, efficiency, or quality

37. The _____ market was filled with colorful stalls selling goods from all over the world.

n. marketplace, especially one in the Middle East

ANSWERS: 30. scattered, 31. offline, 32. dissident, 33. intercept, 34. authoritarian, 35. tinfoil, 36. outstripped, 37. bazaar

38. The threat of losing his job was the _____ he needed to work harder.
- n.* a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something
39. She was constantly _____ by her ex-boyfriend and had to get a restraining order.
- v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
40. The smell of freshly baked cookies in the kitchen _____ me.
- v.* to tease or torment by presenting something desirable but out of reach or unattainable; to tempt or lure with the promise of something desirable
41. Children often _____ parents with this head cold.
- v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
42. He is more of a hypocrite than a _____ to be honest.
- n.* a person who loves their nation and would fight for it if required

ANSWERS: 38. spur, 39. harassed, 40. tantalized, 41. infect, 42. patriot,