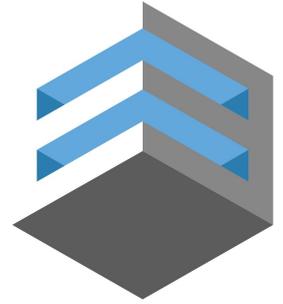


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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### roam

v. to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander

*synonym*: wander, ramble, meander

(1) **roam** freely, (2) **roam** the countryside

I love to **roam** around the city and discover new neighborhoods.

### scavenger

n. an animal or bird that feeds on carrion, dead animals, or other scavenged material; a person who searches for and collects discarded or unwanted items, often to sell or reuse them

*synonym*: vulture, hyena, magpie

(1) **scavenger** bird, (2) marine **scavenger**

Crows are common **scavengers** in urban areas and will eat almost anything.

### stymie

v. to obstruct, hinder, or prevent something from succeeding or happening; to present an obstacle or impediment to progress or achievement

*synonym*: hinder, obstruct, impede

(1) **stymie** progress, (2) **stymie** plans

The new regulations will **stymie** the growth of small businesses in the area.

## corvid

*n.* a bird of the crow family, including crows, ravens, magpies, and jays, known for their intelligence and adaptability

*synonym* : crow, raven, jackdaw

(1) **corvid** habitat, (2) social behavior of **corvid**

The **corvid** family includes birds like crows, ravens, and magpies.

## raven

*n.* a large, glossy black bird that is a species of a crow; a person with jet-black hair, sometimes used as an adjective to describe such hair

*synonym* : crow, blackbird, corvid

(1) **raven** feather, (2) **raven** in flight

The **raven's** distinctive croaking call echoed through the forest.

## magpie

*n.* a bird with black and white plumage, native to Europe and Asia, known for its chattering, thieving, and hoarding tendencies; a person who collects or hoards various items, especially those that have little value or practical use to others

*synonym* : jay, chatterer, spouter

(1) chatter like a **magpie**, (2) **magpie** behavior

The **magpie's** nest is a fascinating structure made from twigs, grass, and other natural materials

## bury

*v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

*synonym* : entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

## slay

*v.* to kill violently, especially with a weapon

*synonym* : kill, murder, eliminate

(1) **slay** a dragon, (2) **slay** civilians

The singer **slayed** the audience with her powerful voice and amazing performance.

## thanatology

*n.* the study of death and dying, including the social, cultural, psychological, and physiological aspects of death and grief

*synonym*: death studies, deathlore

(1) **thanatology** studies, (2) **thanatology** counseling

Researchers in the **thanatology** field explore death's impact on individuals and society.

## ancestor

*n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

*synonym*: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

## stereotype

*n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

(1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes**

Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

## termite

*n.* a small, pale social insect that feeds on wood and can cause significant damage to wooden structures and furniture

*synonym*: woodworm, white ant, insect

(1) **termite** damage, (2) **termite** inspection

The house was infested with **termites** and required extensive repairs.

## carcass

*n.* the dead body of an animal, especially one that has been killed for food

*synonym*: corpse, remains, body

(1) examine a **carcass**, (2) **carcass** disposal

The animal's **carcass** was found in the forest, most likely killed by a predator.

## mammal

*n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body

(1) a primitive **mammal**, (2) a sort of **mammal**

Marine **mammal** populations are declining worldwide due to ocean pollution.

## charismatic

*adj.* having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others

*synonym*: mesmerizing, alluring, captivating

(1) **charismatic** chairman, (2) **charismatic** personality

He was a **charismatic** leader and could persuade others to follow his ideas.

## anecdote

*n.* a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person

*synonym*: story, account, tale

(1) personal **anecdote**, (2) funny **anecdote**

She entertained the guests with **anecdotes** about her travels and experiences.

## primate

*n.* any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans

*synonym*: ape, monkey, lemur

(1) **primate** species, (2) **primate** sanctuary

Many scientists study **primate** behavior and intelligence.

## groom

*v.* to clean, brush, and care for the fur or feathers of an animal; to prepare oneself or someone else for a special event or occasion; to make something neat

*synonym*: brush, comb, neaten

(1) **groom** duties, (2) **groom** a horse

I need to **groom** my dog before his fur gets too long.

## prolong

*v.* to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event

*synonym*: extend, lengthen, stretch

(1) **prolong** the agony, (2) measures to **prolong** the lifespan

We need to **prolong** the meeting for another hour to discuss all the issues.

## dolphin

*n.* a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid

*synonym*: porpoise, cetacean, marine mammal

(1) **dolphin** show, (2) **dolphin-watching** tour

The large group of **dolphins** swam gracefully in the ocean, jumping out of the water now and then.

## orca

*n.* a species of large marine mammal, also known as the killer whale, found in Arctic and temperate waters worldwide, known for their intelligence, social behavior, and hunting prowess

*synonym*: killer whale, sea wolf

(1) **orca** habitat, (2) a huge pod of **orcas**

The **orca** whale is also known as the killer whale.

## heartbreak

*n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment

*synonym*: grief, sorrow, bitterness

(1) ease her **heartbreak**, (2) go through **heartbreak**

They had experienced the **heartbreak** of losing two children due to premature births.

## confuse

*v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

*synonym*: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

## unresponsive

*adj.* not responding to some influence or stimulus

*synonym*: insensitive, passive

(1) **unresponsive** audience, (2) **unresponsive** to her

passionate speech

The disease is entirely **unresponsive** to traditional treatment.

## elucidate

*v.* to make clear, to explain thoroughly, to clarify or shed light on a concept, situation, or statement

*synonym* : clarify, explain, expound

(1) **elucidate** the entire incident, (2) **elucidate** phenomena

The teacher needed to **elucidate** the complex math problem before the students could solve it.

## vigil

*n.* a period of wakefulness maintained for any reason, typically for prayer, meditation, or watchkeeping; a period of observation or surveillance, especially for security or safety reasons

*synonym* : watch, observance, monitoring

(1) **vigil** for peace, (2) night **vigil**

The mother kept a **vigil** by her sick child's bedside all night.

## 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.

## predator

*n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

*synonym* : vulture, bloodsucker

(1) apex **predator**, (2) sexual **predators**

The native South American animals were in danger because of the **predator's** arrival.

## unsuspecting

*adj.* unaware of the presence of danger; not suspicious

*synonym* : unaware, unassuming, gullible

(1) **unsuspecting** boys and girls, (2) **unsuspecting** victim

The thief stole the wallet from the **unsuspecting** tourist.

## terrifying

*adj.* very frightening or intimidating

*synonym* :

frightening, intimidating, alarming

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

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

## preconceived

*adj.* (of an idea or opinion) formed beforehand, especially without evidence for its truth or usefulness

(1) a **preconceived** notion, (2) **preconceived** opinions

We should start a discussion from scratch with no **preconceived** ideas.

## diminish

*v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

*synonym*: decline, dwindle, lessen

(1) **diminish** a reputation, (2) **diminish** swelling

As people get old, their energies may **diminish**.

## suffice

*v.* to be enough or sufficient; to meet the needs or requirements of something or someone; to satisfy or fulfill a purpose

*synonym*: satisfy, meet, be enough

(1) **suffice** to live, (2) **suffice** as evidence

Would one cup of flour **suffice** for this recipe?

## confluence

*n.* the point at which two or more streams or rivers come together; a gathering of people or things at a particular location or moment

*synonym*: merging, convergence, meeting

(1) arterial **confluence**, (2) **confluence** of ideas

A **confluence** of two smaller streams formed the river.

## forceful

*adj.* having or showing great strength or energy

*synonym*: powerful, strong, energetic

(1) **forceful** argument, (2) take **forceful** action

She spoke with a **forceful** tone and made her point clear.

## peck

v. to strike or bite someone or something repeatedly, usually with the beak or bill; to give a quick, small kiss or nibble

*synonym* : beak, nibble, pick

(1) **peck** on the cheek, (2) **peck** at feed

The wood **pecker** would peck at the tree high up in the branches.

## excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

*synonym* : thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

## bystander

n. a person who witnesses an event or situation but does not actively participate or intervene

*synonym* : spectator, observer, witness

(1) innocent **bystander**, (2) shocked **bystander**

The **bystander** effect is a phenomenon where people are less likely to intervene in an emergency if others are present.

## arouse

v. to awaken strong feelings or emotions in someone; to excite or inspire a physical or emotional response

*synonym* : excite, stimulate, stir

(1) **arouse** desire, (2) **arouse** suspicion

The rousing speech by the politician **aroused** the audience to action.

## startling

adj. extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying

*synonym* : alarming, astonishing, shocking

(1) **startling** earthquake shocks, (2) **startling** discovery

He describes the story with **startling** reality.

## tempt

v. to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong

*synonym* : entice, lure, attract

(1) **tempt** young people, (2) **tempt** the taste buds

Though he was evil, he never **tempted** his friends into wrongdoing.

### creepy

*adj.* causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease

*synonym* : eerie, unsettling, spooky

(1) feel **creepy**, (2) **creepy** atmosphere

The old, abandoned house was **creepy** and gave me the chills.

### constrain

*v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something

*synonym* : restrict, limit, confine

(1) **constrain** his freedom, (2) **constrain** information flow

The political situation **constrained** the country's economic growth and foreign relations.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. pr\_\_\_\_e sanctuary *n.* any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans
2. cr\_\_\_\_y atmosphere *adj.* causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease
3. s\_\_y civilians *v.* to kill violently, especially with a weapon
4. di\_\_\_\_sh a reputation *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
5. apex pr\_\_\_\_or *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
6. el\_\_\_\_te phenomena *v.* to make clear, to explain thoroughly, to clarify or shed light on a concept, situation, or statement
7. a huge pod of o\_\_as *n.* a species of large marine mammal, also known as the killer whale, found in Arctic and temperate waters worldwide, known for their intelligence, social behavior, and hunting prowess
8. o\_\_a habitat *n.* a species of large marine mammal, also known as the killer whale, found in Arctic and temperate waters worldwide, known for their intelligence, social behavior, and hunting prowess
9. te\_\_\_\_e damage *n.* a small, pale social insect that feeds on wood and can cause significant damage to wooden structures and furniture

ANSWERS: 1. primate, 2. creepy, 3. slay, 4. diminish, 5. predator, 6. elucidate, 7. orca, 8. orca, 9. termite

10. do\_\_\_\_n-watching tour *n.* a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid
11. te\_\_t the taste buds *v.* to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong
12. gr\_\_m duties *v.* to clean, brush, and care for the fur or feathers of an animal; to prepare oneself or someone else for a special event or occasion; to make something neat
13. measures to pr\_\_\_\_g the lifespan *v.* to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event
14. negative ste\_\_\_\_\_pes *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
15. el\_\_\_\_\_te the entire incident *v.* to make clear, to explain thoroughly, to clarify or shed light on a concept, situation, or statement
16. an\_\_\_\_or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
17. ar\_\_\_e suspicion *v.* to awaken strong feelings or emotions in someone; to excite or inspire a physical or emotional response
18. b\_\_y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

ANSWERS: 10. dolphin, 11. tempt, 12. groom, 13. prolong, 14. stereotype, 15. elucidate, 16. ancestor, 17. arouse, 18. bury

19. tha\_\_\_\_\_gy counseling *n.* the study of death and dying, including the social, cultural, psychological, and physiological aspects of death and grief
20. funny an\_\_\_\_\_te *n.* a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person
21. ma\_\_\_\_\_e behavior *n.* a bird with black and white plumage, native to Europe and Asia, known for its chattering, thieving, and hoarding tendencies; a person who collects or hoards various items, especially those that have little value or practical use to others
22. marine sc\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* an animal or bird that feeds on carrion, dead animals, or other scavenged material; a person who searches for and collects discarded or unwanted items, often to sell or reuse them
23. ter\_\_\_\_\_ng events *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
24. shocked by\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person who witnesses an event or situation but does not actively participate or intervene
25. do\_\_\_\_\_n show *n.* a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid
26. r\_\_m freely *v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
27. tha\_\_\_\_\_gy studies *n.* the study of death and dying, including the social, cultural, psychological, and physiological aspects of death and grief

ANSWERS: 19. thanatology, 20. anecdote, 21. magpie, 22. scavenger, 23. terrifying, 24. bystander, 25. dolphin, 26. roam, 27. thanatology

28. sexual pr\_\_\_\_ors *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
29. gr\_\_m a horse *v.* to clean, brush, and care for the fur or feathers of an animal; to prepare oneself or someone else for a special event or occasion; to make something neat
30. a primitive ma\_\_\_l *n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body
31. ca\_\_\_\_s disposal *n.* the dead body of an animal, especially one that has been killed for food
32. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
33. ex\_\_\_e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
34. co\_\_\_\_\_in information flow *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
35. ra\_\_n feather *n.* a large, glossy black bird that is a species of a crow; a person with jet-black hair, sometimes used as an adjective to describe such hair
36. uns\_\_\_\_\_ing victim *adj.* unaware of the presence of danger; not suspicious
37. co\_\_\_d habitat *n.* a bird of the crow family, including crows, ravens, magpies, and jays, known for their intelligence and adaptability

ANSWERS: 28. predator, 29. groom, 30. mammal, 31. carcass, 32. opportune, 33. excite, 34. constrain, 35. raven, 36. unsuspecting, 37. corvid

38. social behavior of co\_\_\_d *n.* a bird of the crow family, including crows, ravens, magpies, and jays, known for their intelligence and adaptability
39. su\_\_\_\_\_e to live *v.* to be enough or sufficient; to meet the needs or requirements of something or someone; to satisfy or fulfill a purpose
40. ra\_\_n in flight *n.* a large, glossy black bird that is a species of a crow; a person with jet-black hair, sometimes used as an adjective to describe such hair
41. examine a ca\_\_\_\_\_s *n.* the dead body of an animal, especially one that has been killed for food
42. co\_\_\_\_\_e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
43. st\_\_\_e progress *v.* to obstruct, hinder, or prevent something from succeeding or happening; to present an obstacle or impediment to progress or achievement
44. pr\_\_\_\_\_e species *n.* any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans
45. s\_\_y a dragon *v.* to kill violently, especially with a weapon
46. ter\_\_\_\_\_ng experience *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
47. te\_\_t young people *v.* to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong
48. st\_\_\_e plans *v.* to obstruct, hinder, or prevent something from succeeding or happening; to present an obstacle or impediment to progress or achievement

ANSWERS: 38. corvid, 39. suffice, 40. raven, 41. carcass, 42. confuse, 43. stymie, 44. primate, 45. slay, 46. terrifying, 47. tempt, 48. stymie

49. cha\_\_\_\_\_ic chairman *adj.* having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others
50. con\_\_\_\_\_ce of ideas *n.* the point at which two or more streams or rivers come together; a gathering of people or things at a particular location or moment
51. su\_\_\_\_\_e as evidence *v.* to be enough or sufficient; to meet the needs or requirements of something or someone; to satisfy or fulfill a purpose
52. ex\_\_\_\_\_e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
53. st\_\_\_\_\_ng earthquake shocks *adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying
54. pr\_\_\_\_\_g the agony *v.* to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event
55. b\_\_y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
56. ease her hea\_\_\_\_\_ak *n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
57. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
58. p\_\_k at feed *v.* to strike or bite someone or something repeatedly, usually with the beak or bill; to give a quick, small kiss or nibble
59. di\_\_\_\_\_sh swelling *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

ANSWERS: 49. charismatic, 50. confluence, 51. suffice, 52. excite, 53. startling, 54. prolong, 55. bury, 56. heartbreak, 57. opportune, 58. peck, 59. diminish

60. night vi\_\_l *n.* a period of wakefulness maintained for any reason, typically for prayer, meditation, or watchkeeping; a period of observation or surveillance, especially for security or safety reasons
61. ar\_\_\_e desire *v.* to awaken strong feelings or emotions in someone; to excite or inspire a physical or emotional response
62. uns\_\_\_\_\_ing boys and girls *adj.* unaware of the presence of danger; not suspicious
63. co\_\_\_\_\_in his freedom *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
64. st\_\_\_\_\_ng discovery *adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying
65. personal an\_\_\_\_\_te *n.* a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person
66. pre\_\_\_\_\_ved opinions *adj.* (of an idea or opinion) formed beforehand, especially without evidence for its truth or usefulness
67. unr\_\_\_\_\_ive to her passionate speech *adj.* not responding to some influence or stimulus
68. sc\_\_\_\_\_er bird *n.* an animal or bird that feeds on carrion, dead animals, or other scavenged material; a person who searches for and collects discarded or unwanted items, often to sell or reuse them
69. arterial con\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the point at which two or more streams or rivers come together; a gathering of people or things at a particular location or moment

ANSWERS: 60. vigil, 61. arouse, 62. unsuspecting, 63. constrain, 64. startling, 65. anecdote, 66. preconceived, 67. unresponsive, 68. scavenger, 69. confluence

70. take fo\_\_\_\_ul action *adj.* having or showing great strength or energy
71. earliest human an\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
72. unr\_\_\_\_ive audience *adj.* not responding to some influence or stimulus
73. fo\_\_\_\_ul argument *adj.* having or showing great strength or energy
74. avoid ste\_\_\_\_pe *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
75. innocent by\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person who witnesses an event or situation but does not actively participate or intervene
76. cha\_\_\_\_ic personality *adj.* having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others
77. p\_\_k on the cheek *v.* to strike or bite someone or something repeatedly, usually with the beak or bill; to give a quick, small kiss or nibble
78. co\_\_\_\_e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
79. a sort of ma\_\_\_\_l *n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body
80. r\_\_m the countryside *v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander

ANSWERS: 70. forceful, 71. ancestor, 72. unresponsive, 73. forceful, 74. stereotype, 75. bystander, 76. charismatic, 77. peck, 78. confuse, 79. mammal, 80. roam

81. feel cr\_\_\_y *adj.* causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease
82. te\_\_\_\_\_e inspection *n.* a small, pale social insect that feeds on wood and can cause significant damage to wooden structures and furniture
83. chatter like a ma\_\_\_e *n.* a bird with black and white plumage, native to Europe and Asia, known for its chattering, thieving, and hoarding tendencies; a person who collects or hoards various items, especially those that have little value or practical use to others
84. vi\_\_l for peace *n.* a period of wakefulness maintained for any reason, typically for prayer, meditation, or watchkeeping; a period of observation or surveillance, especially for security or safety reasons
85. go through hea\_\_\_\_\_ak *n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
86. a pre\_\_\_\_\_ved notion *adj.* (of an idea or opinion) formed beforehand, especially without evidence for its truth or usefulness

ANSWERS: 81. creepy, 82. termite, 83. magpie, 84. vigil, 85. heartbreak, 86. preconceived

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Her remarks \_\_\_\_\_ the debate.  
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
2. Would one cup of flour \_\_\_\_\_ for this recipe?  
v. to be enough or sufficient; to meet the needs or requirements of something or someone; to satisfy or fulfill a purpose
3. The news of her promotion \_\_\_\_\_ her.  
v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
4. The singer \_\_\_\_\_ the audience with her powerful voice and amazing performance.  
v. to kill violently, especially with a weapon
5. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ my dog before his fur gets too long.  
v. to clean, brush, and care for the fur or feathers of an animal; to prepare oneself or someone else for a special event or occasion; to make something neat
6. There is plenty of space to \_\_\_\_\_ everyone.  
v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
7. Large earthquakes often generate \_\_\_\_\_ tsunamis.  
*adj.* very frightening or intimidating
8. The wood \_\_\_\_\_ would peck at the tree high up in the branches.  
v. to strike or bite someone or something repeatedly, usually with the beak or bill; to give a quick, small kiss or nibble

ANSWERS: 1. confused, 2. suffice, 3. excited, 4. slayed, 5. groom, 6. bury, 7. terrifying, 8. pecker

9. The \_\_\_\_\_ distinctive croaking call echoed through the forest.  
*n.* a large, glossy black bird that is a species of a crow; a person with jet-black hair, sometimes used as an adjective to describe such hair
10. He was a \_\_\_\_\_ leader and could persuade others to follow his ideas.  
*adj.* having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others
11. The thief stole the wallet from the \_\_\_\_\_ tourist.  
*adj.* unaware of the presence of danger; not suspicious
12. The rousing speech by the politician \_\_\_\_\_ the audience to action.  
*v.* to awaken strong feelings or emotions in someone; to excite or inspire a physical or emotional response
13. The mother kept a \_\_\_\_\_ by her sick child's bedside all night.  
*n.* a period of wakefulness maintained for any reason, typically for prayer, meditation, or watchkeeping; a period of observation or surveillance, especially for security or safety reasons
14. Many scientists study \_\_\_\_\_ behavior and intelligence.  
*n.* any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans
15. A \_\_\_\_\_ of two smaller streams formed the river.  
*n.* the point at which two or more streams or rivers come together; a gathering of people or things at a particular location or moment
16. The new regulations will \_\_\_\_\_ the growth of small businesses in the area.  
*v.* to obstruct, hinder, or prevent something from succeeding or happening; to present an obstacle or impediment to progress or achievement

ANSWERS: 9. raven's, 10. charismatic, 11. unsuspecting, 12. aroused, 13. vigil, 14. primate, 15. confluence, 16. stymie

17. Marine \_\_\_\_\_ populations are declining worldwide due to ocean pollution.  
*n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body
18. They had experienced the \_\_\_\_\_ of losing two children due to premature births.  
*n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
19. Changing \_\_\_\_\_ about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.  
*n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
20. We should start a discussion from scratch with no \_\_\_\_\_ ideas.  
*adj.* (of an idea or opinion) formed beforehand, especially without evidence for its truth or usefulness
21. She entertained the guests with \_\_\_\_\_ about her travels and experiences.  
*n.* a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person
22. The \_\_\_\_\_ family includes birds like crows, ravens, and magpies.  
*n.* a bird of the crow family, including crows, ravens, magpies, and jays, known for their intelligence and adaptability
23. The \_\_\_\_\_ effect is a phenomenon where people are less likely to intervene in an emergency if others are present.  
*n.* a person who witnesses an event or situation but does not actively participate or intervene
24. The teacher needed to \_\_\_\_\_ the complex math problem before the students could solve it.  
*v.* to make clear, to explain thoroughly, to clarify or shed light on a concept, situation, or statement

ANSWERS: 17. mammal, 18. heartbreak, 19. stereotypes, 20. preconceived, 21. anecdotes, 22. corvid, 23. bystander, 24. elucidate

25. He describes the story with \_\_\_\_\_ reality.

*adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying

26. As people get old, their energies may \_\_\_\_\_.

*v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

27. Crows are common \_\_\_\_\_ in urban areas and will eat almost anything.

*n.* an animal or bird that feeds on carrion, dead animals, or other scavenged material; a person who searches for and collects discarded or unwanted items, often to sell or reuse them

28. The native South American animals were in danger because of the \_\_\_\_\_ arrival.

*n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

29. Though he was evil, he never \_\_\_\_\_ his friends into wrongdoing.

*v.* to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong

30. The disease is entirely \_\_\_\_\_ to traditional treatment.

*adj.* not responding to some influence or stimulus

31. The \_\_\_\_\_ nest is a fascinating structure made from twigs, grass, and other natural materials

*n.* a bird with black and white plumage, native to Europe and Asia, known for its chattering, thieving, and hoarding tendencies; a person who collects or hoards various items, especially those that have little value or practical use to others

32. The animal's \_\_\_\_\_ was found in the forest, most likely killed by a predator.

*n.* the dead body of an animal, especially one that has been killed for food

ANSWERS: 25. startling, 26. diminish, 27. scavengers, 28. predator's, 29. tempted, 30. unresponsive, 31. magpie's, 32. carcass

33. My remote \_\_\_\_\_ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.  
*n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
34. She spoke with a \_\_\_\_\_ tone and made her point clear.  
*adj.* having or showing great strength or energy
35. The \_\_\_\_\_ whale is also known as the killer whale.  
*n.* a species of large marine mammal, also known as the killer whale, found in Arctic and temperate waters worldwide, known for their intelligence, social behavior, and hunting prowess
36. The political situation \_\_\_\_\_ the country's economic growth and foreign relations.  
*v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
37. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.  
*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
38. The old, abandoned house was \_\_\_\_\_ and gave me the chills.  
*adj.* causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease
39. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ the meeting for another hour to discuss all the issues.  
*v.* to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event
40. The house was infested with \_\_\_\_\_ and required extensive repairs.  
*n.* a small, pale social insect that feeds on wood and can cause significant damage to wooden structures and furniture

ANSWERS: 33. ancestor, 34. forceful, 35. orca, 36. constrained, 37. opportune, 38. creepy, 39. prolong, 40. termites

41. Researchers in the \_\_\_\_\_ field explore death's impact on individuals and society.
- n.* the study of death and dying, including the social, cultural, psychological, and physiological aspects of death and grief
42. I love to \_\_\_\_ around the city and discover new neighborhoods.
- v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
43. The large group of \_\_\_\_\_ swam gracefully in the ocean, jumping out of the water now and then.
- n.* a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid

ANSWERS: 41. thanatology, 42. roam, 43. dolphins