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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### steward

*n.* a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.

*synonym*: caretaker, manager, custodian

(1) **steward** duties, (2) **steward** service

The **steward** on the flight was very helpful in assisting passengers with their needs.

### indifferent

*adj.* having no strong feelings or preferences one way or the other, neutral

*synonym*: apathetic, disinterested, unmoved

(1) an **indifferent** glance, (2) emotionally **indifferent**

Despite the good news, she remained **indifferent** to the situation.

### courageous

*adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

*synonym*: brave, valiant, fearless

(1) make a **courageous** decision, (2) **courageous** rescue attempt

He was a **courageous** soldier who had served his country

with honor.

## disband

*v.* to break up or cause to disperse, especially formally  
*synonym*: dissolve, break up, disperse

(1) **disband** the assembly, (2) **disband** an organization  
The band decided to **disband** the group after several members left.

## outlaw

*v.* to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime

*synonym*: ban, prohibit, (noun) bandit

(1) **outlaw** racial discrimination, (2) **outlaw** cloning of human cells

Some communities began to **outlaw** alcohol consumption.

## stubborn

*adj.* refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change

*synonym*: persistent, obstinate, determined

(1) **stubborn** attitude, (2) **stubborn** stains

He was so **stubborn** about his beliefs that he refused to listen to any other points of view.

## optimism

*n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

*synonym*: positiveness, sanguinity, bullishness

(1) sense of **optimism**, (2) political **optimism**

There is considerable **optimism** that the economy will recover soon.

## mindset

*n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

*synonym*: attitude, ethos, mentality

(1) flexible **mindset**, (2) the **mindset** in an education system

Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial **mindset** in each individual.

## daunting

*adj.* looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something

*synonym* : intimidating, stunning, disheartening

(1) face the **daunting** reality, (2) seem like a **daunting** task  
My homework was **daunting** and complex, but it was also intriguing.

## procrastinate

*v.* to postpone doing what you should do, often because it is unpleasant or boring

*synonym* : delay, dawdle, hesitate

(1) **procrastinate** about a big challenge, (2) **procrastinate** on my homework

He **procrastinated** the matter until it was almost too late.

## exaggeration

*n.* an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is

*synonym* : hyperbole, overstatement, embellishment

(1) sensational **exaggeration**, (2) minimal **exaggeration**

His story was filled with obvious **exaggerations**.

## condemn

*v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something

*synonym* : criticize, denounce, censure

(1) **condemn** violence, (2) **condemn** crime

The government was **condemned** for its handling of the crisis.

## descendant

*n.* children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal

*synonym* : child, offspring, heir

(1) **descendant** of a pioneer, (2) third-generation

**descendant**

Those warriors' **descendants** are still skilled archers.

## uninhabitable

*adj.* not suitable or safe for people to live in; lacking the necessary conditions for human habitation

*synonym* : desolate, dilapidated, unlivable

(1) **uninhabitable** conditions, (2) **uninhabitable** apartment

The hurricane left many coastal areas **uninhabitable** for a long time.

## famine

*n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons

*synonym* : hunger, starvation, drought

(1) **famine** relief, (2) coal **famine**

The severe **famine** caused by the drought has left many people without food.

## irreversible

*adj.* impossible to change or return to a previous condition

*synonym* : irrevocable, unrecoverable, permanent

(1) avoid **irreversible** damage, (2) an **irreversible** change

The development of agricultural technology has had an **irreversible** impact on humanity.

## converse

*v.* to talk informally

*synonym* : discourse, discuss, exchange

(1) **converse** with an acquaintance, (2) ask a **converse** question

She enjoyed the opportunity to **converse** with a person who spoke her language.

## regenerate

*v.* to improve or renew an area, institution, system, etc., especially by making it more active or successful

*synonym* : renew, revive, improve

(1) **regenerate** bone tissue, (2) a **regenerate** sinner

The new CEO's primary mission is to **regenerate** the company on the verge of bankruptcy.

## 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.

## plunge

*v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall

*synonym*: dive, drop, thrust

(1) **plunge** into the water, (2) **plunge** a dagger through his heart

The company's profits **plunged** after the recall of their new product.

## paralysis

*n.* a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury

*synonym*: immobility, stiffness, palsy

(1) moral **paralysis**, (2) **paralysis** in the leg

Massive demonstrations lead to total **paralysis** of transportation.

## optimist

*n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future

*synonym*: positive thinker, dreamer, idealist

(1) **optimist** by nature, (2) excessive **optimist**

She is a confident **optimist** who always looks on the bright side.

## irresponsible

*adj.* not showing a proper sense of responsibility; not reliable

*synonym*: careless, reckless, thoughtless

(1) **irresponsible** actions, (2) **irresponsible** behavior

It was **irresponsible** of him to drive home after drinking so much alcohol.

## hail

*v.* to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the

form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky  
*synonym* : greet, salute, welcome

(1) **hail** the victorious team with cheers, (2) **hail** forecast  
People in the area were forced to **hail** a taxi due to the lack of public transportation options.

## **gloom**

*n.* a state of darkness, sadness, or melancholy; a feeling of depression or lack of hope; a state of obscurity or uncertainty

*synonym* : darkness, depression, melancholy

(1) a sense of **gloom**, (2) **gloom-filled** room

The **gloom** of the rainy weather was beginning to affect her mood.

## **decarbonize**

*v.* to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy

*synonym* : decoke, decarburise, decarburize

(1) **decarbonize** their manufacturing process,  
(2) **decarbonize** its energy system

We have to seek methods to **decarbonize** its fossil fuel economy.

## **confrontation**

*n.* the act of facing or dealing with something directly and openly; a direct and often hostile encounter or disagreement

*synonym* : face-off, conflict, competition

(1) violent **confrontation**, (2) verbal **confrontation**

The **confrontation** between the two nations escalated into a full-blown war.

## **envision**

*v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

*synonym* : anticipate, foresee, picture

(1) **envision** the future, (2) **envision** the project's success

We cannot **envision** her as President.

## stumble

*v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily  
*synonym*: bumble, struggle, misstep

(1) **stumble** financially, (2) **stumble** through life

She **stumbled** over the tree root.

## temper

*n.* a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object

*synonym*: mood, disposition, nature

(1) a hasty **temper**, (2) bridle my **temper**

The **temper** of the steel needs to be just right to ensure the product's durability.

## geopolitical

*adj.* of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area

(1) the **geopolitical** situations, (2) reduce **geopolitical** risk

The country holds dominant **geopolitical** power over its neighbors.

## dampen

*v.* to make something wet or moist; to reduce the intensity or impact of something, such as a feeling, sound, or movement

*synonym*: drench, moisten, saturate

(1) **dampen** the sound, (2) **dampen** the enthusiasm

The rain helped **dampen** the flames of the campfire.

## stubbornness

*n.* the trait of being unyielding, obstinate, or inflexible; a refusal to change one's opinions or behavior despite pressure or persuasion

*synonym*: inflexibility, doggedness, obstinacy

(1) plain **stubbornness**, (2) show **stubbornness**

Her **stubbornness** in negotiations prevented a successful outcome for both parties.

## grit

*n.* very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of

challenges or obstacles

*synonym* : determination, fortitude, courage

(1) **grit** determination, (2) **grit** washer

She has a lot of **grit** and determination to succeed.

## determinant

*n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

*synonym* : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

## relentless

*adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks

*synonym* : unyielding, tireless, unremitting

(1) **relentless** attack, (2) face **relentless** pressure

The athlete's **relentless** training paid off in the end.



## Session 2: Spelling

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|--------------------------------------|---|
| 1. irr_____ble actions               | <i>adj.</i> not showing a proper sense of responsibility; not reliable  |
| 2. pro_____ate on my homework        | <i>v.</i> to postpone doing what you should do, often because it is unpleasant or boring  |
| 3. pro_____ate about a big challenge | <i>v.</i> to postpone doing what you should do, often because it is unpleasant or boring  |
| 4. plain stu_____ess                 | <i>n.</i> the trait of being unyielding, obstinate, or inflexible; a refusal to change one's opinions or behavior despite pressure or persuasion  |
| 5. ask a co_____se question          | <i>v.</i> to talk informally  |
| 6. bridle my te____r                 | <i>n.</i> a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object  |
| 7. show stu_____ess                  | <i>n.</i> the trait of being unyielding, obstinate, or inflexible; a refusal to change one's opinions or behavior despite pressure or persuasion  |
| 8. a sense of gl__m                  | <i>n.</i> a state of darkness, sadness, or melancholy; a feeling of depression or lack of hope; a state of obscurity or uncertainty   |
| 9. co_____se with an acquaintance    | <i>v.</i> to talk informally  |
| 10. st_____d duties                  | <i>n.</i> a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc. |

ANSWERS: 1. irresponsible, 2. procrastinate, 3. procrastinate, 4. stubbornness, 5. converse, 6. temper, 7. stubbornness, 8. gloom, 9. converse, 10. steward

11. face rel\_\_\_\_\_ss pressure *adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
12. face the da\_\_\_\_\_ng reality *adj.* looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something
13. sensational exa\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is
14. en\_\_\_\_\_on the future *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
15. st\_\_\_\_\_d service *n.* a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.
16. rel\_\_\_\_\_ss attack *adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
17. ou\_\_\_\_w cloning of human cells *v.* to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime
18. emotionally ind\_\_\_\_\_nt *adj.* having no strong feelings or preferences one way or the other, neutral
19. the mi\_\_\_\_\_t in an education system *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

ANSWERS: 11. relentless, 12. daunting, 13. exaggeration, 14. envision, 15. steward, 16. relentless, 17. outlaw, 18. indifferent, 19. mindset

20. verbal con\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the act of facing or dealing with something directly and openly; a direct and often hostile encounter or disagreement
21. st\_\_\_\_\_rn stans *adj.* refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change
22. g\_\_t determination *n.* very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles
23. di\_\_\_\_\_d the assembly *v.* to break up or cause to disperse, especially formally
24. third-generation des\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal
25. en\_\_\_\_\_on the project's success *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
26. cou\_\_\_\_\_us rescue attempt *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
27. a det\_\_\_\_\_nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
28. minimal exa\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is
29. violent con\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the act of facing or dealing with something directly and openly; a direct and often hostile encounter or disagreement

ANSWERS: 20. confrontation, 21. stubborn, 22. grit, 23. disband, 24. descendant, 25. envision, 26. courageous, 27. determinant, 28. exaggeration, 29. confrontation

30. reg\_\_\_\_\_te bone tissue      *v.* to improve or renew an area, institution, system, etc., especially by making it more active or successful
31. gl\_\_m-filled room      *n.* a state of darkness, sadness, or melancholy; a feeling of depression or lack of hope; a state of obscurity or uncertainty
32. da\_\_\_n the enthusiasm      *v.* to make something wet or moist; to reduce the intensity or impact of something, such as a feeling, sound, or movement
33. pl\_\_\_e into the water      *v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
34. moral pa\_\_\_\_\_is      *n.* a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury
35. da\_\_\_n the sound      *v.* to make something wet or moist; to reduce the intensity or impact of something, such as a feeling, sound, or movement
36. reduce geo\_\_\_\_\_cal risk      *adj.* of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area
37. h\_\_l the victorious team with cheers      *v.* to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky

ANSWERS: 30. regenerate, 31. gloom, 32. dampen, 33. plunge, 34. paralysis, 35. dampen, 36. geopolitical, 37. hail

38. des\_\_\_\_\_nt of a pioneer *n.* children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal
39. dec\_\_\_\_\_ze their manufacturing process *v.* to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy
40. irr\_\_\_\_\_ble behavior *adj.* not showing a proper sense of responsibility; not reliable
41. the geo\_\_\_\_\_cal situations *adj.* of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area
42. sense of op\_\_\_\_\_sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
43. op\_\_\_\_\_st by nature *n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
44. uni\_\_\_\_\_ble apartment *adj.* not suitable or safe for people to live in; lacking the necessary conditions for human habitation
45. flexible mi\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
46. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
47. g\_\_t washer *n.* very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles

ANSWERS: 38. descendant, 39. decarbonize, 40. irresponsible, 41. geopolitical, 42. optimism, 43. optimist, 44. uninhabitable, 45. mindset, 46. opportune, 47. grit

48. st\_\_\_\_rn attitude *adj.* refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change
49. an ind\_\_\_\_\_nt glance *adj.* having no strong feelings or preferences one way or the other, neutral
50. co\_\_\_\_\_n crime *v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
51. co\_\_\_\_\_n violence *v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
52. ou\_\_\_w racial discrimination *v.* to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime
53. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
54. excessive op\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
55. avoid irr\_\_\_\_\_ble damage *adj.* impossible to change or return to a previous condition
56. st\_\_\_\_\_e through life *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
57. uni\_\_\_\_\_ble conditions *adj.* not suitable or safe for people to live in; lacking the necessary conditions for human habitation
58. h\_\_l forecast *v.* to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky

ANSWERS: 48. stubborn, 49. indifferent, 50. condemn, 51. condemn, 52. outlaw, 53. opportune, 54. optimist, 55. irreversible, 56. stumble, 57. uninhabitable, 58. hail

59. environmental det_____nt	<i>n.</i> a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
60. seem like a da_____ng task	<i>adj.</i> looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something
61. an irr_____ble change	<i>adj.</i> impossible to change or return to a previous condition
62. a reg_____te sinner	<i>v.</i> to improve or renew an area, institution, system, etc., especially by making it more active or successful
63. pl____e a dagger through his heart	<i>v.</i> to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
64. pa_____is in the leg	<i>n.</i> a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury
65. fa____e relief	<i>n.</i> a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
66. political op_____sm	<i>n.</i> a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
67. di_____d an organization	<i>v.</i> to break up or cause to disperse, especially formally
68. dec_____ze its energy system	<i>v.</i> to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy

ANSWERS: 59. determinant, 60. daunting, 61. irreversible, 62. regenerate, 63. plunge, 64. paralysis, 65. famine, 66. optimism, 67. disband, 68. decarbonize

69. coal fa\_\_\_e *n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
70. make a cou\_\_\_\_\_us decision *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
71. st\_\_\_\_\_e financially *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
72. a hasty te\_\_\_r *n.* a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object

ANSWERS: 69. famine, 70. courageous, 71. stumble, 72. temper



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She is a confident \_\_\_\_\_ who always looks on the bright side.  
*n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
2. The government was \_\_\_\_\_ for its handling of the crisis.  
*v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
3. She \_\_\_\_\_ over the tree root.  
*v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
4. The new CEO's primary mission is to \_\_\_\_\_ the company on the verge of bankruptcy.  
*v.* to improve or renew an area, institution, system, etc., especially by making it more active or successful
5. The athlete's \_\_\_\_\_ training paid off in the end.  
*adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
6. One \_\_\_\_\_ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.  
*n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
7. The country holds dominant \_\_\_\_\_ power over its neighbors.  
*adj.* of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area

ANSWERS: 1. optimist, 2. condemned, 3. stumbled, 4. regenerate, 5. relentless, 6. determinant, 7. geopolitical

8. Those warriors' \_\_\_\_\_ are still skilled archers.  
*n.* children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal
9. The band decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the group after several members left.  
*v.* to break up or cause to disperse, especially formally
10. There is considerable \_\_\_\_\_ that the economy will recover soon.  
*n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
11. Massive demonstrations lead to total \_\_\_\_\_ of transportation.  
*n.* a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury
12. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the flight was very helpful in assisting passengers with their needs.  
*n.* a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.
13. The severe \_\_\_\_\_ caused by the drought has left many people without food.  
*n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
14. Some communities began to \_\_\_\_\_ alcohol consumption.  
*v.* to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime
15. He was a \_\_\_\_\_ soldier who had served his country with honor.  
*adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

ANSWERS: 8. descendants, 9. disband, 10. optimism, 11. paralysis, 12. steward, 13. famine, 14. outlaw, 15. courageous

16. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.

*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

17. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the steel needs to be just right to ensure the product's durability.

*n.* a person's state of mind, emotions, or attitude; a tendency to become angry or excited easily; the elasticity and hardness of a metal object

18. She has a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ and determination to succeed.

*n.* very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles

19. Despite the good news, she remained \_\_\_\_\_ to the situation.

*adj.* having no strong feelings or preferences one way or the other, neutral

20. He was so \_\_\_\_\_ about his beliefs that he refused to listen to any other points of view.

*adj.* refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change

21. She enjoyed the opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_ with a person who spoke her language.

*v.* to talk informally

22. My homework was \_\_\_\_\_ and complex, but it was also intriguing.

*adj.* looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something

23. Her \_\_\_\_\_ in negotiations prevented a successful outcome for both parties.

*n.* the trait of being unyielding, obstinate, or inflexible; a refusal to change one's opinions or behavior despite pressure or persuasion

ANSWERS: 16. opportune, 17. temper, 18. grit, 19. indifferent, 20. stubborn, 21. converse, 22. daunting, 23. stubbornness

24. We have to seek methods to \_\_\_\_\_ its fossil fuel economy.  
*v.* to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy
25. We cannot \_\_\_\_\_ her as President.  
*v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
26. It was \_\_\_\_\_ of him to drive home after drinking so much alcohol.  
*adj.* not showing a proper sense of responsibility; not reliable
27. The \_\_\_\_\_ between the two nations escalated into a full-blown war.  
*n.* the act of facing or dealing with something directly and openly; a direct and often hostile encounter or disagreement
28. He \_\_\_\_\_ the matter until it was almost too late.  
*v.* to postpone doing what you should do, often because it is unpleasant or boring
29. The hurricane left many coastal areas \_\_\_\_\_ for a long time.  
*adj.* not suitable or safe for people to live in; lacking the necessary conditions for human habitation
30. His story was filled with obvious \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is
31. The development of agricultural technology has had an \_\_\_\_\_ impact on humanity.  
*adj.* impossible to change or return to a previous condition

ANSWERS: 24. decarbonize, 25. envision, 26. irresponsible, 27. confrontation, 28. procrastinated, 29. uninhabitable, 30. exaggerations, 31. irreversible

32. People in the area were forced to \_\_\_\_\_ a taxi due to the lack of public transportation options.
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- v. to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
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- n. the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
36. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the rainy weather was beginning to affect her mood.
- n. a state of darkness, sadness, or melancholy; a feeling of depression or lack of hope; a state of obscurity or uncertainty

ANSWERS: 32. hail, 33. plunged, 34. dampen, 35. mindset, 36. gloom