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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### quarantine

*n.* a state of isolation imposed on people or animals to prevent the spread of disease

*synonym*: isolation, confinement, restriction

(1) out of **quarantine**, (2) mandatory **quarantine**

Due to the outbreak, the government imposed a two-week **quarantine** for all travelers.

### epicenter

*n.* the point on the earth's surface directly above the focus of an earthquake

*synonym*: ground zero, focus, center

(1) the **epicenter** of the sports world, (2) **epicenter**

magnitude

The **epicenter** of the earthquake was located deep beneath the earth's surface.

### 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.

## terrify

*v.* to frighten someone very much

*synonym*: unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing complex tasks.

## porous

*adj.* having many small holes and being able to absorb or pass through fluids

*synonym*: permeable, spongy, absorbent

(1) **porous** materials, (2) **porous** membrane

Our unfenced and largely unpoliced border inevitably has been very **porous** for insurgents.

## mismatch

*v.* to put together or match items that are not compatible or do not fit well together; to be different from or not correspond to something else

*synonym*: mismatch, discord, clash

(1) **mismatch** expectations, (2) **mismatch** socks

The colors of the shirt and pants totally **mismatch**, making the outfit look ridiculous.

## devote

*v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

*synonym*: commit, dedicate, apply

(1) **devote** all of my energies, (2) **devote** my own life

He **devoted** himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.

## 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.

## 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.

## antiviral

*adj.* inhibiting or stopping the growth and reproduction of viruses; (noun) any drug that destroys viruses

(1) **antiviral** effect, (2) an **antiviral** agent

The doctor immediately prescribed **antiviral** drugs.

## barefoot

*adj.* without shoes or other foot coverings; wearing nothing on the feet

*synonym*: bare, shoeless, unshod

(1) **barefoot** walk, (2) **barefoot** fashion

The **barefoot** hiker enjoyed feeling the earth beneath their feet.

## disparity

*n.* a significant difference or inequality between two or more things

*synonym*: difference, inequality, gap

(1) the **disparity** between theory and reality, (2) income **disparity**

There is a significant **disparity** in pay between men and women in the company.

## regimen

*n.* a prescribed course of medical treatment, diet, or exercise for the promotion or restoration of health

*synonym*: routine, program, schedule

(1) fitness **regimen**, (2) **regimen** of chemotherapy

My doctor prescribed a strict **regimen** of exercise and healthy eating to help me lose weight.

## adversity

*n.* difficulties or hardships that someone faces

*synonym*: hardship, difficulty, trial

(1) environmental **adversity**, (2) struggling with **adversity**  
The team demonstrated great resilience in the face of **adversity** and won the game.

## parlance

*n.* the way in which a particular group or community uses language; the specific terms, expressions, and jargon used by people in a particular field, profession, or social group

*synonym*: jargon, vernacular, dialect

(1) legal **parlance**, (2) common **parlance**

In medical **parlance**, a heart attack is a myocardial infarction.

## spreader

*n.* a person or thing that spreads something, such as a disease, rumor, or substance

*synonym*: distributor, carrier, transmitter

(1) fertilizer **spreader**, (2) **spreader** of germs

The person who attended the party while having COVID-19 became a virus **spreader**.

## stigma

*n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person

*synonym*: mark, blemish, disgrace

(1) social **stigma**, (2) **stigma** against obesity

The mental health **stigma** often prevents people from seeking treatment.

## payoff

*n.* the outcome or result of an action or series of actions; the return or reward gained from an investment, effort, or risk

*synonym*: reward, compensation, return

(1) financial **payoff**, (2) emotional **payoff**

The **payoff** for all my hard work was finally getting a promotion.

## fascinate

*v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

*synonym*: captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young  
The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

## malware

*n.* a type of software designed to damage, disrupt, or gain unauthorized access to a computer system or network  
*synonym*: virus, malicious software, spyware

(1) **malware** attack, (2) prevent **malware**

My computer was infected with **malware**, and it caused many problems.

## hijack

*v.* to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence

*synonym*: commandeer, seize, pirate

(1) **hijack** a helicopter, (2) **hijack** a phone number

He made a desperate effort to **hijack** an airliner.

## churn

*v.* to stir or agitate a liquid, substance, or mixture vigorously to produce foam or because of violent movement; to cause a large number of people to move or leave; to produce something, such as money, through continuous activity or turnover

*synonym*: stir, agitate, whirl

(1) **churn** out manufactured goods, (2) **churn** in my stomach

The cream needs to be **churned** for several minutes before it becomes butter.

## magnify

*v.* to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder

*synonym*: enlarge, elaborate, intensify

(1) **magnify** the danger, (2) **magnify** the image for display

Terrorists often attempt to **magnify** the economic impact of their acts of destruction.

## squiggle

*n.* a curly or wavy line or mark, especially one that is irregular or difficult to follow; (verb) to draw or write

something in a wavy or irregular manner, often with a series of small curves or loops

*synonym*: squiggle, doodle, scribble

(1) **squiggle** line, (2) wavy **squiggle**

My signature always has a little **squiggle** at the end.

## amputate

v. to cut off a part of the body, especially by surgery

*synonym*: cut off, cut away

(1) **amputate** both legs, (2) **amputate** below the knee

Finally, they had to **amputate** his foot to free him from the wrecked car.

## commandeer

v. to take control or possession of something, usually by force or without the owner's consent; to requisition something, typically a vehicle or building, for military use

*synonym*: seize, confiscate, expropriate

(1) **commandeer** a vehicle, (2) **commandeer** private property

The army decided to **commandeer** the local hotel as a temporary headquarters.

## intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

*synonym*: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

## monologue

n. a solo speech or performance given by one person, typically in a theatrical or storytelling context, and often used to reveal aspects of the speaker's thoughts, feelings, or backstory

*synonym*: soliloquy, speech, address

(1) inner **monologue**, (2) deliver a **monologue**

The actor's **monologue** was so powerful that the audience was moved to tears.

## inadvertently

*adv.* unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent

*synonym*: unknowingly, unintentionally, accidentally

(1) **inadvertently** deleted, (2) **inadvertently** omitted

I **inadvertently** left my phone at home this morning and felt lost.

## eradicate

*v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

*synonym*: destroy, eliminate, exterminate

(1) **eradicate** the deficit, (2) **eradicate** racial discrimination

We are trying to **eradicate** this disease from the world.

## polio

*n.* an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability

*synonym*: poliomyelitis, infantile paralysis

(1) **polio** epidemic, (2) **polio** eradication

The **polio** vaccine development is regarded as one of the greatest medical achievements of the 20th century.

## flask

*n.* a container with a narrow neck and wide, flat body used for holding and carrying liquids

*synonym*: bottle, container, vial

(1) lab **flask**, (2) vacuum **flask**

The chemist poured the solution from the beaker into the **flask**.

## foothold

*n.* a secure or reliable position in a particular situation, allowing for further progress or expansion; a firm grip or support on a surface

*synonym*: toehold, base, foundation

(1) establish a **foothold**, (2) military **foothold**

The company is looking to gain a **foothold** in the emerging market.

## hurdle

*n.* a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome  
*synonym*: obstacle, barrier, challenge

(1) overcome **hurdles**, (2) **hurdle** race

The company faced several **hurdles** in the development of its new product.

## skeptical

*adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful  
*synonym*: doubtful, distrustful, suspicious

(1) a **skeptical** attitude, (2) **skeptical** scientists

His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly **skeptical**.

## altruistic

*adj.* showing a selfless and disinterested concern for the happiness and well-being of other people  
*synonym*: altruistic, philanthropic, generous

(1) **altruistic** behavior, (2) **altruistic** instincts in social animals

The company tried to build an **altruistic** image.

## preclinical

*adj.* of or relating to the early phases of a disease when an accurate diagnosis is not possible because symptoms of the disease have not yet appeared; of or relating to the first stage of a medical education

(1) **preclinical** diagnosis, (2) **preclinical** safety evaluation

The doctor suspected that the patient was in the **preclinical** stage of Alzheimer's disease.

## strident

*adj.* loud, harsh, and grating to the ears; presenting a forceful or insistent tone or manner  
*synonym*: shrill, loud, piercing

(1) **strident** call for action, (2) **strident** criticism

Her **strident** voice made it difficult for anyone to ignore her.

## misinformation

*n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately  
*synonym*: falsity, misreport, misstatement

(1) **misinformation** about a vaccine, (2) combat **misinformation** on social media



The government called for caution against pseudoscientific **misinformation** about vaccines.

## **affluent**

*adj.* rich and wealthy; having a lot of money and material wealth

*synonym*: wealthy, rich, prosperous

(1) **affluent** society, (2) live in **affluent** circumstances

She lived in an **affluent** neighborhood surrounded by wealth and luxury.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. military fo____ld                       | <i>n.</i> a secure or reliable position in a particular situation, allowing for further progress or expansion; a firm grip or support on a surface   |
| 2. the di____ty between theory and reality | <i>n.</i> a significant difference or inequality between two or more things  |
| 3. hu____e race                            | <i>n.</i> a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome  |
| 4. ma____y the image for display           | <i>v.</i> to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder |
| 5. social st____a                          | <i>n.</i> a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person  |
| 6. ba____ot walk                           | <i>adj.</i> without shoes or other foot coverings; wearing nothing on the feet   |
| 7. fertilizer sp____er                     | <i>n.</i> a person or thing that spreads something, such as a disease, rumor, or substance   |
| 8. po____s materials                       | <i>adj.</i> having many small holes and being able to absorb or pass through fluids  |
| 9. in____t a computer with a virus         | <i>v.</i> to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism  |
| 10. environmental ad____ty                 | <i>n.</i> difficulties or hardships that someone faces   |

ANSWERS: 1. foothold, 2. disparity, 3. hurdle, 4. magnify, 5. stigma, 6. barefoot, 7. spreader, 8. porous, 9. infect, 10. adversity

11. wavy sq\_\_\_\_le *n.* a curly or wavy line or mark, especially one that is irregular or difficult to follow; (verb) to draw or write something in a wavy or irregular manner, often with a series of small curves or loops
12. enrich my in\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
13. po\_\_o eradication *n.* an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability
14. sp\_\_\_\_\_er of germs *n.* a person or thing that spreads something, such as a disease, rumor, or substance
15. ep\_\_\_\_\_er magnitude *n.* the point on the earth's surface directly above the focus of an earthquake
16. st\_\_\_\_\_nt criticism *adj.* loud, harsh, and grating to the ears; presenting a forceful or insistent tone or manner
17. vacuum fl\_\_k *n.* a container with a narrow neck and wide, flat body used for holding and carrying liquids
18. out of qua\_\_\_\_\_ne *n.* a state of isolation imposed on people or animals to prevent the spread of disease
19. st\_\_\_a against obesity *n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person

ANSWERS: 11. squiggle, 12. intellect, 13. polio, 14. spreader, 15. epicenter, 16. strident, 17. flask, 18. quarantine, 19. stigma

20. the ep\_\_\_\_\_er of the sports world      *n.* the point on the earth's surface directly above the focus of an earthquake
21. combat mis\_\_\_\_\_ion on social media      *n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
22. fa\_\_\_\_\_te the young      *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
23. alt\_\_\_\_\_ic behavior      *adj.* showing a selfless and disinterested concern for the happiness and well-being of other people
24. 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
25. lab fl\_\_k      *n.* a container with a narrow neck and wide, flat body used for holding and carrying liquids
26. ma\_\_\_\_\_e attack      *n.* a type of software designed to damage, disrupt, or gain unauthorized access to a computer system or network
27. alt\_\_\_\_\_ic instincts in social animals      *adj.* showing a selfless and disinterested concern for the happiness and well-being of other people
28. st\_\_\_\_\_nt call for action      *adj.* loud, harsh, and grating to the ears; presenting a forceful or insistent tone or manner

ANSWERS: 20. epicenter, 21. misinformation, 22. fascinate, 23. altruistic, 24. coronavirus, 25. flask, 26. malware, 27. altruistic, 28. strident

29. prevent ma\_\_\_\_e *n.* a type of software designed to damage, disrupt, or gain unauthorized access to a computer system or network
30. sq\_\_\_\_le line *n.* a curly or wavy line or mark, especially one that is irregular or difficult to follow; (verb) to draw or write something in a wavy or irregular manner, often with a series of small curves or loops
31. am\_\_\_\_te below the knee *v.* to cut off a part of the body, especially by surgery
32. ba\_\_\_\_ot fashion *adj.* without shoes or other foot coverings; wearing nothing on the feet
33. a sk\_\_\_\_al attitude *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
34. af\_\_\_\_nt society *adj.* rich and wealthy; having a lot of money and material wealth
35. am\_\_\_\_te both legs *v.* to cut off a part of the body, especially by surgery
36. an\_\_\_\_al effect *adj.* inhibiting or stopping the growth and reproduction of viruses; (noun) any drug that destroys viruses
37. de\_\_\_\_e all of my energies *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
38. cor\_\_\_\_us antibody test kit *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

ANSWERS: 29. malware, 30. squiggle, 31. amputate, 32. barefoot, 33. skeptical, 34. affluent, 35. amputate, 36. antiviral, 37. devote, 38. coronavirus

39. pre\_\_\_\_\_al diagnosis *adj.* of or relating to the early phases of a disease when an accurate diagnosis is not possible because symptoms of the disease have not yet appeared; of or relating to the first stage of a medical education
40. emotional pa\_\_\_\_f *n.* the outcome or result of an action or series of actions; the return or reward gained from an investment, effort, or risk
41. po\_\_\_\_s membrane *adj.* having many small holes and being able to absorb or pass through fluids
42. human in\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
43. ina\_\_\_\_\_tly deleted *adv.* unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent
44. inner mo\_\_\_\_\_ue *n.* a solo speech or performance given by one person, typically in a theatrical or storytelling context, and often used to reveal aspects of the speaker's thoughts, feelings, or backstory
45. common pa\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the way in which a particular group or community uses language; the specific terms, expressions, and jargon used by people in a particular field, profession, or social group
46. com\_\_\_\_\_er private property *v.* to take control or possession of something, usually by force or without the owner's consent; to requisition something, typically a vehicle or building, for military use

ANSWERS: 39. preclinical, 40. payoff, 41. porous, 42. intellect, 43. inadvertently, 44. monologue, 45. parlance, 46. commandeer

47. live in af\_\_\_\_nt circumstances *adj.* rich and wealthy; having a lot of money and material wealth
48. ch\_\_n in my stomach *v.* to stir or agitate a liquid, substance, or mixture vigorously to produce foam or because of violent movement; to cause a large number of people to move or leave; to produce something, such as money, through continuous activity or turnover
49. the threats te\_\_\_\_y him *v.* to frighten someone very much
50. ina\_\_\_\_\_tly omitted *adv.* unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent
51. hi\_\_\_k a phone number *v.* to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence
52. establish a fo\_\_\_\_\_ld *n.* a secure or reliable position in a particular situation, allowing for further progress or expansion; a firm grip or support on a surface
53. deliver a mo\_\_\_\_\_ue *n.* a solo speech or performance given by one person, typically in a theatrical or storytelling context, and often used to reveal aspects of the speaker's thoughts, feelings, or backstory
54. er\_\_\_\_\_te racial discrimination *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
55. financial pa\_\_\_f *n.* the outcome or result of an action or series of actions; the return or reward gained from an investment, effort, or risk

ANSWERS: 47. affluent, 48. churn, 49. terrify, 50. inadvertently, 51. hijack, 52. foothold, 53. monologue, 54. eradicate, 55. payoff

56. an an\_\_\_\_\_al agent *adj.* inhibiting or stopping the growth and reproduction of viruses; (noun) any drug that destroys viruses
57. mis\_\_\_\_\_ion about a vaccine *n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
58. mi\_\_\_\_\_ch socks *v.* to put together or match items that are not compatible or do not fit well together; to be different from or not correspond to something else
59. in\_\_\_\_t other animal species *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
60. fa\_\_\_\_\_te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
61. income di\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* a significant difference or inequality between two or more things
62. hi\_\_\_\_k a helicopter *v.* to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence
63. ma\_\_\_\_\_y the danger *v.* to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder
64. de\_\_\_\_e my own life *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
65. pre\_\_\_\_\_al safety evaluation *adj.* of or relating to the early phases of a disease when an accurate diagnosis is not possible because symptoms of the disease have not yet appeared; of or relating to the first stage of a medical education

ANSWERS: 56. antiviral, 57. misinformation, 58. mismatch, 59. infect, 60. fascinate, 61. disparity, 62. hijack, 63. magnify, 64. devote, 65. preclinical



66. fitness re\_\_\_\_n *n.* a prescribed course of medical treatment, diet, or exercise for the promotion or restoration of health
67. overcome hu\_\_\_\_es *n.* a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome
68. te\_\_\_\_y people *v.* to frighten someone very much
69. global pa\_\_\_\_ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
70. struggling with ad\_\_\_\_ty *n.* difficulties or hardships that someone faces
71. po\_\_o epidemic *n.* an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability
72. ch\_\_n out manufactured goods *v.* to stir or agitate a liquid, substance, or mixture vigorously to produce foam or because of violent movement; to cause a large number of people to move or leave; to produce something, such as money, through continuous activity or turnover
73. flu pa\_\_\_\_ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
74. legal pa\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the way in which a particular group or community uses language; the specific terms, expressions, and jargon used by people in a particular field, profession, or social group

ANSWERS: 66. regimen, 67. hurdle, 68. terrify, 69. pandemic, 70. adversity, 71. polio, 72. churn, 73. pandemic, 74. parlance

75. re\_\_\_\_\_n of chemotherapy *n.* a prescribed course of medical treatment, diet, or exercise for the promotion or restoration of health
76. com\_\_\_\_\_er a vehicle *v.* to take control or possession of something, usually by force or without the owner's consent; to requisition something, typically a vehicle or building, for military use
77. er\_\_\_\_\_te the deficit *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
78. sk\_\_\_\_\_al scientists *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
79. mandatory qua\_\_\_\_\_ne *n.* a state of isolation imposed on people or animals to prevent the spread of disease
80. mi\_\_\_\_\_ch expectations *v.* to put together or match items that are not compatible or do not fit well together; to be different from or not correspond to something else

ANSWERS: 75. regimen, 76. commandeered, 77. eradicate, 78. skeptical, 79. quarantine, 80. mismatch

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the earthquake was located deep beneath the earth's surface.  
*n.* the point on the earth's surface directly above the focus of an earthquake
  
2. They fear a \_\_\_\_\_ of a new type of virus.  
*n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
  
3. My computer was infected with \_\_\_\_\_ and it caused many problems.  
*n.* a type of software designed to damage, disrupt, or gain unauthorized access to a computer system or network
  
4. The actor's \_\_\_\_\_ was so powerful that the audience was moved to tears.  
*n.* a solo speech or performance given by one person, typically in a theatrical or storytelling context, and often used to reveal aspects of the speaker's thoughts, feelings, or backstory
  
5. Terrorists often attempt to \_\_\_\_\_ the economic impact of their acts of destruction.  
*v.* to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder
  
6. The company tried to build an \_\_\_\_\_ image.  
*adj.* showing a selfless and disinterested concern for the happiness and well-being of other people
  
7. In medical \_\_\_\_\_ a heart attack is a myocardial infarction.  
*n.* the way in which a particular group or community uses language; the specific terms, expressions, and jargon used by people in a particular field, profession, or social group

ANSWERS: 1. epicenter, 2. pandemic, 3. malware, 4. monologue, 5. magnify, 6. altruistic, 7. parlance,

8. We are trying to \_\_\_\_\_ this disease from the world.  
*v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
9. His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
10. I \_\_\_\_\_ left my phone at home this morning and felt lost.  
*adv.* unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent
11. He made a desperate effort to \_\_\_\_\_ an airliner.  
*v.* to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence
12. The mental health \_\_\_\_\_ often prevents people from seeking treatment.  
*n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
13. Our unfenced and largely unpoliced border inevitably has been very \_\_\_\_\_ for insurgents.  
*adj.* having many small holes and being able to absorb or pass through fluids
14. Her \_\_\_\_\_ voice made it difficult for anyone to ignore her.  
*adj.* loud, harsh, and grating to the ears; presenting a forceful or insistent tone or manner
15. The company faced several \_\_\_\_\_ in the development of its new product.  
*n.* a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome
16. The \_\_\_\_\_ for all my hard work was finally getting a promotion.  
*n.* the outcome or result of an action or series of actions; the return or reward gained from an investment, effort, or risk

ANSWERS: 8. eradicate, 9. skeptical, 10. inadvertently, 11. hijack, 12. stigma, 13. porous, 14. strident, 15. hurdles, 16. payoff

17. The cream needs to be \_\_\_\_\_ for several minutes before it becomes butter.
- v.* to stir or agitate a liquid, substance, or mixture vigorously to produce foam or because of violent movement; to cause a large number of people to move or leave; to produce something, such as money, through continuous activity or turnover
18. My doctor prescribed a strict \_\_\_\_\_ of exercise and healthy eating to help me lose weight.
- n.* a prescribed course of medical treatment, diet, or exercise for the promotion or restoration of health
19. The \_\_\_\_\_ vaccine development is regarded as one of the greatest medical achievements of the 20th century.
- n.* an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability
20. The company is looking to gain a \_\_\_\_\_ in the emerging market.
- n.* a secure or reliable position in a particular situation, allowing for further progress or expansion; a firm grip or support on a surface
21. He \_\_\_\_\_ himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.
- v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
22. The magic tricks \_\_\_\_\_ the children.
- v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
23. Finally, they had to \_\_\_\_\_ his foot to free him from the wrecked car.
- v.* to cut off a part of the body, especially by surgery

ANSWERS: 17. churned, 18. regimen, 19. polio, 20. foothold, 21. devoted, 22. fascinated, 23. amputate

24. The person who attended the party while having COVID-19 became a virus \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a person or thing that spreads something, such as a disease, rumor, or substance
25. The army decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the local hotel as a temporary headquarters.
- v.* to take control or possession of something, usually by force or without the owner's consent; to requisition something, typically a vehicle or building, for military use
26. The government called for caution against pseudoscientific \_\_\_\_\_ about vaccines.
- n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
27. The chemist poured the solution from the beaker into the \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a container with a narrow neck and wide, flat body used for holding and carrying liquids
28. The colors of the shirt and pants totally \_\_\_\_\_ making the outfit look ridiculous.
- v.* to put together or match items that are not compatible or do not fit well together; to be different from or not correspond to something else
29. My signature always has a little \_\_\_\_\_ at the end.
- n.* a curly or wavy line or mark, especially one that is irregular or difficult to follow; (verb) to draw or write something in a wavy or irregular manner, often with a series of small curves or loops
30. Due to the outbreak, the government imposed a two-week \_\_\_\_\_ for all travelers.
- n.* a state of isolation imposed on people or animals to prevent the spread of disease

ANSWERS: 24. spreader, 25. commandeered, 26. misinformation, 27. flask, 28. mismatch, 29. squiggle, 30. quarantine

31. The team demonstrated great resilience in the face of \_\_\_\_\_ and won the game.

*n.* difficulties or hardships that someone faces

32. Your \_\_\_\_\_ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

*n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

33. There is a significant \_\_\_\_\_ in pay between men and women in the company.

*n.* a significant difference or inequality between two or more things

34. The doctor suspected that the patient was in the \_\_\_\_\_ stage of Alzheimer's disease.

*adj.* of or relating to the early phases of a disease when an accurate diagnosis is not possible because symptoms of the disease have not yet appeared; of or relating to the first stage of a medical education

35. She lived in an \_\_\_\_\_ neighborhood surrounded by wealth and luxury.

*adj.* rich and wealthy; having a lot of money and material wealth

36. Children often \_\_\_\_\_ parents with this head cold.

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

37. The \_\_\_\_\_ hiker enjoyed feeling the earth beneath their feet.

*adj.* without shoes or other foot coverings; wearing nothing on the feet

38. It would be best not to \_\_\_\_\_ your associates into doing complex tasks.

*v.* to frighten someone very much

ANSWERS: 31. adversity, 32. intellect, 33. disparity, 34. preclinical, 35. affluent, 36. infect, 37. barefoot, 38. terrify

39. 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
40. The doctor immediately prescribed \_\_\_\_\_ drugs.
- adj.* inhibiting or stopping the growth and reproduction of viruses; (noun) any drug that destroys viruses

ANSWERS: 39. coronavirus, 40. antiviral