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Session 1: Word List

horrific

adj. causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
synonym: terrifying, alarming, shocking

(1) **horrific** experience, (2) **horrific** condition

The accident scene was **horrific**, with bodies and debris scattered everywhere.

solicitor

n. a legal professional who provides advice and prepares legal documents, typically working in private practice on behalf of clients; a person who promotes business
synonym: suppliant, pleader, advocate

(1) advertising **solicitor**, (2) official **solicitor**

The property dispute was resolved amicably between the two parties with the help of a **solicitor**.

courtroom

n. a room in which a court of law is held
synonym: law court, tribunal

(1) **courtroom** drama, (2) **courtroom** trial

The eyewitness took the stand in the **courtroom** and gave testimony crucial to the case.

Senate

n. a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament

synonym: upper house, council, assembly

(1) **Senate** hearing, (2) **Senate** Finance Committee
The **Senate** majority leader announced plans to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.

docket

n. a list or calendar of cases, appointments, or tasks that need to be addressed or completed, particularly in a legal or administrative setting

synonym: agenda, schedule, calendar

(1) legal **docket**, (2) court **docket**

The plaintiff's name was misspelled on the **docket**, causing a delay in the case.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

rehearse

v. to practice or repeat something, such as a performance, speech, or action, to prepare for an event or to improve one's skills; to go through the motions of a planned activity before executing it

synonym: practice, recite, drill

(1) **rehearse** an opera, (2) **rehearse** a speech

The actors needed to **rehearse** their lines before the performance.

resonate

v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound

synonym: echo, reverberate, resound

(1) deeply **resonate** with the consumers, (2) **resonate** in the same frequency

The sound **resonates** well in this theater.

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.

billow

v. to surge or rise in a large, swelling mass, especially of smoke or water; (noun) a large wave or swell of something, especially water or smoke

synonym: wave, swell, surge

(1) **billow** cloud, (2) **billow** like a sail

The smoke **billowed** out of the chimney and into the sky.

precipice

n. a steep cliff, especially one that is high and has a vertical or nearly vertical face

synonym: cliff, drop, brink

(1) leap off a **precipice**, (2) mural **precipice**

The hiker stood at the edge of the **precipice**, taking in the breathtaking view.

provoke

v. to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect

synonym: stimulate, incite, encourage

(1) **provoke** a disease, (2) **provoke** a reaction

Her behavior **provoked** a quarrel between the couple.

courthouse

n. a building where courts of law are held, or administrative offices for legal proceedings are located

synonym: court, tribunal, judicature

(1) **courthouse** security, (2) municipal **courthouse**

The verdict was announced at the **courthouse** after a long trial.

firestorm

n. a large and destructive fire that is fueled by strong winds and thermal updrafts, often resulting in a whirlwind of flames and debris; a situation or event that is marked by intense and widespread emotional or social upheaval or turmoil

synonym: conflagration, inferno, blaze

(1) **firestorm** damage, (2) political **firestorm**

The company's announcement of mass layoffs triggered a

firestorm of anger among the employees

accuse

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

synonym: charge, blame, criticize

(1) **accuse** his rudeness, (2) **accuse** each other

The witness **accused** the defendant of committing the robbery.

waterboarding

n. a form of torture or interrogation technique that involves immobilizing a person and pouring water over their face or breathing passages to create a sensation of drowning and induce panic and fear

(1) **waterboarding** torture, (2) the practice of **waterboarding**

The international community strongly condemns the use of **waterboarding** as a form of torture.

foolproof

adj. designed to prevent mistakes or errors; infallible; incapable of going wrong

synonym: unfailing, foolproof, fail-safe

(1) **foolproof** method, (2) **foolproof** plan

This recipe is **foolproof** and easy to follow, even for inexperienced cooks.

trump

n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

(1) **trump** card, (2) choose **trump**

The **trump** suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

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.

- rev** *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
synonym : revolution, RPM, speed
(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd
He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.
- discriminating** *adj.* having or showing the ability to judge or discern, typically by distinguishing differences or making careful and considered choices; selective in a discerning way; showing refined taste or awareness of quality
synonym : selective, critical, discerning
(1) **discriminating** judgment, (2) **discriminating** eye
The restaurant has **discriminating** tastes when selecting the best ingredients for their dishes.
- devastate** *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
synonym : demolish, destroy, crush
(1) **devastate** an area, (2) **devastate** the economy
Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which **devastate** coastal areas.
- wane** *v.* to decrease in size, strength, or intensity
synonym : decrease, diminish, fade
(1) **wane** over time, (2) **wane** in popularity
The fragrance of this material **wanes** over weeks to months.
- intern** *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
synonym : apprentice, trainee, student
(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**
The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

offend

v. to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
synonym: insult, hurt, anger

(1) **offend** his sensibilities, (2) **offend** a customer
His rude comments **offended** many people at the party.

quake

v. to shake or vibrate violently and for a short time
synonym: shake, trembler, tremor

(1) **quake** in his boots, (2) **quake** with cold
The earth began to **quake**, and he knew he had to leave the building immediately.

unjust

adj. not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality;
morally unacceptable or wrong
synonym: unfair, inequitable

(1) **unjust** verdict, (2) **unjust** accusation
The ruling was considered **unjust** by many people in the community.

convict

v. to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime;
(noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
synonym: condemn, sentence, judge

(1) **convict** him of manslaughter, (2) **convict** in a jail
He was **convicted** on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.

quash

v. to suppress or put down forcibly, particularly a rebellion, protest, or opposition; to nullify or reject a decision, judgment, or ruling that is seen as unjust or erroneous; to silence or extinguish a rumor or controversy
synonym: subdue, annul, nullify

(1) **quash** a rumor, (2) **quash** a rebellion
The court decided to **quash** the charges against the accused due to lack of evidence.

uphold

v. to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.
synonym: defend, maintain, sustain

(1) **uphold** the law, (2) **uphold** tradition

The judge may **uphold** the decision of the lower court.

overrule

v. to make a decision or judgment that is different from an earlier one; to overturn or override a decision or action

synonym: override, countermand, supersede

(1) **overrule** decision, (2) **overrule** judgment

The judge **overruled** the objection and allowed the evidence to be presented.

receptive

adj. willing to listen to or accept new ideas or suggestions

synonym: open-minded, sensory, sensorial

(1) **receptive** audience, (2) **receptive** to change

The voters appeared to be **receptive** to his new ideas.

vindication

n. justification or clearing from suspicion or accusation; proof of one's innocence or correctness; an act of defense or justification of one's actions, beliefs, or principles

synonym: justification, exoneration, absolution

(1) **vindication** of rights, (2) personal **vindication**

The acquittal of the defendant was seen as a **vindication** of their innocence.

anathema

n. a person or thing that is detested or loathed; a curse

synonym: curse, bane, execration

(1) utter an **anathema**, (2) political **anathema**

The new policy is **anathema** to the employees.

disqualify

v. to declare someone or something ineligible or unfit for a particular role or activity; to exclude or bar someone from participation in something

synonym: disbar, invalidate, exclude

(1) **disqualify** a candidate, (2) **disqualify** from the election

The athlete's lousy behavior was enough to **disqualify** him from the competition.

profoundly

adv. to a great or complete degree; deeply

synonym : deeply, greatly, completely

(1) **profoundly** insightful, (2) sleep **profoundly**

The novel affected her **profoundly**, causing her to question her beliefs and values.

detest

v. to feel intense hatred or aversion towards someone or something; to dislike or despise greatly

synonym : hate, loathe, despise

(1) **detest** violence, (2) **detest** being late

I **detest** the way people are quick to judge others without knowing their side of the story.

rejoin

v. to return to someone or something

synonym : come back, return, reunite

(1) **rejoin** their mother ship, (2) **rejoin** the party

After the battle, the soldier managed to **rejoin** his unit.

disbeliever

n. a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea

synonym : non-believer, skeptic, doubter

(1) persuade a **disbeliever**, (2) stubborn **disbeliever**

Despite the evidence, she remained a **disbeliever** in the theory of evolution.

outlive

v. to live longer than another person

synonym : continue, outlast, survive

(1) **outlive** its usefulness, (2) **outlive** our child

She **outlived** her husband for many years.

outstretch

v. to stretch out one's body, limbs, or arms to their furthest extent; to extend something so that it exceeds a certain limit or boundary

synonym : extend, stretch out, reach

(1) **outstretch** my patience, (2) **outstretch** a hand

The yoga instructor instructed the class to **outstretch** their

arms and breathe deeply into the stretch.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. full of em_____y | <i>n.</i> the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation |
| 2. re_____ve to change | <i>adj.</i> willing to listen to or accept new ideas or suggestions |
| 3. co_____t him of manslaughter | <i>v.</i> to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison |
| 4. persuade a dis_____er | <i>n.</i> a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea |
| 5. re___n the party | <i>v.</i> to return to someone or something |
| 6. de___t being late | <i>v.</i> to feel intense hatred or aversion towards someone or something; to dislike or despise greatly |
| 7. co_____t in a jail | <i>v.</i> to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison |
| 8. court do___t | <i>n.</i> a list or calendar of cases, appointments, or tasks that need to be addressed or completed, particularly in a legal or administrative setting |
| 9. ou_____e its usefulness | <i>v.</i> to live longer than another person |
| 10. wat_____ing torture | <i>n.</i> a form of torture or interrogation technique that involves immobilizing a person and pouring water over their face or breathing passages to create a sensation of drowning and induce panic and fear |

ANSWERS: 1. empathy, 2. receptive, 3. convict, 4. disbeliever, 5. rejoin, 6. detest, 7. convict, 8. docket, 9. outlive, 10. waterboarding

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| 11. ac___e each other | v. | to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing |
| 12. de___t violence | v. | to feel intense hatred or aversion towards someone or something; to dislike or despise greatly |
| 13. municipal cou_____se | n. | a building where courts of law are held, or administrative offices for legal proceedings are located |
| 14. qu__h a rumor | v. | to suppress or put down forcibly, particularly a rebellion, protest, or opposition; to nullify or reject a decision, judgment, or ruling that is seen as unjust or erroneous; to silence or extinguish a rumor or controversy |
| 15. ov_____le decision | v. | to make a decision or judgment that is different from an earlier one; to overturn or override a decision or action |
| 16. fo_____of method | adj. | designed to prevent mistakes or errors; infallible; incapable of going wrong |
| 17. advertising so_____or | n. | a legal professional who provides advice and prepares legal documents, typically working in private practice on behalf of clients; a person who promotes business |
| 18. pr_____e a reaction | v. | to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect |
| 19. sleep pro_____ly | adv. | to a great or complete degree; deeply |
| 20. low-r_v engine | n. | a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute |

ANSWERS: 11. accuse, 12. detest, 13. courthouse, 14. quash, 15. overrule, 16. foolproof, 17. solicitor, 18. provoke, 19. profoundly, 20. rev

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| 21. the threats te_____y him | <i>v.</i> to frighten someone very much |
| 22. stubborn dis_____er | <i>n.</i> a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea |
| 23. dis_____ing judgment | <i>adj.</i> having or showing the ability to judge or discern, typically by distinguishing differences or making careful and considered choices; selective in a discerning way; showing refined taste or awareness of quality |
| 24. in_____n civilians | <i>v.</i> to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria |
| 25. qu__e in his boots | <i>v.</i> to shake or vibrate violently and for a short time |
| 26. w__e over time | <i>v.</i> to decrease in size, strength, or intensity |
| 27. co_____om trial | <i>n.</i> a room in which a court of law is held |
| 28. official so_____or | <i>n.</i> a legal professional who provides advice and prepares legal documents, typically working in private practice on behalf of clients; a person who promotes business |
| 29. pro_____ly insightful | <i>adv.</i> to a great or complete degree; deeply |
| 30. Se___e hearing | <i>n.</i> a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament |

ANSWERS: 21. terrify, 22. disbeliever, 23. discriminating, 24. intern, 25. quake, 26. wane, 27. courtroom, 28. solicitor, 29. profoundly, 30. Senate

31. cou_____se security *n.* a building where courts of law are held, or administrative offices for legal proceedings are located
32. fi_____rm damage *n.* a large and destructive fire that is fueled by strong winds and thermal updrafts, often resulting in a whirlwind of flames and debris; a situation or event that is marked by intense and widespread emotional or social upheaval or turmoil
33. medical in____n *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
34. mural pr_____ce *n.* a steep cliff, especially one that is high and has a vertical or nearly vertical face
35. pr_____e a disease *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
36. political fi_____rm *n.* a large and destructive fire that is fueled by strong winds and thermal updrafts, often resulting in a whirlwind of flames and debris; a situation or event that is marked by intense and widespread emotional or social upheaval or turmoil
37. vin_____on of rights *n.* justification or clearing from suspicion or accusation; proof of one's innocence or correctness; an act of defense or justification of one's actions, beliefs, or principles

ANSWERS: 31. courthouse, 32. firestorm, 33. intern, 34. precipice, 35. provoke, 36. firestorm, 37. vindication

38. re_____se a speech
v. to practice or repeat something, such as a performance, speech, or action, to prepare for an event or to improve one's skills; to go through the motions of a planned activity before executing it
39. re____n their mother ship
v. to return to someone or something
40. out_____ch a hand
v. to stretch out one's body, limbs, or arms to their furthest extent; to extend something so that it exceeds a certain limit or boundary
41. of____d his sensibilities
v. to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
42. ac____e his rudeness
v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
43. ov_____le judgment
v. to make a decision or judgment that is different from an earlier one; to overturn or override a decision or action
44. up____d the law
v. to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.
45. de_____te an area
v. to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
46. co_____om drama
n. a room in which a court of law is held
47. deeply re_____te with the consumers
v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound
48. tr__p card
n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
49. re_____ve audience
adj. willing to listen to or accept new ideas or suggestions

ANSWERS: 38. rehearse, 39. rejoin, 40. outstretch, 41. offend, 42. accuse, 43. overrule, 44. uphold, 45. devastate, 46. courtroom, 47. resonate, 48. trump, 49. receptive

50. Se___e Finance Committee *n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
51. choose tr___p *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
52. bi___w like a sail *v.* to surge or rise in a large, swelling mass, especially of smoke or water; (noun) a large wave or swell of something, especially water or smoke
53. em____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
54. te____y people *v.* to frighten someone very much
55. personal vin_____on *n.* justification or clearing from suspicion or accusation; proof of one's innocence or correctness; an act of defense or justification of one's actions, beliefs, or principles
56. re_____se an opera *v.* to practice or repeat something, such as a performance, speech, or action, to prepare for an event or to improve one's skills; to go through the motions of a planned activity before executing it
57. qu__h a rebellion *v.* to suppress or put down forcibly, particularly a rebellion, protest, or opposition; to nullify or reject a decision, judgment, or ruling that is seen as unjust or erroneous; to silence or extinguish a rumor or controversy

ANSWERS: 50. Senate, 51. trump, 52. billow, 53. empathy, 54. terrify, 55. vindication, 56. rehearse, 57. quash

58. fo_____of plan *adj.* designed to prevent mistakes or errors; infallible; incapable of going wrong
59. un___t accusation *adj.* not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong
60. the practice of wat_____ing *n.* a form of torture or interrogation technique that involves immobilizing a person and pouring water over their face or breathing passages to create a sensation of drowning and induce panic and fear
61. legal do___t *n.* a list or calendar of cases, appointments, or tasks that need to be addressed or completed, particularly in a legal or administrative setting
62. re_____te in the same frequency *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
63. ou_____e our child *v.* to live longer than another person
64. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
65. ho_____ic experience *adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
66. un___t verdict *adj.* not fair or equitable; lacking in justice or impartiality; morally unacceptable or wrong
67. bi___w cloud *v.* to surge or rise in a large, swelling mass, especially of smoke or water; (noun) a large wave or swell of something, especially water or smoke

ANSWERS: 58. foolproof, 59. unjust, 60. waterboarding, 61. docket, 62. resonate, 63. outlive, 64. rev, 65. horrific, 66. unjust, 67. billow

68. de_____te the economy *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
69. leap off a pr_____ce *n.* a steep cliff, especially one that is high and has a vertical or nearly vertical face
70. dis_____fy a candidate *v.* to declare someone or something ineligible or unfit for a particular role or activity; to exclude or bar someone from participation in something
71. dis_____fy from the election *v.* to declare someone or something ineligible or unfit for a particular role or activity; to exclude or bar someone from participation in something
72. up____d tradition *v.* to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.
73. ho_____ic condition *adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
74. st_____e through life *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
75. political an_____ma *n.* a person or thing that is detested or loathed; a curse
76. of____d a customer *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
77. utter an an_____ma *n.* a person or thing that is detested or loathed; a curse
78. qu__e with cold *v.* to shake or vibrate violently and for a short time
79. out_____ch my patience *v.* to stretch out one's body, limbs, or arms to their furthest extent; to extend something so that it exceeds a certain limit or boundary

ANSWERS: 68. devastate, 69. precipice, 70. disqualify, 71. disqualify, 72. uphold, 73. horrific, 74. stumble, 75. anathema, 76. offend, 77. anathema, 78. quake, 79. outstretch

80. st____e financially

v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

81. w__e in popularity

v. to decrease in size, strength, or intensity

82. dis_____ing eye

adj. having or showing the ability to judge or discern, typically by distinguishing differences or making careful and considered choices; selective in a discerning way; showing refined taste or awareness of quality

ANSWERS: 80. stumble, 81. wane, 82. discriminating

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ majority leader announced plans to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.
n. a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament

2. The fragrance of this material _____ over weeks to months.
v. to decrease in size, strength, or intensity

3. The earth began to _____ and he knew he had to leave the building immediately.
v. to shake or vibrate violently and for a short time

4. The judge may _____ the decision of the lower court.
v. to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.

5. The new policy is _____ to the employees.
n. a person or thing that is detested or loathed; a curse

6. The acquittal of the defendant was seen as a _____ of their innocence.
n. justification or clearing from suspicion or accusation; proof of one's innocence or correctness; an act of defense or justification of one's actions, beliefs, or principles

7. The yoga instructor instructed the class to _____ their arms and breathe deeply into the stretch.
v. to stretch out one's body, limbs, or arms to their furthest extent; to extend something so that it exceeds a certain limit or boundary

ANSWERS: 1. Senate, 2. wanes, 3. quake, 4. uphold, 5. anathema, 6. vindication, 7. outstretch

8. The judge _____ the objection and allowed the evidence to be presented.
- v.* to make a decision or judgment that is different from an earlier one; to overturn or override a decision or action
9. The international community strongly condemns the use of _____ as a form of torture.
- n.* a form of torture or interrogation technique that involves immobilizing a person and pouring water over their face or breathing passages to create a sensation of drowning and induce panic and fear
10. She _____ her husband for many years.
- v.* to live longer than another person
11. The eyewitness took the stand in the _____ and gave testimony crucial to the case.
- n.* a room in which a court of law is held
12. This recipe is _____ and easy to follow, even for inexperienced cooks.
- adj.* designed to prevent mistakes or errors; infallible; incapable of going wrong
13. The property dispute was resolved amicably between the two parties with the help of a _____.
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14. It would be best not to _____ your associates into doing complex tasks.
- v.* to frighten someone very much
15. The novel affected her _____ causing her to question her beliefs and values.
- adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply

ANSWERS: 8. overruled, 9. waterboarding, 10. outlived, 11. courtroom, 12. foolproof, 13. solicitor, 14. terrify, 15. profoundly,

16. The verdict was announced at the _____ after a long trial.
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n. a steep cliff, especially one that is high and has a vertical or nearly vertical face
22. The accident scene was _____ with bodies and debris scattered everywhere.
adj. causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
23. The voters appeared to be _____ to his new ideas.
adj. willing to listen to or accept new ideas or suggestions

ANSWERS: 16. courthouse, 17. unjust, 18. interned, 19. accused, 20. quash, 21. precipice, 22. horrific, 23. receptive

24. _____ is also necessary to understand history.
- n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
25. She _____ over the tree root.
- v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
26. The sound _____ well in this theater.
- v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
27. The smoke _____ out of the chimney and into the sky.
- v.* to surge or rise in a large, swelling mass, especially of smoke or water; (noun) a large wave or swell of something, especially water or smoke
28. The plaintiff's name was misspelled on the _____ causing a delay in the case.
- n.* a list or calendar of cases, appointments, or tasks that need to be addressed or completed, particularly in a legal or administrative setting
29. The restaurant has _____ tastes when selecting the best ingredients for their dishes.
- adj.* having or showing the ability to judge or discern, typically by distinguishing differences or making careful and considered choices; selective in a discerning way; showing refined taste or awareness of quality
30. Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which _____ coastal areas.
- v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
31. Her behavior _____ a quarrel between the couple.
- v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect

ANSWERS: 24. Empathy, 25. stumbled, 26. resonates, 27. billowed, 28. docket, 29. discriminating, 30. devastate, 31. provoked

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- v. to declare someone or something ineligible or unfit for a particular role or activity; to exclude or bar someone from participation in something
33. He was _____ on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.
- v. to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
34. The company's announcement of mass layoffs triggered a _____ of anger among the employees
- n. a large and destructive fire that is fueled by strong winds and thermal updrafts, often resulting in a whirlwind of flames and debris; a situation or event that is marked by intense and widespread emotional or social upheaval or turmoil
35. The actors needed to _____ their lines before the performance.
- v. to practice or repeat something, such as a performance, speech, or action, to prepare for an event or to improve one's skills; to go through the motions of a planned activity before executing it
36. His rude comments _____ many people at the party.
- v. to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
37. The _____ suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.
- n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
38. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud _____.
- n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 32. disqualify, 33. convicted, 34. firestorm, 35. rehearse, 36. offended, 37. trump, 38. rev

39. After the battle, the soldier managed to _____ his unit.

v. to return to someone or something

40. I _____ the way people are quick to judge others without knowing their side of the story.

v. to feel intense hatred or aversion towards someone or something; to dislike or despise greatly

41. Despite the evidence, she remained a _____ in the theory of evolution.

n. a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea

ANSWERS: 39. rejoin, 40. detest, 41. disbeliever